May 10, 2018

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

To: Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Stakeholders and Interested Parties

From: City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Bureau of Engineering, Environmental Management Group
1149 South Broadway, Suite 600
Los Angeles, CA 90015

Subject: Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Asilomar Boulevard Stabilization Project (SCH# 2017091076)

The City of Los Angeles (City) Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering (BOE) is proposing to stabilize the portion of Asilomar Boulevard between Almar Avenue and Wynola Street to prevent further sliding of the roadway. As the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that evaluates the potential environmental effects of the Proposed Project. The City is requesting input from responsible agencies, trustee agencies, stakeholders, and other interested parties regarding the content of the environmental analysis and information included in the Draft EIR.

Project Location: The Project site includes an approximately 600-foot-long segment of the Asilomar Boulevard ROW between Almar Avenue and Wynola Street that is being affected by the active Asilomar Boulevard Landslide. Asilomar Boulevard provides approximately 1,350 linear feet of local east-west vehicular and pedestrian access in the southwestern portion of the Pacific Palisades community of the City of Los Angeles. The Project site is bounded by residential uses on the north and west, and open space uses on the east and south. Asilomar View Park, also known as Palisades-Asilomar Park, is owned by the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks and located along the southern boundary of Asilomar Boulevard. Regional access to the Project site is provided via Interstate 10 (I-10, Santa Monica Freeway), located approximately 3.2 miles southeast of the project site; State Route 1 (SR-1, Pacific Coast Highway [PCH]), located approximately 0.25 mile south of the Project site; Temescal Canyon Road, located approximately 0.25 mile east of the Project site; and Sunset Boulevard, located approximately 0.58 miles north of the Project site. Figures 1 and 2 attached show the regional location and the project location, respectively.

Project Background: The Asilomar Landslide is an active landslide located on the south-facing slope below the Asilomar Boulevard right-of-way (ROW) between Almar Avenue and Wynola Street. The landslide extends from approximately the middle of the Asilomar Boulevard ROW down the slope approximately 600 feet to the Palisades Bowl Mobile Home Park, which fronts onto Pacific Coast Highway. Movements associated with the landslide have been documented back to the 1950’s and are currently characterized by settlement and cracking within the southern portion of the Asilomar Boulevard...
ROW. A portion of Asilomar Boulevard has dropped downward approximately 3 feet and shifted laterally in the southwestern portion of the Project site due to the landslide.

**Project Description:** The Proposed Project would seek to limit major earthwork and construction activity on the slope south of the Asilomar Boulevard ROW. Using a construction method called Cement-Deep Soil Mixing (CDSM), work within the ROW would occur using a specialized drill rig that would mix the existing subsurface material with cement, forming approximately 2- to 8-foot-wide columns, depending on final design, up to a depth of approximately 120 feet, which would strengthen the subsurface material and stabilize the slide area of the roadway. The CDSM columns would be installed in a grid pattern located entirely within an approximately 600-foot-long by 50-foot-wide portion of the Asilomar Boulevard ROW between Almar Avenue and Wynola Street. Construction of the Proposed Project would last for approximately 12 months. Modifications to the existing sidewalks and driveways on the north side of Asilomar Boulevard are not anticipated. Following construction, the Project site would appear similar to existing conditions, as all structures would be installed below the ground surface. The Proposed Project would also maintain the natural look of the existing slope south of Asilomar Boulevard.

**Summary of Environmental Effects:** No impacts to agriculture and forestry resources; hazards and hazardous materials; land use and planning; mineral resources; population and housing; public services; and utilities and service systems would occur as a result of the Proposed Project. The Draft EIR identifies less than significant impacts for aesthetics; air quality; greenhouse gas emissions; hydrology and water quality; and recreation. Impacts to biological resources; cultural resources; geology and soils; paleontological resources; transportation and traffic; and tribal cultural resources would be less than significant with the implementation of mitigation measures. Construction of the Proposed Project would result in significant impacts related to construction equipment noise and vibration. With implementation of mitigation measures, temporary construction noise and vibration would be reduced but would remain significant and unavoidable. Following completion of construction, the Proposed Project would not create any long-term significant environmental impacts during operation.

**Public Review Period:** The Draft EIR is being made available for public review for a 45-day period, commencing on May 10, 2018, and concluding on June 25, 2018. Public comments on the Draft EIR will be received during this period. The Draft EIR is available for review at the following locations:

- Palisades Branch Library, 861 Alma Real Avenue, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272
- Los Angeles Central Library, 630 West 5th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90071
- City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering, EMG, 1149 South Broadway, Suite 600, Los Angeles, CA 90015

A copy of the Draft EIR may also be obtained by contacting Ms. Eileen Schoetzow of the Bureau of Engineering at (213) 485-5751 and can also be accessed online at: [http://eng.lacity.org/techdocs/emg/projects.htm](http://eng.lacity.org/techdocs/emg/projects.htm)

Comments will be accepted from May 10, 2018 to June 25, 2018. Please submit comments in writing to the address below no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 25, 2018.

Ms. Eileen Schoetzow, Environmental Supervisor I  
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Bureau of Engineering, Environmental Management Group  
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Los Angeles, CA 90015  

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail to Eileen.Schoetzow@lacity.org (please include “Asilomar Boulevard Stabilization Project Comments” in the subject line) or by fax to (213) 847-0656.
Public Meeting: A public meeting will be held during the Draft EIR public review period to solicit comments from interested parties on the content of the Draft EIR. This meeting will be held at the following date, time, and location:

Tuesday, May 29, 2018
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Palisades Charter High School
Gilbert Hall
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