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Public Hearing Set for July 13 Metro Releases Draft EIR for Airport Metro Connector 96th Street Transit Station for Public Review

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) today released the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Airport Metro Connector 96th Street Transit Station for a 45-day public review and comment period and set a public hearing for Wednesday, July 13, 2016.

Metro is planning a new station that will connect the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) to the regional rail system. Once completed, the Airport Metro Connector-96th Street Transit Station will provide the connection to a future Automated People Mover (APM) that will connect to the LAX central terminal area. The APM is being planned and will be built and operated by the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA).

The transit station is envisioned to be the new "Gateway" to LAX for transit riders and will be served by both the Metro Green and Crenshaw/LAX Lines. In addition, the station will feature a bus plaza for Metro and municipal buses, passenger pick-up and drop-off and amenities for pedestrians and bicyclists.

The Airport Metro Connector will make public transportation more accessible, convenient and affordable for Metro riders. Once built, it will provide better connectivity and access to public transportation for all.

The public hearing on the DEIR will take place on Wednesday, July 13, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Flight Path Learning Center, 6661 West Imperial Highway, in Los Angeles. The facility is served by Beach City Transit Line 109 with connections at the Metro Green Line Aviation/LAX Station and LAX Transit Center. Free parking is available on site.

Metro encourages public input on the DEIR. Comments can be submitted at the upcoming public hearing or in writing by 5 p.m. on August 6, 2016. Written comments can be mailed to Meghna Khanna, Deputy Project Manager, One Gateway Plaza, Mail Stop 99-22-34, Los Angeles, CA 90012 or via email at laxconnector@metro.net. Comments may also be submitted via the online comment form at www.metro.net/projects/lax-extension/comment-feedbackform/, using the Twitter handle twitter.com/laxconnector or the Airport Metro Connector Facebook page at <u>facebook.com/laxconnector</u>.

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About Metro

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is unique among the nation's transportation agencies. Created in 1993, Metro is a multimodal transportation agency that transports about 1.4 million passengers daily on a fleet of 2,200 clean air buses and six rail lines. The agency also oversees bus, rail, highway and other mobility-related building projects and leads transportation planning and programming for Los Angeles County. Through its oversight of one of the largest public works programs in America, Metro is changing the urban landscape of one of the country's largest, most populous counties.

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