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Metro to Hold Public Hearing on June 22 for Purple Line Extension Section 2 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) will be holding a public hearing on the Metro Purple Line Extension project's Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for Section 2 on Thursday, June 22, 2017, and invites public participation.

Section 2 of the project extends the subway an additional 2.6 miles with new stations at Wilshire/Rodeo and Century City. The SEIS expands upon the extensive environmental analysis that was conducted for the full project between 2007 and 2012. The report presents additional information on the Century City Constellation station, seismic studies, public health, construction and other impacts for the planned subway alignment connecting the future Wilshire/Rodeo and Century City stations, including tunneling beneath Beverly Hills High School. A presentation at the public hearing will provide an overview of this information.

Meeting information is as follows:

Thursday, June 22, 2017
6 p.m.
Roxbury Park Community Center
Multipurpose Room B
471 Roxbury Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90212

In August 2016, a federal judge ruled that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) must produce a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for this portion of Metro's subway extension project. As the project sponsor, Metro participated fully in the preparation of this study, conducted additional analyses, reviewed new studies available since 2012 and updated some of the planned construction methodologies for the subway extension. The project remains environmentally approved at the state and federal level and on schedule. Following the public comment period ending July 17, the FTA will prepare and publish a final report later this summer, including responses to public comments. At that point, the FTA may also choose to make changes to the project.

Anyone who is unable to attend the hearing may also submit written comments by the July 17 deadline via email to purplelineext@metro.net or via U.S. mail to Eric Geier, Metro, One Gateway Plaza, Mail Stop 99-13-1, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

In January of this year, Metro received a Full Funding Grant Agreement committing federal matching funds for Section 2 of the subway. That same month the agency also awarded a contract to Tutor Perini/O & G to build this section. Major construction of Section 2 is expected to begin in Century City in 2018, with completion no later than 2026 per the agency's agreement with the FTA.

The first section of the Metro Purple Line Extension Project is now under construction and will extend the subway 3.9 miles west along Wilshire Boulevard from the line's Wilshire/Western terminus. Three new subway stations at Wilshire/La Brea, Wilshire/Fairfax and Wilshire/La Cienega will be built. A third section will extend the subway from Century City to the Westwood/VA Hospital with an additional station at Wilshire and Westwood boulevards.

All Metro meetings are held in ADA-accessible facilities. For special accommodations, please call 213.922.6934. Metro requires 72 hours advance notice for special ADA accommodations.

Copies of the report will be available in local public libraries. For more project information or to download a copy of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, visit www.metro.net/purple.

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 1.3 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.

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