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Metro to Hold Two Virtual Public Scoping Meetings for Proposed Antelope Valley Line Improvements on October 15 and 17, 2020

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) invites the public to participate on Thursday, October 15 and Saturday, October 17 in virtual public scoping meetings for the Antelope Valley Line (AVL) Capacity and Service Improvements Program in preparation for a draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) as part of the CEQA environmental review.

At the meetings the public will learn how proposed Antelope Valley Line capital improvements could improve service frequency between Los Angeles Union Station and Santa Clarita Valley up to 30 minutes and up to 60 minutes to the end of line in Lancaster, and will also provide a more reliable commuter rail service to meet mobility needs of residents, employees, and visitors throughout the region.

The three key capital improvements proposed along the AVL corridor in the cities of Santa Clarita, Los Angeles and Lancaster that will facilitate the proposed service increases will be discussed.

Virtual Scoping Meetings:

Scoping Meeting #1: Thursday, October 15, 2020, 6-7:30 pm Meeting Link: bit.ly/avloct15 Call-In Number: 883.548.0282 (Toll Free) Meeting ID: 945 8533 5887

Scoping Meeting #2: Saturday, October 17, 2020, 11 am-12:30 pm Meeting Link: bit.ly/avloct17

Call-In Number: 883.548.0282 (Toll Free)

Meeting ID: 917 9041 8493

The scope of the project, including the goals and objectives, project area, project description, and the environmental impacts to be evaluated will be presented at the scoping meetings. The public can attend either of the meetings since the content of both meetings will be the same.

The AVL extends from Los Angeles Union Station in the City of Los Angeles and terminates in the City of Lancaster with stations in the cities and communities of Los Angeles, Glendale, Burbank, Sun Valley, Sylmar, San Fernando, Newhall, Santa Clarita, Acton, Palmdale Lancaster and unincorporated Los Angeles County.

The public can present oral and/or written comments at the scoping meetings, or in advance through Saturday, October 31, 2020. You can write or mail your comments to Brian Balderrama, Senior Director, Metro, One Gateway Plaza, Mail Stop 99-17-2, Los Angeles, CA 90012, or email avl@metro.net or call the project information line directly at (213) 922-4844.

Spanish and Armenian interpreters and/or Spanish/Armenian-speaking staff will be available at the scoping meetings. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accommodations and other translation requests can be made by calling (213) 922-4844 at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting or California Relay Service at 711.

For more details about this project, please visit: https://www.metro.net/projects/avl/

About Metro

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Metro has proudly pledged to the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) <u>Health and Safety Commitment Program</u> to help ensure the safe return of transit riders as the U.S. recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic.

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