FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

for

THE MID-CITY/WESTSIDE TRANSIT CORRIDOR
MID-CITY/EXPOSITION LRT PROJECT
LOS ANGELES, CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

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Mid-City/Exposition Light Rail Transit Project

ABSTRACT: This report documents the environmental impacts of the Mid-City/Exposition LRT Project. The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority selected the LRT Project as the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) in June 2001, based on extensive public involvement and environmental and technical analysis conducted as part of the Draft EIS/EIR.

This report is a combined Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report, satisfying the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). It focuses on the environmental impacts of the LPA, a 9.6-mile, eight-station project that also includes an operations and maintenance facility in Carson, California. The LRT alignment generally follows the abandoned Exposition Rail Right-of-Way from a western terminus in Culver City, east to Downtown Los Angeles.

The Final EIS/EIR examines potential areas of impact for the Project, including transit, traffic, parking, land use/neighborhoods, land acquisition, displacement and relocation, equity and environmental justice considerations, visual quality, air quality, noise and vibration, geology, soils and seismicity, exposure to hazardous substances, water resources, biological resources, energy resources, safety and security, historic, archaeological and paleontological resources, community facilities and parklands, construction impacts, Division #11 operations and maintenance facility expansion, and other CEQA determinations. Mitigation measures for the impacts of the Project are identified.

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