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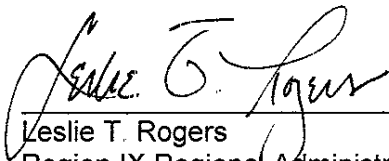
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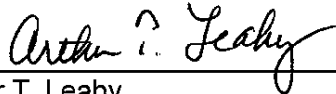
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ABSTRACT: The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) proposes to improve transit services in the Crenshaw Transit Corridor, a heavily traveled north-south oriented corridor in Los Angeles County, California. Alternatives under consideration include a No-Build Alternative, a Transportation Systems Management Alternative, a Bus Rapid Transit Alternative, and a Light Rail Transit Alternative with six design options.

This report is a combined Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) / Environmental Impact Report (EIR), satisfying the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Draft EIS/EIR defines the alternatives under consideration and describes each alternative's associated operating and maintenance and capital costs and potential funding sources and potential transportation and environmental impacts. Potential areas of impact include 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, and other CEQA determinations. Mitigation measures for the impacts of the alternatives are also identified. The information contained in this document will be used by the LACMTA Board of Directors to make a decision on whether to implement the project and to select from among the alternatives and design options under consideration a locally preferred alternative for implementation.

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Wednesday, September 30, 2009, 6-8 p.m.
4350 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90010
- **West Angeles Church "Crystal Room"**
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3045 Crenshaw Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90016
- **Inglewood High School "Cafeteria"**
Saturday, October 3, 2009, 10 a.m.-Noon
231 S. Grevillea Ave., Inglewood, CA 90301
- **Transfiguration Church Hall**
Tuesday, October 6, 2009, 6-8 p.m.
2515 W. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90008

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