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Circulation of the Proposed Negative Declaration and the
Environmental Assessment/Initial Study For Metro Rail
Project Minimum Operable Segment -1 (MOS-1) Realignment
between the Civic Center Station and the Yard and Shops

Attached is a copy of the proposed Negative Declaration and the Environmental Assessment/Initial Study (EA/IS) for the proposed realignment of a segment of the Metro Rail Project MOS-1, from the Civic Center Station in downtown Los Angeles to the Yard and Shops near Union Station.

This realignment has been proposed to avoid contaminated soil found under the current approved alignment, thereby reducing the health and safety impacts of the current alignment. The proposed realignment will also reduce the capital construction costs and improve schedule adherence for completion of the MOS-1 Metro Rail Project.

This EA/IS has been prepared because the proposed realignment was not previously examined in the Metro Rail Final Environmental Impact Statement published in 1983 or the Metro Rail Project MOS-1 Environmental Assessment published in 1984.

Comments on the above documents are being solicited during a 30-day comment period which will close on August 21, 1987. Please submit written comments to Mr. Nadeem Tahir, Manager, Environmental Engineering, Southern California Rapid Transit District, 425 So. Main Street, Los Angeles, CA 90013.

The proposed Negative Declaration will be considered for adoption by the Board of Directors of the Southern California Rapid Transit District at their regularly scheduled meeting as indicated below. Comments may be made in person at this Board meeting on the proposed Negative Declaration and the EA/IS for the realignment project at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, August 27, 1987, District Board Room, 2nd Floor, SCRTD Headquarters Building, 425 South Main Street, Los Angeles, CA 90013

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. Dyer", is written over a horizontal line.

John A. Dyer

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Notice of Intent to Adopt a Proposed Negative Declaration for the Metro Rail Project Minimum Operable Segment (MOS-1) Realignment between the Civic Center Station and the Yard and Shops near Union Station and Notice of Availability of the Proposed Negative Declaration and the Environmental Assessment/Initial Study for this proposed Realignment Project.

Notice:

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Southern California Rapid Transit District (District) will consider adopting a proposed Negative Declaration for the Realignment of a Segment of the Metro Rail Project MOS-1, at their regularly scheduled meeting at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, August 27, 1987, at SCRTD, 425 S. Main Street, Los Angeles, CA 90013.

The Proposed Project:

The proposed project is to realign a segment of the Metro Rail Project MOS-1 from the Civic Center Station in downtown Los Angeles to the Yard and Shops near Union Station. This realignment which shifts the current alignment from approximately 50 to 400 feet south westerly of its present location is proposed to avoid contaminated soil found in the path of the current alignment. The proposed project is described in detail on Page 6 of the Environmental Assessment/Initial Study.

Availability of Copies of the Negative Declaration and the Environmental Assessment/Initial Study:

Copies can be reviewed at the District Secretary's office and the District Library at SCRTD, 425 S. Main Street, Los Angeles, CA 90013. Copies are available upon request by writing to Nadeem Tahir, Manager, Environmental Engineering, SCRTD, 425 S. Main Street, Los Angeles, CA. 90013 or by calling him at (213) 972-6439.

Written Comments:

The District is soliciting written comments on the proposed Negative Declaration and the Environmental Assessment/Initial Study for this Metro Rail Project MOS-1 Realignment during a 30-day comment period. Comments should be sent by the close of the comment period on August 21, 1987 to Mr. Nadeem Tahir, Manager, Environmental Engineering, SCRTD, 425, So. Main Street, Los Angeles, CA 90013.

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Proposed Negative Declaration of
Significant Adverse Environmental Impacts
(Pursuant to Section 15071 of the Guidelines
to the California Environmental Quality Act)

Project Title: Metro Rail Project Minimum Operable
Segment (MOS-1) Realignment between the
Civic Center Station and the Yard and
Shops.

Project Description
and Location: The proposed project is to realign a
segment of the Metro Rail Project MOS-1
from the Civic Center Station in downtown
Los Angeles to the Yard and Shops near
Union Station. This realignment which
shifts the current alignment from
approximately 50 to 400 feet south
westerly of its present location is
proposed to avoid contaminated soil found
in the path of the current alignment. The
alignment location of the current approved
Metro Rail MOS-1 Project is shown in
attached Figure A and the proposed
realignment project location is shown in
attached Figure B. The proposed project
is also described in detail on Page 6 in
Section 3 of the Environmental
Assessment/Initial Study (EA/IS) prepared
for this Project.

Project Proponent: Southern California Rapid Transit District

Statement of Findings: The EA/IS prepared for this proposed
realignment project indicates that the
proposed realignment project will not
involve significant additional adverse
impacts other than those caused by the
current approved alignment which are
described in the Final Environmental
Impact Statement (FEIS) published in
December 1983 and the Environmental
Assessment (EA) published in August 1984.
The proposed realignment will reduce the
health and safety impacts due to avoidance
of contaminated soil found under the
current alignment.

The proposed realignment project includes the following mitigation measures which are contained in the EA/IS completed in July 1987. These mitigation measures would also apply to the current approved alignment but have been highlighted here because of their significance.

Impact Area

Mitigation Measures

Water Quality:

In accordance with the requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit, a treatment plant will be installed to treat pumped out groundwater. This groundwater contains sulfides in concentrations sufficient to cause odor problems and potential health problems. The treatment process consists of adding sodium hydroxide to raise the extracted groundwater pH, addition of a hydrogen peroxide solution to convert the sulfides to sulfate, addition of sulfuric acid to lower the pH, treatment with granular activated carbon to remove oil and organic compounds, and discharge to surface waters. For more detail, see Pages 23 and 24 of the EA/IS.

Hazardous Materials:

Any contaminated soils or other contaminants uncovered during construction will be removed and transported to a Class I disposal facility in accordance with Federal and State environmental requirements and in coordination with the California Department of Health Services. For more details, see Page 26 of the EA/IS.

Other Impacts

Other mitigations for land acquisition and displacements, transportation, construction, cultural resources etc.; are included in the EA/IS for the Metro Rail Project MOS-1 Realignment between the Civic Center Station and the Yard and Shops near Union Station completed in July, 1987, in the 1983 FEIS for the Metro Rail Project and the 1984 EA for the MOS-1 Project, and are adopted by reference.

Proposed Negative
Declaration:

With the inclusion of mitigation measures described above, it has been determined that no adverse impacts in addition to those caused by the current approved alignment, will be caused by the proposed Metro Rail Project MOS-1 Realignment between the Civic Center Station and the Yard and Shops near Union Station.

Board Meeting:

The District Board of Directors will consider adopting this Negative Declaration at their regularly scheduled meeting on August 27, 1987, at 1:00 p.m. in the District Board Room at 425 South Main Street, L. A., CA 90013. Written comments should be sent by August 21, 1987 to:

Contact Person:

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