

Canoga Transportation Corridor/Metro Orange Line Extension

Planning and Programming Committee
January 14, 2009

Recommendations

- Certify that the Canoga Transportation Corridor Final Environmental Impact Report is in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and reflects our independent judgment and analysis
- Adopt the:
 1. Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations in accordance with CEQA
 2. Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program
- Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to File the Notice of Determination with the Los Angeles County Clerk and State of California Clearinghouse

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Locally Preferred Alternative



Environmental Clearance Study Areas

Issue Area	Mitigation Required	Level of Significance After Mitigation
Land Use and Development	✓	LS
Land Acquisition, Relocation, & Displacement	✓	LS
Population, Housing, & Environmental Justice	✓	LS
Parklands & Other Community Facilities	✓	LS
Historic, Archaeological, & Paleontological	✓	LS
Visual & Aesthetics Impacts	✓	LS
Traffic, Circulation, & Parking	✓	LS
Air Quality – Construction	✓	S
Air Quality – Operation	✓	LS
Noise – Construction	✓	S
Noise – Operation	✓	LS
Geology, Soils and Seismicity	✓	LS
Hazardous Materials	✓	LS
Water Resources	✓	LS
Biological Resources & Ecosystems	✓	LS
Energy		LS
Safety & Security	✓	LS

S = Significant
LS = Less than Significant

Example Mitigations

Project:

- 8' Privacy Walls Adjacent to Three Mobile Home Parks
- Roadway/Intersection Improvements at all Primary Canoga Intersections
- Grade Separation Over Lassen and Railroad Tracks that will be Designed to be Aesthetically Pleasing
- Landscaping and Bike/Pedestrian Path Adjacent to the Busway

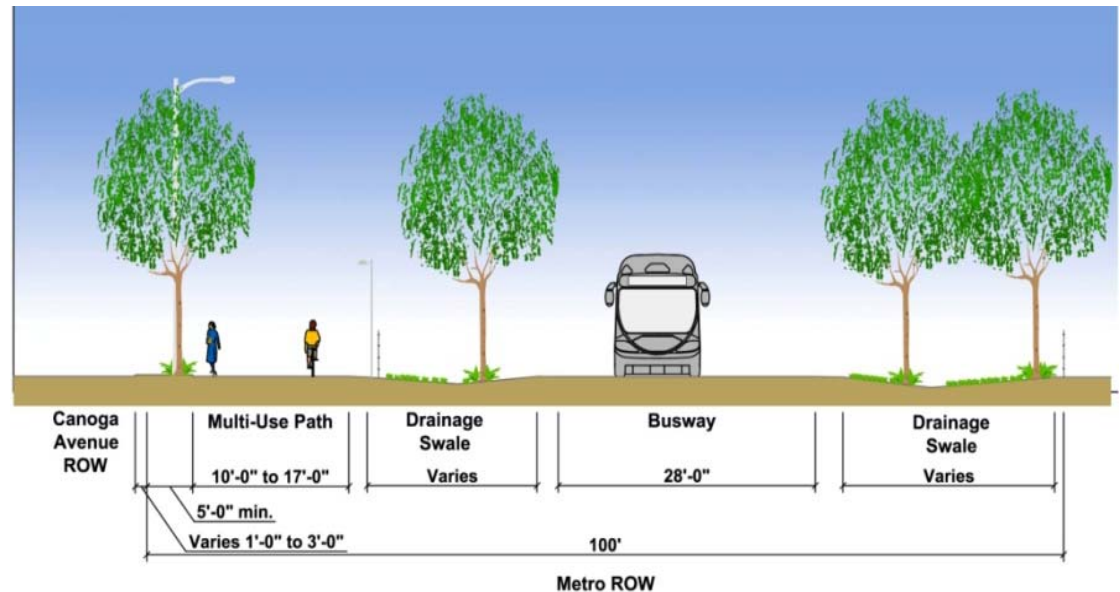
Construction:

- Construction Related Noise to be Limited With the Most Effective Locally Available Mufflers along with Other Suitable Noise Attenuation Devices
- Construction Contractors required to Limit Construction Activities that Generate Loud Noise Levels to Daytime Hours
- Crossing Guards at Worksites Near Schools

Typical Cross Section

Exclusive Busway

- Separation from Automobile Traffic
- Includes a Bikeway/Pedestrian Path
- Includes Landscaping & Irrigation



Platform Adjacent to Chatsworth Depot

View from Southern Parking Lot Looking Northwest



Overcrossing at Lassen Street



- Aesthetic Treatment Reduces Visual Impact
- Second Span Preserves Parking and Increases Visibility

Next Steps

- Transfer Project to the Construction Department for the Preparation of the Design-Build Package
- Continue to:
 1. Identify Ways to Expedite the Project's Delivery Including:
 - bidding and constructing selected project elements separately
 2. Meet the Union Pacific and the Southern California Regional Rail Authority to Secure Approvals on Project Design
- Initiate Work for the Termination of Leases along the ROW
- Three Items on the Construction Agenda: Adoption of the Life of Project Budget and two Contract Actions