



# OIG CEQA Streamlining Report

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This OIG report explores how Metro might streamline its processes related to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”).

**Issues Considered Include:**

- Volume & methods of public outreach
- Use of statutory exemptions
- Uncertainty caused by threats of litigation
- Delay caused by late changes
- Eminent Domain
- Narrowing of options
- CEQA vs. NEPA
- Use of Project Labor Agreements



### **Short Term Recommendations Include:**

- 5. Take advantage of judicial streamlining options
- 9. Conduct outreach to CBOs & public inside & outside CEQA
- 11. Improve staff to Board communication around cost and schedule

### **Mid Term Recommendations Include:**

- 13. & 14. Develop an Exemptions Program / Toolkit / Standard Guidelines to simplify and speed process

### **Long Term Recommendation Includes:**

- 18. Pursue options & exemptions that advance climate & equity goals

# Questions?

