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Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: G Line Terminus Improvement Project

Project Applicant: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Public Agency Approving Project Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Project Location (include county): Lankershim Blvd/Chandler Blvd, North Hollywood, Los Angeles; Los Angeles County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project would revitalize and expand transit facilities at the Station, including additional discharge, boarding and layover bays for the G Line and future bus rapid transit services; new bays for local/regional buses, electric bus charging facilities and an expanded portal to the B Line station below. The Project scope includes:

1. Bus Bays

- 6 G Line bays – 1 Boarding Platform (3 bays) and 3 Alighting/Drop-off Bays
- 6 interior loop layover bays
- 14 Transit Center perimeter sawtooth bays
- 3 on-street bus stops
- Employee breakroom

2. West Portal Expansion

The existing staircase and single escalator, running from the station mezzanine level to plaza (surface) level will be replaced as follows:

- A. From the mezzanine to ancillary landing - new wider central staircase plus two (2) bidirectional escalators
- B. From the landing to 'north' plaza – a new 7' wide staircase and one (1) bidirectional escalator
- C. From ancillary to 'south' plaza (at Lankershim and South Chandler) – a new 13' wide staircase and one (1) bidirectional escalator; the stair is sized, and conduit and panel will be provided, to accommodate the addition of a second escalator by Metro in the future.

3. Electric Bus Charging

- New DWP Switchgear and Transformer Vaults
- Electric bus charging facilities for the Orange Line and new BRT services, with charging facility expansion capability including conduit and space allocation for future charging infrastructure at all local bus bays

4. Pedestrian Plaza Enhancements

- New drought tolerant landscaping
- Space for metro security

- Upgraded lighting
- New trees and shade structures

The Project will streamline transfers between the G Line and local and municipal buses as well as the B Line, by consolidating bus bays around the G Line terminus and creating more direct paths from the G line discharge area to the below-ground B Line station. Abundant trees and shade structures, enhanced lighting and new next bus/train messaging will improve passenger comfort and safety. The Project has been designed based on principles of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CEPTED) to ensure that visibility and sightlines are preserved and that proper physical protections are in place to ensure the safety and security of Metro patrons and the public.

The historic Lankershim Depot, which was restored beginning in 2011 and reopened as a Groundwork Coffee store in 2017, will be retained on the site but moved approximately 45 feet to the West to accommodate the new portal. A portion of the property is currently improved with a one-story industrial warehouse, leased to a master tenant with four subtenant spaces. The project would acquire this leasehold interest and demolish the building to accommodate the expanded bus bays and bus charging facilities.

According to the Fall 2019 On-Board Survey, 57% of G Line Riders are below the poverty line and 85% do not have access to a car. G Line ridership is also disproportionately comprised of non-white minorities, who have historically not benefitted equally from transportation investment in LA County. In alignment with pillar three of the Equity Platform, the Project will “focus and deliver” resources where they will not only support increased service, but also improve the quality, safety, and efficiency of the journey for this ridership.

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268).
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a).
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c).
- Categorical Exemption:
- Statutory Exemption: Public Resources Code section 21080, subdivisions (b)(10) and (b)(11) and CEQA Guidelines section 15275, subdivision (a)

Reasons why project is exempt:

According to Public Resources Code section 21080, subdivisions (b)(10) and (b)(11) and CEQA Guidelines section 15275, subdivision (a), CEQA does not apply to the institution or increase of passenger or commuter service on high-occupancy vehicle lanes already in use, including modernization of existing stations and parking facilities.

Signature _____ Title: _____
(Public Agency):

Date: _____ Date Received for filing at OPR _____

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant