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## TRANSIT NEIGHBORHOOD PLANS

### PURPLE LINE SCOPING MEETING FAQs

#### What is CEQA?

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is a State law that requires lead agencies, such as local governments or public agencies, to review projects that may result in a physical change to the environment to assess whether there will be any potential impacts. These assessments are CEQA clearances in the form of a certified Environmental Impact Report (EIR), an approved Negative Declaration (ND) or Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND), or a determination that the project is Exempt from CEQA, either Categorical or Statutorily (CE or SE).

#### What is an NOP?

A Notice of Preparation, or NOP, is an official notice that a lead agency has decided to prepare an EIR for a project. It is distributed to interested parties, including governmental agencies, to solicit comments on the scope of environmental impacts to be analyzed in the EIR.

#### What is the purpose of a Scoping Meeting?

Scoping meetings focus on the environmental issues related to the project (not the project itself) and are intended to:

- Provide information on the CEQA/EIR Process
- Share an overview of the project
- Inform the community and government agencies that an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is being prepared
- Solicit input on the scope of the EIR
  - Gather information on baseline conditions
  - Feedback on the topic area, potential mitigation measures, potential alternatives to be analyzed
- Inform the community about future opportunities for input

#### Why do the boundaries of the Project Area differ from the areas proposed for land use and zoning changes?

It is standard practice to identify a broader “study area,” or Project Area, for the purposes of analyzing potential land use changes and ultimately analyzing the potential environmental impacts of any proposed changes. That approach has been taken in this planning effort.

Preliminary plan concepts for the Purple Line Transit Neighborhood Plan Project, shared with the public in November 2017 and available for review at the project website ([latnp.org/purple-line/project-updates/](http://latnp.org/purple-line/project-updates/)), limit changes to General Plan designations and zoning primarily to the major corridors and discrete multifamily residential areas abutting those corridors. Some revisions have been made to those preliminary concepts, based on public input received on the initial concepts shared at the November 2017 workshop.

The preliminary areas of change, however, are still similarly concentrated on the major corridors and limited abutting multifamily areas. As noted on the Project Area Map in the Notice of Preparation, the Project Area serves as a study area, and only select parcels within the Project Area will be subject to any land use and zoning changes. Further details about those changes and recent revisions are available at **Station 4** and will be posted on the project Web site after the meeting.

### **How do I provide comment on the scope of the EIR?**

There are several ways to provide comment at the Scoping Meeting:

- Written comments: Handwritten or typed at **Station 7** (Computer Lab just outside)
  - Accepted by mail or email
- Oral testimony at **Station 6** or at each station (recorded by staff)

Outside of the scoping meeting, comments may be provided throughout the Comment Period until **5 p.m., Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018** by the following methods:

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