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2.1 PURPOSE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

2.1.1 California Environmental Quality Act Compliance

This EIR has been prepared to evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed CCTF project (referred to in this EIR as the Proposed Project or Project), as required under CEQA, as amended (California Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.) and the State CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 3, Sections 15000 et seq.).

CEQA requires that all state and local governmental agencies consider the potential environmental consequences of projects over which they have discretionary authority before taking action on those projects. This EIR has been prepared to satisfy CEQA including but not limited to the State CEQA Guidelines. The EIR is the public document designed to provide decision makers and the public with an analysis of the potential environmental effects of the Proposed Project, to indicate possible ways to reduce or avoid environmental impacts and to identify alternatives to the Proposed Project. The EIR must also disclose significant environmental impacts that cannot be avoided; growth inducing impacts; effects not found to be significant; and significant cumulative impacts of all past, present and reasonably foreseeable future projects.

The intent of the EIR is to provide sufficient information on the potential environmental impacts of the proposed CCTF replacement for the County's current MCJ on the same site, to allow the County to consider environmental consequences and make an informed decision whether to approve, modify or deny approval of the Proposed Project. The EIR also serves to inform the public and responsible, and other public agencies on the project. Specific discretionary actions to be considered by the County and other agencies are described in Section 3.5, *Intended Uses of the EIR*.

This EIR addresses the potential environmental effects of the Proposed Project, including effects that may be significant and adverse; evaluates a range of alternatives to the Proposed Project; and identifies mitigation measures to reduce or avoid adverse effects.

2.1.2 Lead Agency and Responsible Agencies

Pursuant to CEQA in Public Resources Code Section 21067 and State CEQA Guidelines Section 15051, the lead agency means “the public agency which has the principal responsibility for carrying out or approving a project which may have a significant effect upon the environment.” As the County would approve, construct, and operate the Proposed Project, it is serving as the Lead Agency under CEQA and is responsible for complying with CEQA, including the requisite environmental review process for the Proposed Project. The County will be reviewing and considering the determinations of the Final EIR prior exercising its

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independent judgment to approve, modify or reject recommendations related to implementing the Proposed Project.

A “responsible agency” is the public agency which proposes to carry out or approve a project for which a lead agency is preparing or has prepared an environmental document. For the purposes of CEQA, the term “responsible agency” includes all public agencies other than the lead agency which have discretionary approval power over the project.

2.2 ENVIRONMENTAL PROCEDURES

This EIR has been prepared pursuant to CEQA to assess the environmental effects associated with implementation of the Proposed Project, as well as anticipated future discretionary actions and approvals. The six main purposes of this document as established by CEQA are listed below:

1. To disclose to decision makers and the public the significant environmental effects of proposed activities.
2. To identify ways to avoid or reduce environmental damage.
3. To prevent environmental damage by requiring implementation of feasible alternatives or mitigation measures.
4. To disclose to the public reasons for agency approval of projects with significant environmental effects.
5. To foster interagency coordination in the review of projects.
6. To enhance public participation in the planning process.

An EIR is the most comprehensive form of environmental documentation identified in CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines to provide the information needed to assess the environmental consequences of a proposed project. EIRs are intended to provide an objective, factually supported analysis and full disclosure the environmental consequences of a proposed project with the potential to result in significant adverse environmental impacts.

An EIR is also one of various decision-making tools used by a lead agency to consider the merits and disadvantages of a project that is subject to its discretionary authority. Before approving a proposed project, the lead agency must consider the information in the EIR; determine whether the EIR was properly prepared in accordance with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines; determine that it reflects the independent judgment of the lead agency; adopt findings concerning the project’s significant environmental impacts and alternatives; and adopt a Statement of Overriding Considerations if the proposed project would result in significant environmental impacts even after incorporation of feasible mitigation measures, but there are, on balance, overriding benefits which outweigh the remaining adverse impacts.

2.2.1 EIR Format

This EIR has been formatted as described below.

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Section 1. Executive Summary: Summarizes the background and description of the Proposed Project, significant impacts, Project alternatives, areas of controversy known to the County and those raised by the public or by other agencies, any issues remaining to be resolved including the choice among alternatives, and the potential environmental impacts and mitigation measures identified for any significant effects of the Project.

Section 2. Introduction: Describes the purpose of this EIR, background on the project, the format of this EIR, the Notice of Preparation, and Final EIR certification.

Section 3. Project Description: A description of the Project, the objectives and underlying purpose of the Project, the Project area and location, approvals anticipated to be included as part of the Project, the necessary environmental clearances for the Project, and the intended uses of this EIR.

Section 4. Environmental Setting: A description of the physical environmental conditions in the vicinity of the Project as they existed at the time the Notice of Preparation was published, from both a local and regional perspective. The environmental setting provides baseline physical conditions from which the lead agency determines the significance of environmental impacts resulting from the Proposed Project.

Section 5. Environmental Analysis: For each environmental topic analyzed, provides a description of the thresholds used to determine if a significant impact would occur; the methodology to identify and evaluate the potential impacts of the Project; the existing environmental setting; Project Design Features (PDFs); Regulatory Requirements (RRs); the potential adverse and beneficial effects of the Project; the level of impact significance before mitigation; the Mitigation Measures (MMs) for the Proposed Project; the level of significance of the adverse impacts of the Project after mitigation is incorporated; and the potential cumulative impacts associated with the Proposed Project and other existing, approved, and proposed development in the area.

Section 6. Significant Unavoidable Adverse Impacts: Describes the significant unavoidable adverse impacts of the Proposed Project.

Section 7. Alternatives to the Proposed Project: Describes a reasonable range of alternatives to the Proposed Project, the impacts of the alternatives to the Proposed Project, including the No Project Alternative and a Reduced Intensity Alternative.

Section 8. Impacts Found Not to Be Significant: Briefly describes the potential impacts of the Project that were determined not to be significant by the Notice of Preparation and scoping process and were therefore not discussed in detail in this EIR.

Section 9. Energy: This section addresses the Proposed Project's potentially significant energy implications including anticipated energy needs, impacts, and conservation measures.

Section 10. Growth-Inducing Impacts of the Proposed Project: Describes the ways in which the Proposed Project would cause increases in employment or population that could result in new physical or environmental impacts.

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Section 11. Organizations and Persons Consulted: Lists the people and organizations that were contacted during the preparation of this EIR for the Proposed Project.

Section 12. Qualifications of Persons Preparing EIR: Lists the people who prepared this EIR for the Proposed Project and references their affiliations and qualifications.

Section 13. Bibliography: A bibliography of the technical reports and other documentation used in the preparation of this EIR for the Proposed Project.

Appendices: The appendices for this document (in portable document format (.pdf) on a compact disc (CD) attached to the front cover) contain the following supporting documents:

- Appendix A: Notice of Preparation
- Appendix B: Response to Notice of Preparation
- Appendix C: Vanir Report 2013, July 5 (LA County Jail Plan: Independent Review and Comprehensive Report)
- Appendix D: Vanir Report 2014, April 21 (Architectural Program for the CCTF and MLDC)
- Appendix E: Health Management Associates Report 2015, August 4
- Appendix F: Air Quality/GHG Data
- Appendix G: Biological Resources Technical Memorandum
- Appendix H: Cultural Resources Study
- Appendix I: Geohazards Reports
 - I-1: Geohazards Study Report, Jail Site
 - I-2: Geohazards Study Structure Site Report, SSPS Site
- Appendix J: Phase I/Phase II Environmental Site Assessments
 - J-1: Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Report, Men's Central Jail
 - J-2: Phase II ESA Subsurface Investigation, Men's Central Jail
 - J-3: Hazardous Materials Survey and Testing, Men's Central Jail Project, Central Arraignments Courts Building
 - J-4: Abatement Plan for Removal of Hazardous Materials, Men's Central Jail Project, Central Arraignments Courts
 - J-5: Hazardous Materials Survey and Testing, Men's Central Jail Project, Visitor Parking Structure (2-Story)

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- J-6: Abatement Plan for Removal of Hazardous Materials, Men's Central Jail Project, Visitor Parking Lot
- J-7: Hazardous Materials Survey and Testing, Men's Central Jail Project, Men's Central Jail 1970s Building
- J-8: Abatement Plan for Removal of Hazardous Materials, Men's Central Jail Project, Men's Central Jail 1970's Building
- J-9: Hazardous Materials Survey and Testing, Men's Central Jail Project, Infirmary Addition 1970 Building
- J-10: Abatement Plan for Removal of Hazardous Materials, Men's Central Jail Project, Infirmary Addition 1970 Building
- J-11: Hazardous Materials Survey and Testing, Men's Central Jail Project, North Parking (4-Story Parking Structure)
- J-12: Abatement Plan for Removal of Hazardous Materials, Men's Central Jail Project, North Parking (4-Story Parking Structure)
- J-13: Hazardous Materials Survey and Testing, Men's Central Jail Project, Men's Central Jail 1960 Building and C-Jack Tunnel
- J-14: Abatement Plan for Removal of Hazardous Materials, Men's Central Jail Project, Men's Central Jail 1960 Building and C-Jack Tunnel
- J-15: Hazardous Materials Survey and Testing, Men's Central Jail Project, TST Tower
- J-16: Abatement Plan for Removal of Hazardous Materials, Men's Central Jail Project, TST Tower
- J-17: Hazardous Materials Survey and Testing, Men's Central Jail Project, Pedestrian Bridge (MCJ) to Twin Towers)
- J-18: Abatement Plan for Removal of Hazardous Materials, Men's Central Jail Project, Pedestrian Bridge (MCJ) to Twin Towers)
- J-19: Hazardous Materials Survey and Testing, Men's Central Jail Project, Twin Towers Central Cooling Plant Building
- J-20: Abatement Plan for Removal of Hazardous Materials, Men's Central Jail Project, Twin Towers Central Cooling Plant Building
- J-21: UST Investigation: Former PCE Tank, Men's Central Jail
- J-22: Step-out Investigation, Men's Central Jail
- J-23: Indoor Air Assessment: Temporary Women's Holding Cell, Men's Central Jail
- J-24: Indoor Air Assessment: Temporary Women's Holding Cell, Men's Central Jail
- J-25: Existing Groundwater Monitoring Well Investigation
- J-26: Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Report, Parking Lot 45, 739 North Spring Street
- J-27: Phase II ESA Subsurface Investigation, Parking Lot 45, 739 North Spring Street
- J-28: Hazardous Materials Survey and Testing, Men's Central Jail Project, Parking Lot 45: 725, 739, 747 North Spring Street

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- J-29: Abatement Plan for Removal of Hazardous Materials, Men's Central Jail Project, Parking Lot 45: 725, 739, 747 North Spring Street
- J-30: Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Report, 1060 North Vignes Street
- J-31: Request for Closure, 1060 North Vignes Street
- Appendix K: Preliminary Hydrology Calculations
- Appendix L: Noise Data
- Appendix M: Traffic Impact Analysis
- Appendix N: Water Supply Assessment
- Appendix O: Services Correspondence

2.2.2 Environmental Analysis

To facilitate review of this EIR, a standard format was developed for the sections of Chapter 5, *Environmental Analysis*. This format is described below.

Regulatory Setting

Under each environmental topic, a summary of the existing federal, state, regional, County, and any other local laws, regulations, and ordinances that directly relate to the environmental issue being analyzed is provided. The summary provides background information about ongoing policies and programs that are in place to set the regulatory setting under which the Project would occur.

Existing Conditions

The environmental conditions (as they relate to each environmental issue) that exist on the Project Site, the SSPS Site, the Vignes Lot, and the surrounding areas are discussed to provide the baseline conditions with which environmental changes associated with the Project would be compared and analyzed. In accordance with Section 15125 of the State CEQA Guidelines, both the local and regional settings are discussed as they existed when the Notice of Preparation (NOP) was circulated from June 17, 2015, to July 17, 2015.

Thresholds of Significance

Section 15126.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines requires that an EIR “identify and focus on the significant environmental effects of the proposed project.” “Effects” and “impacts” mean the same under CEQA and are used interchangeably in this EIR. A “significant effect” or “significant impact” on the environment is “a substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in any of the physical conditions within the area affected by the project” (State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15382).

In determining whether an impact is “significant,” Section 15064.7 of the State CEQA Guidelines encourages each public agency to develop and publish thresholds of significance to use in determining the significance of

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an environmental impact. These thresholds may consist of identifiable quantitative, qualitative, or performance-level criteria used to determine non-compliance or compliance. Non-compliance would mean the effect would be significant, and compliance with the thresholds would mean the effect would normally be considered less than significant.

The County has not adopted thresholds of significance for general use. Therefore, the significance criteria used in the analysis in Section 5 of this EIR are derived in part from Appendix G of the State CEQA Guidelines. In addition, County policies and standards, as well as thresholds adopted by other public agencies with jurisdiction over select environmental issues, are used as thresholds of significance. Also, accepted technical and scientific data are used in some instances to determine if an impact would be considered significant. An effort has been made to use generally accepted thresholds to determine significance. These thresholds are used in analyzing the potential impacts of the Project.

Plans, Programs, and Policies

These measures include existing regulatory requirements, plans, and programs that are applicable to the Proposed Project and that reduce or avoid impacts. Also included below are project design features that reduce potential impacts of the Proposed Project:

Project Design Features

PDFs are specific design elements incorporated into the Project or standard procedures that are included in the Project's contractor specifications and final plans which are implemented in accordance with County protocol to prevent the occurrence of, or reduce the significance of, potential environmental effects. Not all environmental topics are addressed by PDFs. Because PDFs have been incorporated into the Project, they do not constitute mitigation measures as defined by CEQA. However, PDFs are identified in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for convenience of tracking to ensure compliance monitoring.

Regulatory Requirements

There are local, state, and federal regulations, laws, and ordinances that apply independent of CEQA review but also serve to avoid or reduce potential environmental impacts. In addition, a number of ongoing programs and practices can reduce or avoid environmental impacts. As all public and private projects are required to comply with these regulations, as applicable, they are not listed as mitigation measures but as RRs.

Environmental Impacts

The analyses of environmental impacts of the Proposed Project are presented in this EIR by issue, which includes the direct and indirect, short-term and long-term, cumulative, and any unavoidable impacts from construction and operation of the Proposed Project, with consideration for impacts that would occur on site and off site.

The thresholds of significance (discussed above) provide the basis for distinguishing between impacts that are determined to be significant (i.e., the impact exceeds the threshold of significance) and those that are

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considered to be less than significant. The analysis is structured to address each threshold while considering the residual impact after implementing the PDFs and after compliance with the RRs.

Where the analysis of a potential effect concludes that the effect is too speculative or subjective for evaluation, that conclusion is noted and the discussion of that effect is ended. Where the analysis determines that a potential effect may (without undue speculation) occur, but is beneficial, that conclusion is noted. Where the analysis indicates that a potential effect is not significant or not adverse with compliance with PDFs and RRs, that conclusion is also noted.

Where the impact analysis determines that a potential effect may (without undue speculation) occur and is found to have a substantial or potentially substantial and adverse impact on existing physical conditions on the site or in the surrounding area, and that the impact would remain significant even after compliance with PDFs and RRs, that conclusion is noted. A discussion of the needed mitigation is then provided, along with a summary of the analysis for each threshold.

Cumulative Impacts

While the extent of environmental changes that would occur with the Project may not be significant, the sum of the impacts of the Project and other projects that are proposed, planned, or under construction in the surrounding area may be cumulatively considerable, as defined in Section 15065(a)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines. Section 4.4, *Cumulative Impacts*, contains a discussion of the overall methods used to determine the scope of cumulative projects considered in the cumulative impact analysis.

Level of Significance Before Mitigation

The level of significance of the identified impacts after incorporation of the PDFs and compliance with the RRs is listed. It identifies whether or not an impact requires mitigation measures upon implementation of the PDFs and RRs.

Mitigation Measures

Where a potentially significant adverse environmental effect has been identified and is not reduced to a level considered less than significant through compliance with the PDFs and RRs, MMs have been provided.

Level of Significance after Mitigation

The level of significance of the identified impacts after incorporation of the PDFs, compliance with the RRs, and implementation of the MMs is stated at the end of each environmental issue. Unavoidable significant adverse impacts, if any, are effects that cannot be mitigated or that remain significant even after mitigation.

References

Technical studies, analyses, reports, plans, and other sources that have been used in the preparation of the environmental analysis for each issue area are listed in this section.

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2.2.3 Type and Purpose of This EIR

This EIR has been prepared as a “Project EIR” as defined by State CEQA Guidelines Section 15161. This type of EIR examines the environmental impacts of a specific development project and should focus primarily on the changes in the environment that would result from the development project. The EIR examines all phases of the project, including planning, construction, and operation.

2.3 SCOPING PROCESS

The County complied with CEQA Guidelines Sections 15082 and 15083 by providing opportunities for early responsible and trustee agency participation in the environmental review process as well as opportunity for early public consultation with interested organizations and individuals. Specifically, the NOP providing notice of a Scoping Meeting was distributed on June 17, 2015, to federal, state, regional, and local government agencies and interested parties to solicit comments and to inform agencies and the public of the Proposed Project during a 30-day public review period that extended from June 17, 2015, to July 17, 2015. A notice announcing the Scoping Meeting and availability of the NOP was published in the Los Angeles *Daily News* on June 25, 2015. The NOP was also posted on the County website from June 17, 2015, to present. Copies of the NOP were made available at the following libraries:

Chinatown Library
 639 North Hill Street
 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Little Tokyo Library
 203 South Los Angeles Street
 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Benjamin Franklin Library
 2200 East 1st Street
 Los Angeles, CA 90033

Lincoln Heights Library
 2530 Workman Street
 Los Angeles, CA 90031

Central Library
 630 West 5th Street
 Los Angeles, CA 90071

The Proposed Project was described in the NOP; potential environmental effects associated with Project approval and implementation were identified; and agencies and the public were invited to review and comment on the NOP, which is provided in Appendix A of this EIR. Comments on the NOP were received from six agencies, as provided in Appendix B. The scoping period comment letters are listed in Table 2-1, along with a summary of the issues raised and the EIR section where those issues are addressed.

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Table 2-1 NOP Comment Summary

Commenting Agency/Person	Date	Comment Type	Comment Summary	Issue Addressed In:
Agencies				
South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Barbara Radlein, Program Supervisor Planning, Rule Development & Area Sources	6/25/15	Air Quality and Health Risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Requests that a copy of the EIR and all appendices or technical documents be forwarded to AQMD. ▪ Recommends using its CEQA Air Quality Handbook and CalEEMod for the air quality analysis. ▪ Requests identification of any potential adverse air quality impacts that could occur from all phases of the project and all air pollutant sources related to the project. ▪ Requests that criteria pollutant emissions and be quantified and results compared to the recommended regional significance threshold and also calculate localized significance thresholds (LSTs). ▪ Requests that a mobile source health risk assessment be prepared if the proposed project generates or attracts vehicular trips, especially heavy-duty diesel fueled vehicles. ▪ Requests that where significant air quality impacts occur, all feasible mitigation measures be incorporated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Section 5.2 <i>Air Quality</i>. ▪ Section 5.6, <i>Greenhouse Gas Emissions</i>
Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) Ron Mathieu, Sr. Public Projects Specialist	7/13/15	Transportation, Encroachment, Hydrology and Drainage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provides general description of the SCRRA train operation from LA Union Station. ▪ Requests that no construction activities for the proposed project impact any train schedule or encroach into the railroad right-of-way (ROW). ▪ Requests all drainage of the project site be directed into existing storm drains and not allowed to drain into the track area. ▪ Requests the Project Site be completely walled off from the railroad ROW and any plans for modifications to the existing walks abutting the railroad property to be sent to SCRRA for review and approval. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Section 5.12, <i>Traffic and Transportation</i>, Section 5.7, <i>Hydrology</i>
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Elizabeth Carvajal, Transportation Planning Manager	7/13/15	Traffic and Transportation, Noise and Vibration, Aesthetics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Requests that the Transportation Impact Analysis (TIA) for the proposed project include components and geographic areas in conformance with the California Congestion Management Program TIA Guidelines per the "2010 Congestion Management Program for Los Angeles County." ▪ Requests consideration of the project site's proximity to the railroad ROW, generating noise, vibration, and visual impacts. ▪ Requests there shall be no encroachment onto the railroad ROW unless covered by specific right-of-entry permits. ▪ Requests that a protection barrier be constructed during construction to prevent debris falling onto the ROW. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Section 5.12 <i>Traffic and Transportation</i>. ▪ Section 5.10 <i>Noise</i>, ▪ Section 5.1 <i>Aesthetics</i> ▪ Chapter 3, <i>Project Description</i> ▪ Chapter 4, <i>Environmental Setting</i>

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Table 2-1 NOP Comment Summary

Commenting Agency/Person	Date	Comment Type	Comment Summary	Issue Addressed In:
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Requests to be notified of any changes to the construction/building plans that may or may not impact the ROW. ▪ Requests that LACMTA and/or SCRRRA staff be permitted to monitor construction activity to ascertain impact to ROW. ▪ Requests consideration be given to enhancing pedestrian facilities to and from the CCTF and LA Union Station. 	
State Clearinghouse Scott Morgan, Director, State Clearinghouse	7/17/15	Not applicable.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Letter advises of and forwards the NOP to reviewing agencies requesting submission of comments. 	Not applicable.
California Department of Transportation District 7 Dianna Watson, Intergovernmental Review/CEQA Branch Chief	7/21/15	Traffic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Requests that the TIA for the Proposed Project include an analysis of impacts to Caltrans facilities and identify mitigation, if necessary. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Section 5.12, <i>Transportation and Traffic</i>
City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation Ali Poosti, Division Manager, Wastewater Engineering Services Division	7/22/15	Wastewater, Stormwater, Solid Waste.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provides information regarding sewer availability. ▪ Describes construction and post-construction stormwater requirements. ▪ Describes solid waste resource requirements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Section 5.13, <i>Utilities and Service Systems</i>

The NOP and scoping process is used to help determine the scope of the environmental issues to be addressed in the EIR. The County determined that the EIR will address every topic on the CEQA Guidelines Appendix G Checklist Form at the time of the NOP except Agriculture/Forestry Resources, Mineral Resources, Population and Housing, and Recreation. Energy is addressed in a separate chapter. Because the County decided to prepare an EIR during initial review of the Proposed Project, as permitted by CEQA Guideline 15063, no Initial Study was required to determine that the Proposed Project required an EIR, and no Initial Study was prepared. The basis for limiting any further analysis of environmental issues in the four areas listed as Agriculture/Forestry Resources, Mineral Resources, Population and Housing, and Recreation is included in Chapter 8, *Impacts Found Not to Be Significant*. The NOP identified that all other environmental categories have the potential to result in significant impacts, and therefore they are addressed in this EIR.

The County held a Scoping Meeting for the EIR from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on June 30, 2015, at the Los Angeles County Hall of Records at 320 West Temple Street, Room 150, Los Angeles, California. The purpose of the Scoping Meeting was to provide an additional forum for the public and other agencies to provide input on

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the environmental issues that should be addressed in the EIR. No additional comments were received at the Scoping Meeting.

2.4 SCOPE OF THIS EIR

Based in part upon the State CEQA Guidelines Appendix G Environmental Checklist Form, County staff determined that an EIR should be prepared for the Proposed Project. The scope of the EIR was determined based upon review of the current conditions of the Project Site and surrounding area, the scope of the Proposed Project, comments received in response to the NOP, and comments received at the scoping meeting conducted by the County. Pursuant to Sections 15126.2 and 15126.4 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the EIR should identify any potentially significant adverse impacts and recommend mitigation that would reduce or eliminate these impacts to levels of insignificance.

The information in Chapter 3, *Project Description*, establishes the basis for analyzing future, project-related environmental impacts.

2.4.1 Potentially Significant Adverse Impacts

Thirteen environmental areas have been identified as having potentially significant impacts if the Proposed Project is implemented. These topics are:

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Geology and Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Noise
- Public Services
- Transportation and Traffic
- Utilities and Service Systems

2.4.2 Unavoidable Significant Adverse Impacts

This EIR identifies one significant and unavoidable adverse impact as defined by CEQA, that would result from implementation of the Proposed Project, even after incorporation of feasible mitigation measures. Unavoidable adverse impacts may be considered significant on a project-specific basis, cumulatively significant, and/or potentially significant. If the County, as the lead agency, determines that unavoidable

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significant adverse impacts would result from the project, the County must prepare a “Statement of Overriding Considerations” before it can approve the project. A Statement of Overriding Considerations states that the decision-making body has balanced the benefits of the proposed project against its unavoidable significant environmental effects and has determined that the benefits of the project outweigh the adverse effects, and therefore, the adverse effects are considered acceptable. The only impact that was found in the EIR to be significant and unavoidable is:

Transportation and Traffic

- **Impact 5.12-2:** Implementation of MM TRAN-6 would mitigate to a less than significant level the identified impact under Future Year with Project (Option 2) conditions, resulting in a V/C ratio of 0.492 (LOS A) in the AM peak hour and a V/C ratio of 0.772 (LOS C) in the PM peak hour at the Main Street & Alpine Street/North Vignes Street intersection. The ability to implement this mitigation measure is subject to the review and approval of LADOT, and is thus dependent on factors beyond the control of the County. Therefore, the County cannot guarantee implementation of recommended improvement at the Main Street & Alpine Street/North Vignes Street intersection, and could remain significant if off-site parking Option 2 is selected and MM TRAN-6 cannot be implemented. Therefore, Impact 5.12-2 would remain significant and unavoidable. If this traffic measure is approved, with implementation of the recommended mitigation measures, there will be no unmitigated significant impacts of the Proposed Project under either off-site parking scenario.

2.5 PUBLIC REVIEW OF THE DRAFT EIR/FINAL EIR

This EIR is being circulated for public review for a period of 60 days. Interested agencies and members of the public are invited to provide written comments on the EIR to the County address shown below. Upon completion of the public review period, the County will review all written comments received and prepare written responses for each comment on a proposed project feature or environmental issue. The EIR is being distributed to responsible and trustee agencies, other affected agencies, surrounding cities, interested parties, and all parties who requested a copy of the EIR in accordance with CEQA. A notice announcing the availability (NOA) of the EIR was published in the Los Angeles *Daily News*, *La Opinión*, and *Chinese Daily News*. An electronic notice was also posted on the County of Los Angeles website.

A Final EIR (FEIR) will then be prepared with this EIR, all of the comments received, responses to the significant environmental points raised in the comments, any changes to this EIR that result from the comments received, and any other information added by the County. The FEIR will be presented to the County Board of Supervisors for potential certification as the environmental document in conjunction with recommendations relating to the Proposed Project. This EIR is available to the general public for review at the following locations:

- Los Angeles County Public Information Office, Room 358, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 W. Temple Street, Los Angeles
- Los Angeles Public Library, Chinatown Branch, 639 N Hill Street, Los Angeles

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- Los Angeles Public Library, Echo Park Branch, 1410 W. Temple Street, Los Angeles
- Los Angeles Public Library, Anthony Quinn Branch, 3965 Cesar E. Chavez Avenue, Los Angeles
- Los Angeles Public Library, Little Tokyo Branch, 203 S Los Angeles Street, Los Angeles
- Los Angeles Central Library, 630 W. 5th Street, Los Angeles

The EIR is also available for electronic download from the County's ftp site:
<ftp://dpwftp.co.la.ca.us/pub/pmd/MenCentralJailReplCCTF/>

2.6 PROJECT SPONSOR AND CONTACT PERSON

The Proposed Project is a County-sponsored endeavor. All inquiries regarding the Proposed Project and the EIR should be directed via email to environmental@ceo.lacounty.gov or by mail to:

County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office
Capital Projects/Debt Management Division
Attn: CCTF EIR
754 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

A Public Meeting to provide an overview of the Project and the conclusions of the EIR will be held for public agencies and interested individuals on Monday, October 30, 2017, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services Auditorium (located off 1st Floor Lobby) at 313 North Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, California. Spanish and Chinese translation services will be available during the public meeting.

2.7 MITIGATION MONITORING

CEQA, in Public Resources Code Section 21081.6, requires that agencies adopt a monitoring or reporting program for any project for which it has made findings pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21081. Such a program is intended to ensure the implementation of all mitigation measures adopted.

The Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the CCTF will be completed with the FEIR prior to consideration of the Proposed Project by the County Board of Supervisors.