

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE TOPHAM TRUNK LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Date: June 15, 2023

To: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

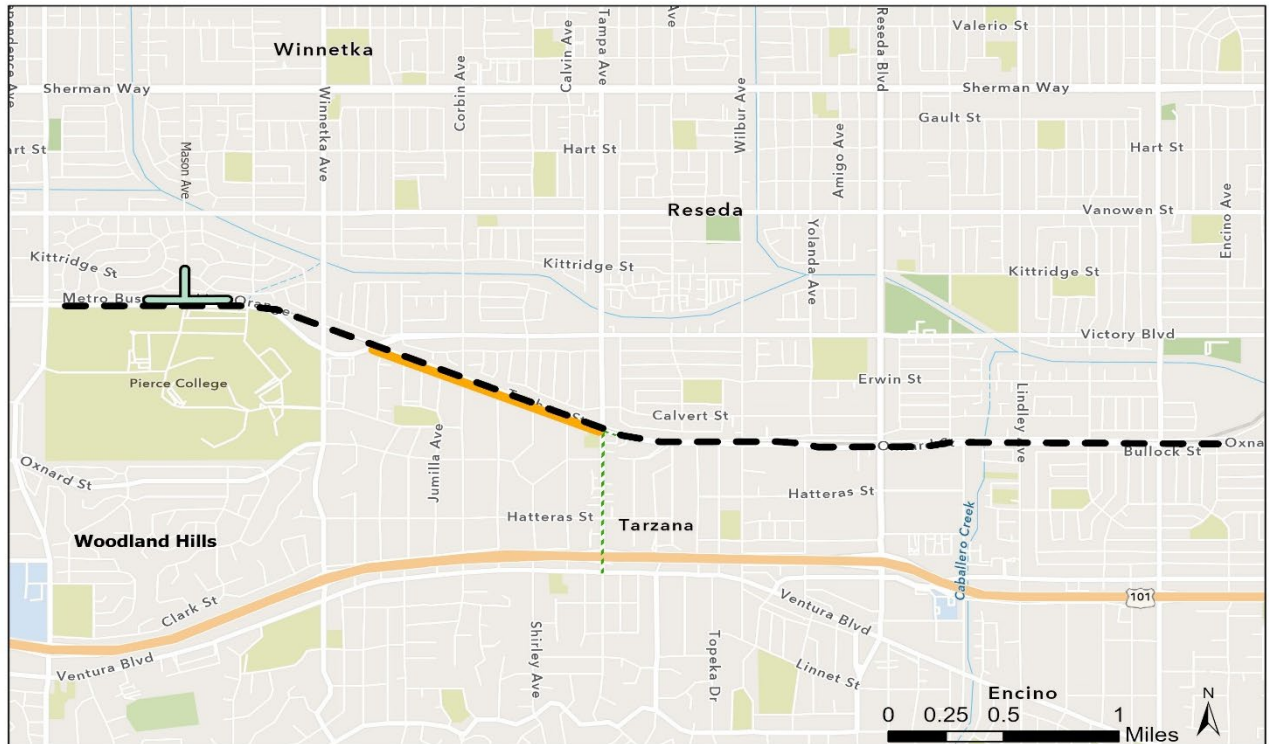
Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Topham Trunk Line Replacement Project

An Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) has been prepared by the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) for the proposed Topham Trunk Line Replacement Project. LADWP is the Lead Agency, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, responsible for preparation of this document.

Project Description: LADWP proposes to install approximately 23,300 linear feet (LF) of a 36-inch diameter underground pipe along Victory Boulevard, Topham Street, and Oxnard Street, in the West San Fernando Valley area of the City of Los Angeles.

The installation of the new 36-inch diameter trunk line (referred to herein as the Topham Trunk Line Replacement [TTLR] Project or the proposed project) would replace the aging and deteriorating existing 24-inch Topham Trunk Line to provide greater operational flexibility for water flow and delivery and to improve system redundancy and resiliency.

The proposed project would also include approximately 6,599 LF of new 12-inch diameter underground distribution mainline that would connect the proposed TTLR Project to the existing distribution system on Mason Avenue, Victory Boulevard, and Topham Street. In addition, the proposed project would include approximately 3,429 LF of new 16-inch diameter underground distribution mainline that would replace the existing 8-inch diameter distribution mainline on Tampa Avenue, south of Topham Street. See the below proposed project map. The 12-inch diameter distribution mainline would be installed first from approximately third quarter 2023 to third quarter 2024, followed by the 16-inch diameter distribution mainline, which would be installed from approximately third quarter 2024 to second quarter 2025. The TTLR would be installed a few months after the 16-inch diameter distribution mainline is completed from approximately third quarter 2025 to third quarter 2030.



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- Proposed Topham Trunk Line Project
- Proposed 12" Victory Blvd & Mason Ave Mainline Open Cut
- Proposed 12" Topham St Mainline Open Cut
- Proposed 16" Tampa Ave Mainline Open Cut

Project Overview Map

Project Location: The proposed project would be located in the western San Fernando Valley of the City of Los Angeles within the communities of Winnetka, Woodland Hills, Tarzana, Encino, and the Sepulveda Basin. Approximately 23,300 LF of the new 36-inch diameter trunk line would be installed along Victory Boulevard, Topham Street, and Oxnard Street, beginning just east of the intersection of De Soto Avenue and Victory Boulevard and ending at the intersection of Oxnard Street and Encino Avenue. A portion of the new 36-inch diameter trunk line would be installed within an existing LADWP easement located at the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority’s Pierce College Station parking lot and immediately north of the baseball fields at Winnetka Avenue and Victory Boulevard. Approximately 6,599 LF of the new 12-inch diameter distribution would be installed along Mason Avenue (from Kittridge Street to Victory Boulevard), Victory Boulevard (at the intersection of Mason Avenue and Victory Boulevard), and Topham Street (from Victory Boulevard to Tampa Avenue). Approximately 3,429 LF of the new 16-inch diameter distribution mainline would be installed along Topham Street (from Tampa Avenue to Evenhaim Lane) and Tampa Avenue (from Topham Street to Ventura Boulevard).

Public Comment Period: The 30-day public comment period for the IS/MND will commence on June 15, 2023 and conclude on July 15, 2023. The IS/MND is available for review on the LADWP website can be found by scanning the QR code to the right, or by going to <http://www.ladwp.com/envnotices>. Please submit comments in writing to the address or email provided below. **Comment letters must be received by 5:00 p.m. on July 15, 2023.**

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PLEASE NOTE: LADWP's practice is to make the entirety of comments received part of the public record. Therefore names, home addresses, home phone numbers, and email addresses of commenters, if included in the response, will be made part of the record available for public review. Individual commenters may request that LADWP withhold their name and/or home addresses, etc., but if you wish LADWP to consider withholding this information you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. In the absence of this written request, this information will be made part of the record for public review. LADWP will always make submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of, or officials of, organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities.

For any questions regarding the review of the IS/MND, please contact Mr. Marshall Styers at (213) 367-3541.

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