NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE CITY OF EL MONTE CITY COUNCIL

TO: All Interested Parties

LEAD AGENCY AND ADDRESS: City of El Monte Department of Public Works, Engineering Division 11333 Valley Boulevard, El Monte, CA 91731

CONTACT PERSON: Mr. Lee Torres P.E. City Engineer, ltorres@elmonteca.gov or (626) 580-2058. Hablamos Español favor de hablar con Leticia Ortiz at (626) 580-2058.

PROJECT: Garvey Avenue Storm Drain Improvement Project, CIP884

PROJECT AREA: The existing conditions of the Project Location are described as follows. The Project is generally bounded by the public right-of-way on Garvey Avenue (classified as a Major Arterial) from Garvey Avenue Underpass to Durfee Avenue (classified as a Collector Street) and the length of East Maxson Place (El Monte General Plan, 2011). This area is hereafter referred to as the Project Area.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of El Monte is proposing to construct the Garvey Avenue Grade Separation Drainage Improvement Project within City boundaries. This project proposes to include the installation of a new storm drain and an infiltration system to alleviate flooding problems during storm events.

The proposed storm drain improvements are intended to meet current design standards for a 50-year storm and reduce the occurrence of flooding at the Garvey Avenue Grade Separation. The design objective is to reduce the potential flooding hazards to the general public from multiple times a year to approximately once every 50 years. An additional design objective is to improve the water quality of the San Gabriel River by capturing pollutants from dry-weather flows and stormwater from rain events less than or equal to the water quality storm event, defined as the 85th percentile, 24-hour rainfall event. The proposed improvements include the following key elements:

- New catch basins on Maxson Place will capture the additional flow from Caltrans' roadway runoff and the outflow from the triple 24-inch culvert crossing under the freeway, as well as runoff captured from the nearby mobile home park and two commercial lots. A proposed 6-foot wide by 2-foot high Reinforced Concrete Box (RCB) storm drain will convey the intercepted flow from these catch basins underground to the intersection of Maxson Place and Garvey Avenue.
- Catch basins on Garvey Avenue will capture flows from areas east of Maxson Place. This includes commercial properties on Garvey Avenue on both the north and south sides of the street, stretching east to Durfee Avenue. The catch basins will connect to the proposed storm drain in Garvey Avenue.
- New underground infiltration basins will be constructed. The basins will be sized to capture a combined 2.2 million gallons of stormwater from dry-weather and storm events. The stormwater captured in the two infiltration basins will recharge the local aquifer.
- A diversion system and a hydrodynamic separator will be installed in Garvey Avenue to route runoff, using a 36-inch reinforced concrete pipe (RCP), to the proposed Infiltration Basin 1. The hydrodynamic

separator will provide pretreatment for improved water quality. It will screen, separate, and trap gross solids to remove floatables and neutrally buoyant materials.

- Storm drain and appurtenance will be constructed to convey runoff from the existing Garvey Avenue Underpass storm drain system that is unable to be pumped out by the existing pump system or captured by the proposed Maxson Place Storm Drain. Flows greater than the pump's capacity will be pretreated and then routed via a proposed 36-inch RCP to the proposed Infiltration Basin 2.
- A 30-inch pump discharge line may be installed conveying the storm water from the existing pump discharge sump to the Basins. The storm drain may be constructed in the existing easement or may require additional easements from Metrolink.
- The proposed Maxson Place Storm Drain will convey runoff from the intersection of Maxson Place and Garvey Avenue eastward within the public street right-of-way of Garvey Avenue. The proposed storm drain will connect with the existing MTD 562 system at Durfee Avenue just south of Garvey Avenue.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION: An Initial Study prepared for the project determined that there will be less than significant impacts to the environment because mitigation measures will be incorporated into the project. Therefore, a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) has been prepared. Mitigation measures are provided to lessen potential impacts related to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, hazards and hazardous materials, noise, transportation/traffic, and mandatory findings of significance. The City Council will take comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration at the public hearing.

The full environmental document and supporting technical studies can be found at the City's Engineering Division public counter, City Clerk's counter or on the City's website at: https://www.ci.el-monte.ca.us/292/Engineering

PUBLIC REVIEW: PERIOD Comments on the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration may be received in writing between September 30, 2021 and October 29, 2021 and orally at the public hearing.

PLACE OF: HEARING Pursuant to State Law, the City Council will hold a public hearing to receive testimony, orally and in writing, on the MND and on the proposed project. The hearing is scheduled for:

Date: December 7, 2021
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: El Monte City Hall
City Hall East – Council Chambers
11333 Valley Boulevard, El Monte, California

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed application may do so orally or in writing at the public hearing or in writing prior to the meeting date. If you challenge the decision of the City Council, in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing. For further information regarding this application please contact Mr. Lee Torres P.E. City Engineer, at the Public Works Department at (626) 580-2058 or through email at ltorres@elmonteca.gov Monday through Thursday, except legal holidays, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

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San Bernardino Fwy E
San Bernardino Fwy W
City of El Monte
Garvey Ave
Valley Blvd
San Bernardino Fwy E
City of Baldwin Park
Madrid Middle School
Walnut Creek
Unincorporated Area
San Gabriel River
San Gabriel River Fwy
Unincorporated Area
City of Industry
Existing Storm Drain - MTD562
Receiving Water Bodies
Project Site
City Boundary
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