NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

DATE:

August 16, 2017

LEAD AGENCY:

City of Santa Clarita

Public Works Department

23920 Valencia Boulevard, Suite 300

Santa Clarita, CA 91355

SUBJECT:

Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for

The Lyons Avenue/Dockweiler Drive Extension Project

State Clearinghouse No. 2013082016

Introduction: This document is an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Lyons Avenue / Dockweiler Drive Extension Project. As the Lead Agency overseeing this project's environmental review, the City of Santa Clarita initiated the preparation of an EIR to determine the nature and extent of the project's impact on the surrounding environment. Pursuant to Section 15085 (a) and 15087 (a), Title 14, California Code of Regulations, this is to advise that the City of Santa Clarita has completed a Draft EIR for the proposed project described below and that it is available for public review.

Project Location: The project site is generally located in the City of Santa Clarita, California, about 35 miles north of Downtown Los Angeles. The Project Site is more specifically located in the Newhall community of the City of Santa Clarita at the intersection of Lyons Avenue and Railroad Avenue, extends eastward along the General Plan alignment for Dockweiler Drive, towards The Master's University, and northwest towards the intersection of 12th Street and Arch Street. The limits for the Lyons Avenue/Dockweiler Drive extension are from Railroad Avenue on the west, to the approved extension of Dockweiler Drive at the Master's University on the east.

Description: The Proposed Project includes: the extension of Lyons Avenue from Railroad Avenue southeast to the proposed connection with Dockweiler Drive, to provide a T-intersection at Dockweiler Drive; the addition of a new at-grade railroad crossing east of the Railroad Avenue and Lyons Avenue intersection; and the extension of Dockweiler Drive from the approved extension at The Master's University (The Master's University extension of Dockweiler Drive through The Master's University property was approved and evaluated under a separate EIR) northwest to connect with the intersection of Arch Street and 12th Street.

The Proposed Project also includes the closure of an at-grade railroad crossing at the intersection of 13th Street and Railroad Avenue. The intersection at 13th Street would be modified, removing the northbound right turn lane and southbound left turn lane and restricting the eastbound through movement.

Impacts: The Draft EIR analyzed potential environmental impacts, which were described in detail in the Draft EIR. As concluded in these sections, all potential environmental impacts were determined to have less than significant impacts and less than significant impacts with the incorporation of mitigation measures with the exception of Air Quality and Noise. These impacts were determined to be significant and unavoidable.

Public Review: Copies of the Draft EIR for The Lyons Avenue/Dockweiler Drive Extension Project are available for review at the following locations:

- City of Santa Clarita City Hall, City Clerk's Office
 23920 Valencia Boulevard, Suite 120
 Santa Clarita, CA 91355
- City of Santa Clarita, Old Town Newhall Library 24500 Main St.
 Santa Clarita, CA 91321
- City of Santa Clarita, Valencia Library
 23743 Valencia Boulevard
 Santa Clarita, CA 91355

The Draft EIR for The Lyons Avenue/Dockweiler Drive Extension Project is also available for public review on the City of Santa Clarita website at www.santa-clarita.com/DockweilerEIR.

<u>Two public outreach meetings will be held on the Draft EIR.</u> The purpose of the meetings is to provide an overview of the project and a summary of the Draft EIR. The outreach meetings are scheduled at the following locations and times:

Meeting #1

September 14, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. The Master's University 24728 Quigley Canyon Road Building #35, English and History Center, Room 100 Santa Clarita, CA 91321

Meeting #2

September 28, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. The Master's University 24728 Quigley Canyon Road Building #35, English and History Center, Room 100 Santa Clarita, CA 91321

For further information regarding these outreach meetings, you may contact Carla Callahan, Senior Engineer, at (661) 286-4130 or ccallahan@santa-clarita.com. If you wish to submit comments on the Draft EIR while at the outreach meetings, such comments must be submitted as written correspondence.

The public comment period of the Draft EIR will run from August 16, 2017 to October 16, 2017. Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your comments must be received by the City of Santa Clarita no later than 5:30 p.m. on October 16, 2017. Following the public review period, the DEIR will be brought before the City Council for certification at a future date. Please send your written comments to:

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