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Responsible Agencies, Review Agencies,  
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in the Westbound SR-91 Project

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Westbound SR-91 Project  
From Shoemaker Ave. to I-605  
EFIS 0716000284 (EA 07-29811)

**Subject: Notice of Initiation of Environmental Studies for the Westbound SR-91  
Project (between Shoemaker Avenue and the I-605 Interchange)**

This is to advise you that the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is initiating environmental studies for the proposed Westbound State Route 91 (SR-91) Project, between Shoemaker Avenue and the Interstate 605 (I-605) interchange, in the cities of Artesia and Cerritos, Los Angeles County.

The Project would widen westbound SR-91 from approximately Shoemaker Avenue to the I-605/SR-91 interchange. The westbound SR-91 approaching the connector ramp for northbound and southbound I-605 currently experiences significant congestion, which is forecast to increase in the future absent physical and operational improvements to this westbound segment of SR-91. Therefore, the purpose of the project is to reduce congestion and improve freeway operations (both mainline and ramps), improve safety, and improve local and system interchange operations while minimizing right-of-way, environmental and economic impacts.

A No Build Alternative and Build Alternatives, which include design option configurations, are proposed for the project and include the addition of travel lanes, modification of existing interchanges, removal of some existing non-standard design features, and other operational improvements.

Potential impacts associated with the project may involve property acquisition, parks, hydrology and floodplains, visual resources, construction noise, air quality, hazardous materials, and traffic. Permanent Right-of-Way acquisition and Temporary Construction Easements (TCE) may be required from various property owners.

A joint Initial Study/Environmental Assessment is being prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) respectively, and is anticipated to result in a Mitigated Negative Declaration/Finding of No Significant Impact. Caltrans is the lead agency under CEQA and NEPA.

The first public open house for the project will be held:

**Tuesday, October 18, 2016 - from 6:30pm to 8:30pm**

**North Artesia Community Center  
11870 169th Street  
Artesia, CA 90701**

The second public open house for the project will be held:

**Wednesday, October 19, 2016 - from 6:30pm to 8:30pm**

**Cerritos High School  
12500 183rd Street  
Cerritos, CA 90703**

Caltrans is currently soliciting written comments or suggestions from elected officials, public agencies, private entities, and any interested or affected individuals who may want to express their opinions, concerns, and/or support for the project. All information and opinions are welcome and will be carefully considered.

Please send written comments by **November 18, 2016** to:

Jinous Saleh, Senior Environmental Planner  
Caltrans Division of Environmental Planning – Westbound SR-91  
100 South Main Street, MS 16A  
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More information can also be found at <https://www.metro.net/projects/i-605/wb-sr-91/>. If you have further questions, Ms. Saleh can be reached at [jinous.saleh@dot.ca.gov](mailto:jinous.saleh@dot.ca.gov) or at (213) 897-0683. Thank you for your interest and participation in this transportation project.

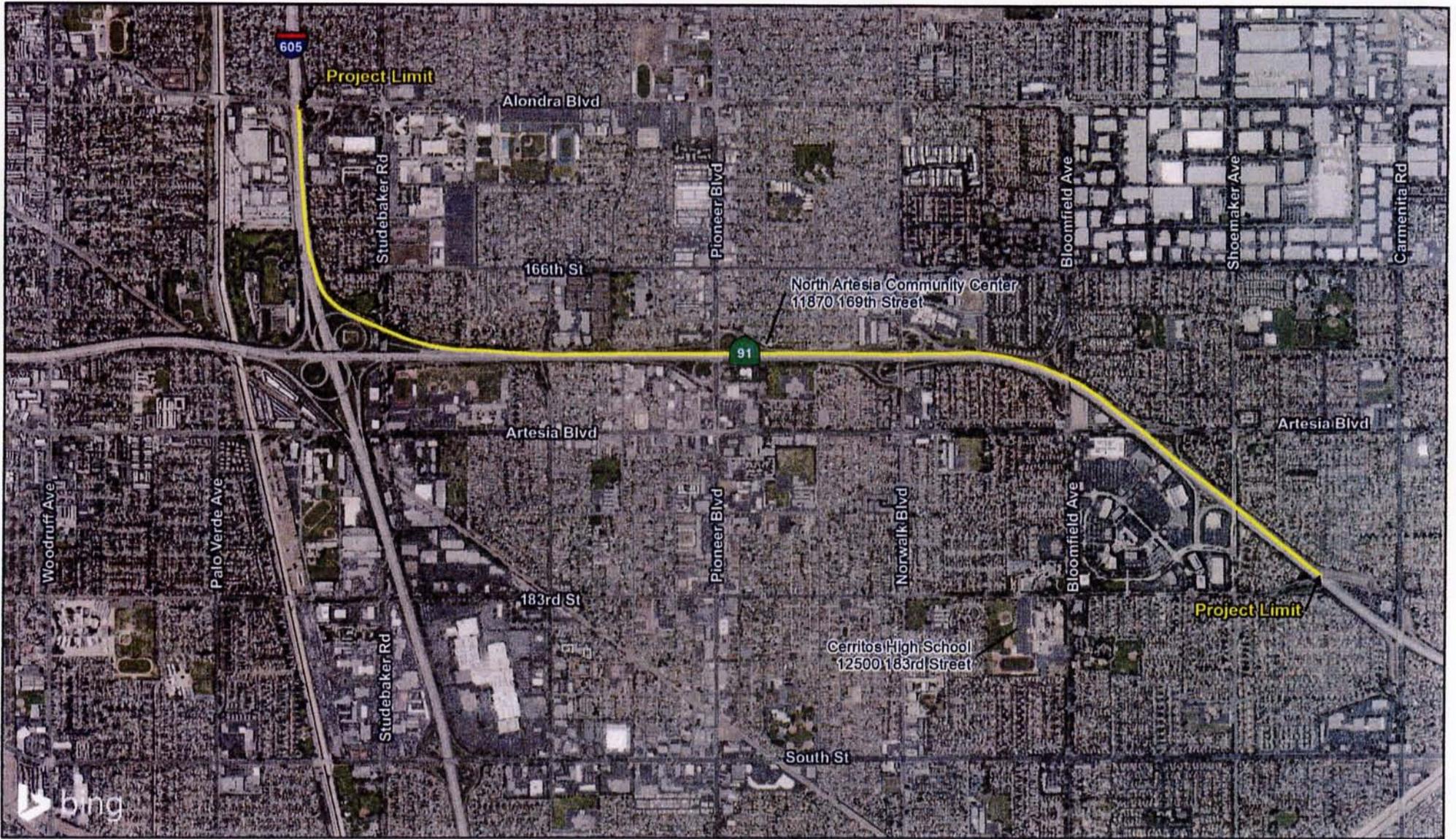
Sincerely,



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Deputy District Director, Environmental Planning, Caltrans District 7

Enclosure: Project Location Map



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— Westbound SR-91 Project Limits



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SOURCE: Bing Maps (2014)

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FIGURE 1

Westbound SR-91 Project  
Project Location