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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

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SUBJECT: Notice of Availability of a Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the Exposition Park Master Plan

The State of California Office of Exposition Park Management (OEPM) has completed the preparation of a Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (Draft SEIR) (SCH# 1990011065) for the Exposition Park Master Plan Project (“Refined Project”). The Draft SEIR to the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission’s Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Renovation Project Environmental Impact Report (EIR), which was certified by the Commission in 2003, has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as amended (Public Resources Code §21000 et seq.), and the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, §15000 et seq.). The criteria for preparation of a Subsequent EIR is specified in §15162 of the CEQA Guidelines. In accordance with §15087 of the State CEQA Guidelines, OEPM has prepared this Notice of Availability (NOA) to provide Responsible Agencies and other interested parties with information describing the Refined Project and to identify its potential environmental effects pursuant to State requirements. The 45-day public review period for the Draft SEIR starts on April 17, 2020, and ends on June 1, 2020.

Project Location: Exposition Park is a 152-acre site located approximately 2 miles southwest of the Los Angeles Civic Center at 700 Exposition Park Drive in the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California. Exposition Park is bordered by the University of Southern California (USC) and Exposition Boulevard to the north, Figueroa Street and the Harbor Freeway (Interstate 110) to the east, Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to the south, and South Vermont Avenue to the west. Exposition Park is located within a Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) mapped High Quality Transit Area (HQTa) in an urbanized location and is in close proximity to high-density urban development. Regional vehicular access to Exposition Park is provided by Interstate 110, located approximately 0.1 mile east of the park. There are 95 bus stops and three Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Expo Line light rail stops within a half-mile radius of Exposition Park.

Project Description: The Refined Project would guide the development of Exposition Park for an additional 25-year period beyond that envisioned in the 2003 Los Memorial Coliseum Renovation Project. The elements of the refined project would link Exposition Park to the City of Los Angeles around it directly via sidewalks and bike lanes, and encourage connection to the Park from more remote areas via the Los Angeles Metro system (including light rail and buses); connect the park’s segments to one another; and encourage the community members and visitors to linger with the inclusion of more plentiful pathways, plantings, and visitor amenities. The Refined Project would connect the park’s segments by improving pedestrian and recreational use of the spaces between its

buildings and moving surface parking spaces underground. The Refined Project would be consistent with the SCAG 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) goals to provide opportunities of recreational and open spaces accessible through public transit. The Refined Project is composed of nine elements:

1. Threshold and Gateway
2. Expo Festival Plaza
3. Solar Garden
4. Festival Park and Community Promenade
5. Bill Robertson Lane
6. Museum Walk
7. California African American Museum Sculpture Garden
8. Zanja Madre
9. Olympic Ring Walk

An SEIR has been prepared to address changes to the project not discussed in the certified EIR. The 2003 EIR has been amended four times as the use has evolved to address architectural modifications, parking and pedestrian circulation improvements, and relocation of a soccer field. As the use of the park has evolved, improvements to open spaces need further refinement to accommodate a level of use not anticipated at the time of the EIR and amendments. The improvements to the Coliseum have been largely completed but have created an unforeseen impact on the surrounding open space and pedestrian and vehicular areas that are best addressed in a Master Plan. The SEIR expands the extent of the project site for the Coliseum renovation project within its overall context of Exposition Park. The proposed Exposition Park Master Plan would overlap with the original Coliseum renovation project site and the Coliseum District Specific Plan established in Addendum No. 1 to the 2003 EIR. Furthermore, it would relocate existing VIP Game Day parking spaces for Coliseum events to within the Coliseum District Specific Plan boundaries.

The Draft SEIR analyzes 10 environmental issues areas that were determined to have potentially significant impacts, or for which the public identified concerns regarding potential impact, as a result of the earlier Initial Study and scoping process:

- Aesthetics
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology/Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards/Hazardous Materials
- Population/Housing
- Transportation
- Tribal Cultural Resources

Comments: OEPM encourages public agencies and members of the public to review and comment on this document. Due to the unknown duration of the Governor's shelter in place directive (Executive Order N-3-20), the documents are being made available online at <http://expositionpark.ca.gov/Public-Notices/> and www.expositionparktogether.org, and a USB thumb drive can be provided to organizations representing 50 people or more if requested.

Comments on the Draft SEIR will be accepted by OEPM between **April 17, 2020, and 5:00 p.m. on June 1, 2020**. Please include your name and address for all written correspondence. Please e-mail your written comments to info@expositionpark.ca.gov or mail them to:

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Public Meeting: OEPM will host one virtual public meeting to receive comments on the SEIR. The virtual public meeting will take place online from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 29, 2020. Similarly, a meeting of the Board of Directors for Exposition Park and the California Science Center to consider certifying the Final SEIR will be formally noticed by the OEPM.

To join the virtual meeting, participants will go to <http://bit.ly/expositionpark> and register using their name, email and ZIP. Registrants will then receive a registration confirmation email with instructions for joining the virtual meeting on April 29, 2020. The confirmation email will include the link for registrants to join the meeting via their computer or phone. Registrants can also choose to use their computer's built-in audio or call in via their telephone. Email reminders will also be sent one week, one day, and one hour prior to the meeting.

All participants are encouraged to register for the virtual public meeting prior to April 29, 2020, to receive the instructions for joining and check their system compatibility to avoid any connection issues. The confirmation email will contain a "check system requirements" link that will allow registrants to do so.