



PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY AND PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT**

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The Los Angeles District of the Corps is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) as part of its evaluation of the request by the City of Los Angeles, for a Section 408 Permission to modify the existing Federal project, the Los Angeles County Drainage Area, specifically the Los Angeles River channel at its intersection with Sixth Street.

Comment Period: February 25, 2016 to March 10, 2016

Direct comments to: Deborah.L.Lamb@usace.army.mil

Section 408 Permission for alteration/modification of Los Angeles River channel associated with 6th Street Viaduct Seismic Improvement Project, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California

Public Notice and Comment Period

February 25, 2016 to March 10, 2016

Proposed Implementation Date

Fall 2017

Proposed Federal Action

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The requester would build a bridge to replace the Sixth Street Viaduct which spanned the Los Angeles River. The Sixth Street Viaduct superstructure is currently being removed by the requester. Under the proposed Section 408 Activity, the requester would alter/modify, and/or occupy, the Federal project at

the Los Angeles River through: a) removal of the existing bridge center pier; b) reconstruction of concrete channel lining at the location of removed center pier; c) installation of temporary platforms at channel side slopes; d) construction of new bridge column foundations in channel side slopes; e) installation of temporary piers in the river to support falsework for construction of proposed bridge superstructure; and f) reconstruction of concrete channel lining after removal of all temporary construction falsework. During the center pier construction period, a 4 foot by 9 foot by 620 foot cofferdam would be placed upstream of the project. During construction, the low flow channel of the Los Angeles River would be covered by steel plates to prevent debris from falling into the water. These actions would support the overall project to be constructed by the requester, the 6th Street Viaduct Seismic Improvement Project. After construction of the new bridge, the City of Los Angeles would be responsible for operating and maintaining the bridge.

Pursuant to 33 USC Section 408, Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, requests by private, public, tribal, or other Federal entities to make alterations or temporarily or permanently occupy or use any Corps Federally authorized civil works project must not be injurious to the public interest or impair the usefulness of the Federal project. Section 408 authorizes the Secretary of the Army (or his designee) to grant permission for the alteration or occupation of the project.

The scope of analysis for the NEPA and environmental compliance evaluations for the Section 408 review are limited to the area of the alteration and those adjacent areas that are directly or indirectly affected by the alteration.

Public Involvement

The Corps invites the general public to submit comments to inform the environmental analysis and public interest determination. The public comment period on preparation of the EA will extend from February 25, 2016 to March 10, 2016. All comments must be received by 5 p.m. on March 10, 2016.

If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Deborah Lamb at (213) 452-3798. Comments should be sent to:

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