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## **PUBLIC NOTICE of Availability and Intent To Adopt the 2012 Final Environmental Impact Statement/Final Environmental Impact Report, 2017 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, and 2018 Section 130(c) Technical Memorandum for the Westside Purple Line Extension Project**

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Los Angeles District announces the availability of and its intent to adopt the following National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents for the Westside Purple Line Extension Project ("Purple Line NEPA Documents") developed by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro): (1) March 2012 Final Environmental Impact Statement/Final Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR), (2) November 2017 Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS), and (3) December 2018 Section 130(c) Technical Memorandum. Pursuant to the NEPA of 1969, as amended, and the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA, USACE may adopt another Federal agency's NEPA documents if the proposed actions of each agency are substantially the same. The USACE was not a cooperating agency on this project. Therefore, republication of the NEPA Documents are necessary under Section 1506.3(b)(1) of the CEQ regulations.

The USACE's Proposed Action is the granting of permission to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD), with LA Metro designated as a third-party permittee, to modify/alter the Westwood Branch of the Sawtelle-Westwood System, a feature of the Los Angeles County Drainage Area, a USACE federally authorized Civil Works project, pursuant to 33 U.S.C. section 408. The proposed modification/alteration to the USACE project involves the boring of twin tunnels, using Earth Pressure Balance Tunnel Boring Machines (TBM), 27 feet beneath the existing covered, single-barreled, rectangular reinforced-concrete channel at the southeast intersection of Wilshire Boulevard and Sepulveda Boulevard in the city of Los Angeles, California. The two tunnels would be separated by more than 100 feet. The TBMs would work their way eastward, approximately one week apart from one another at a rate of approximately 80-100 feet per day. The TBMs would cross beneath the concrete channel at two different times which would last about one day each time. The USACE project's existing concrete channel would not be disturbed on either the interior or the exterior. After thorough review and consideration, USACE has concluded that the Purple Line NEPA documents sufficiently identify and evaluate the environmental impacts related to the Proposed Action.

This notice informs the reader of the availability of the Final Purple Line NEPA documents and of USACE's intent to adopt the Final Purple Line NEPA documents for USACE's Proposed Action. The

USACE will publish a record of decision no sooner than 30 days after publication of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's notice of availability in the Federal Register.  
Availability: Copies of the 2012 EIS/EIR, 2017 SEIS, and 2018 Section 130(c) Technical Memorandum related to Westside Purple Line Extension are available for public review or download at the following website under the heading "Purple Line":

<https://www.westladraftmasterplan.org/documentation/nepa-and-nhpa>

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