

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

for the Arrow Maintenance Facility Hydrogen Fuel Upgrade Project

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (SCH# 2021030063)

The San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Arrow Maintenance Facility (AMF) Hydrogen Fuel Upgrade Project (Project).

Project Address/Location: The Project is located at SBCTA's existing AMF site, which is located northeast of the San Bernardino Santa Fe Depot and Metrolink Station platforms, near the intersection of North J Street and 3rd Street in the City of San Bernardino, California.

Project Description: The proposed Project would include augmentation of the AMF site to allow for the integration and operation of zero-emission multiple unit (ZEMU) train vehicles in the southern portion of the AMF site. As a part of the proposed Project, the AMF maintenance building would undergo multiple retrofits to comply with state and local requirements to facilitate the use of hydrogen (H₂) fuel for the ZEMU train, including installation of a H₂ detection system. SBCTA would also construct a new H₂ Refueling Area in the southern portion of the AMF to facilitate ZEMU train vehicle refueling and operation. Project construction is anticipated to commence in 2023 and would last approximately six months. Once constructed, the proposed Project would commence ZEMU operations in 2023 during non-revenue service and would commence revenue service starting on or after 2024.

Public Review and Comment Period: SBCTA invites public comment on the Draft EIR and alternatives for the AMF Hydrogen Fuel Upgrade Project. A 45-day comment period will begin on May 7, 2021 and end on June 21, 2021. In light of social distancing and stay-at-home orders issued by the Governor as a result of COVID-19, the Draft EIR will be available in hard copy at the following locations (document available during normal business hours; please call (909) 884-8276 to confirm, as hours may be subject to change):

- San Bernardino County Transportation Authority, 1170 W. Third Street, 2nd Floor, San Bernardino
- Norman F. Feldheim Public Library, 555 West 6th Street, San Bernardino
- Paul Villasenor Branch Library, 525 N. Mt. Vernon Ave., San Bernardino, CA 92411

The Draft EIR is accessible electronically at gosbcta.com/zemu. The Draft EIR has been prepared to analyze the potential environmental effects of the proposed Project, identify ways to reduce significant environmental effects, and analyze feasible alternatives to avoid or minimize significant environmental effects.

Comments on the Draft EIR may be submitted via e-mail to zemu@gosbcta.com, or via U.S. mail to Carrie Schindler, Director of Rail and Transit at the above SBCTA mailing address by 5:00 p.m. on June 21, 2021. Please include your name, email address, phone number, mailing address of the contact person, and reference the "Arrow Maintenance Facility Hydrogen Fuel Upgrade Project" when submitting a comment.

Public Hearing: SBCTA will hold a public hearing on the Project during its regularly scheduled Board of Director's meeting scheduled on Wednesday, June 02, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The meeting will be virtual due to social distancing considerations and accessible to the public via Zoom. Please visit www.gosbcta.com/board/meetings-agendas/ for the link to the meeting and available phone numbers to dial in. Verbal comments will be accepted on the Project during the meeting. Additional details on how to comment will be provided during the meeting.

In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15087, SBCTA prepared this Notice of Availability to notify responsible and trustee agencies, interested parties, the Office of Planning and Research, and the County Clerk of the availability of the Draft EIR for public review. Due to the time limits mandated by state law, your response must be received no later than June 21, 2021.

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