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SOUTH GATE/HUNTINGTON PARK CALTRANS ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANT

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

The Cities of South Gate and Huntington Park, in cooperation with seven (7) neighboring local jurisdictions are conducting an Environmental Justice (EJ) planning study. South Gate serving as the lead agency, in cooperation with the neighboring city partners and OLDA, will conduct the study for the purposes of engaging impacted communities in a broad-based dialogue to:

- Consider the potential development of a transit corridor linking the southern portion of the Orangeline Development Authority (OLDA) high-speed rail corridor with Union Station; and
- Discuss and address the associated economic, social, and environmental justice issues in the corridor.

The study will provide the basis for community development of project-related goals, objectives and the strategies to accomplish the transit corridor project, and will be designed to achieve economic vitality and address environmental issues within the corridor.

The study planning process will facilitate community involvement and participation by providing issues-based information and data to educate, inform and empower community stakeholders to discuss and develop solutions to address their critical transportation, environmental and economic development needs relevant to the establishing a transit corridor project plan. The EJ planning study is a critical step in the process to develop short-and long-range consensus-driven solutions in the project area which are reflective of community values.

PROJECT DURATION/SCHEDULE

The EJ planning study duration is 24-months and will be completed by February 2013.

WHAT WILL THE STUDY ENTAIL?

To ensure that the transit corridor plans underway will be compatible with community needs stakeholders will be engaged to provide input into the conceptual design of the project. Some of the following stakeholder involvement opportunities are envisioned to be conducted:

- Briefings and/or workshops for elected officials and opinion leaders;
- Community meetings, forums and open-house events;
- Roundtables with business leaders and employers; and
- Focused group discussions for community-based organizations and citizens advisory groups;
- Posting and regular updating of Project Fact Sheets on South Gate, Huntington Park, Gateway Council of Governments (COG) and OLDA websites

The community outreach, participation and empowerment process will be specifically designed, developed and tailored to involve the impacted communities in a culturally sensitive and appropriate manner.