

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

**Outgrant Proposal to Construct an Orange Line FlyAway Bus Bay
by Los Angeles World Airports
at
Sepulveda Flood Control Basin
Los Angeles County, California**

I have reviewed the attached Environmental Assessment (EA), which was prepared by Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), a proprietary department of the City of Los Angeles, to describe and analyze the environmental effects from the proposed Orange Line FlyAway Bus Bay proposal. LAWA is requesting approval of an outgrant from the U.S Army Corps of Engineers to construct a bus turnout lane ("Bus Bay") for a 'busway' serving to and from the Los Angeles Airport. The proposed Bus Bay would be constructed on the south side of Victory Boulevard, east of Woodley Avenue, to provide access to the 405 Freeway. The Bus Bay would provide the roadway necessary for a FlyAway bus to stop and pick up passengers, without blocking a moving lane of traffic on the major east-west arterial. Existing FlyAway buses serving the Van Nuys Airport (VNY) terminal would be used to serve this new FlyAway site. The proposal will construct safe and convenient pedestrian access for the FlyAway bus shelter for airport users. Present uses of the roadway area are governed by an outgrant from the Corps to Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks (LADRP).

The Corps would provide LAWA a License to construct, to operate, and maintain the facility. The Proposal for an Orange Line FlyAway Bus Bay consists of a supplemental agreement, to the existing lease between the Corps and City of Los Angeles LADRP to develop a 0.26-acre portion of the approximately 1,526.80-acre Sepulveda Basin site outgranted to LADRP. The new lease between LAWA and LADRP would allow the property to be used as a bus bay and would also permit construction of improvements to an approximate 840 square foot area.

The action would permit: (1) construction of a bus turnout lane ("bus bay") by widening the street by 11 feet along the south side of Victory Boulevard, starting 160 feet from the centerline of Woodley Avenue; (2) construction of sidewalks on the south side of Victory Boulevard between Woodley Avenue and the east end of the new bus and along the east side of Woodley Avenue south of the Orange Line busway; (3) realignment of the existing LADRP bike path; (4) installation of a FlyAway bus shelter per Metro's specifications; and, (5) remove one mature pine tree and provide approved mitigation for replacement (3 trees to be planted).


In accordance with state requirements, the Proposal would implement a stormwater pollution prevention plan for erosion and sedimentation control during construction. Construction practices to reduce the discharge of pollutants from the construction area to the stormwater or other systems include but are not be limited to: erosion control; spill prevention and control; solid and hazardous waste management; and dust control. These measures would prevent impacts to water quality. Best management practices would be undertaken to control runoff and erosion from earthmoving activities such as excavation and grading. All ground-disturbing activities, including excavation, demolition, and construction, will be monitored by a

qualified archaeologist as needed and, if warranted, a treatment plan will be prepared and implemented to ensure no adverse impacts occur to potential archaeological resources.

A public notice was circulated for public review during October 17 – November 17, 2014 and no adverse comments were received by the Corps. Other than construction practices which are managed by Los Angeles City and County, no further mitigation is required to reduce adverse project impacts to insignificance.

Consideration of all significant factors and all pertinent environmental legislation, in addition to comments and coordination with concerned agencies as discussed in the EA, indicate that the proposed action would not significantly affect the quality of the human environment nor would there be significant adverse environmental effects to the human environment. The Proposal is in compliance with all applicable Federal laws, Executive Orders and applicable Corps' policies. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be required, pursuant to 33 CFR 230.11.

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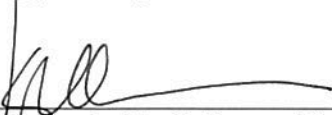
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