



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS



NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

**Date:** June 29, 2015

**To:** State Clearinghouse, Responsible and Trustee Agencies, and Interested Individuals

**From:** County of Los Angeles c/o Department of Public Works  
900 S. Fremont Ave, Alhambra, California 91803

**Subject:** Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center Campus Master Plan Project and Notice of Public Scoping Meeting Date and Location

The County of Los Angeles (County), as the lead agency, has prepared an Initial Study and will be preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed project described below. The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works (DPW), on behalf of the County, is soliciting input from responsible and trustee agencies, other agencies required to receive this notice, and the State Office of Planning and Research, and is also extending the outreach for early public consultation to other interested parties, members of the public, and organizations, on the scope and content of the information to be included and analyzed in the EIR. Agencies should comment on the elements of the environmental information that are relevant to their statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. The EIR will be the environmental document for responsible and trustee agencies when considering any discretionary approvals.

The project description, location, and potential environmental effects of the proposed project are described in this Notice of Preparation and attached Initial Study.

The County requests that any potential responsible or trustee agencies responding to this NOP reply in a manner consistent with Section 15082(b) of the CEQA Guidelines, which allows for the submittal of any comments and/or inputs in response to this notice no later than 30 days after receipt of the NOP. The County will accept written comments from these agencies and others regarding this NOP through the close of business on **Tuesday, July 29, 2015**. Please send all written comments, including e-mailed comments, to Clarice Nash at the address below. Comments should include the name of a contact person.

**Project Location:** The Harbor-UCLA Medical Center Campus ("Medical Campus") is located at 1000 West Carson Street on approximately 72 acres of land owned by the County of Los Angeles and is surrounded by the City of Torrance, City of Carson, and the Harbor-Gateway community of the City of Los Angeles, in Los Angeles County. Specifically, the Medical Campus is bounded by Carson Street, Vermont Avenue, 220<sup>th</sup> Street, and Normandie Avenue. The Medical Campus is located west of the I-110 (Harbor) Freeway and south of the I-405 (San Diego) Freeway. Refer to **Figure 1, Regional and Vicinity Map**.

**Project Description:** Los Angeles County proposes the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center Campus Master Plan Project ("Project") to consider current conditions and future needs of the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center Hospital and Clinics, the LA Biomed Research Foundation ("LA Biomed") and the Department of Health Services at the Medical Campus. The purpose of the Project is to enhance the interactive relationship between the clinical, educational, and research components of the Medical Campus and to update it concurrent with growth in the region. The County-owned Medical Campus is a 72-acre property, located in unincorporated south Los Angeles County. The Project would incorporate the expansion of current services, the upgrading of aging facilities and buildings, redesign of the Medical Campus to improve access and internal circulation, and provide a cohesive design that would enhance the experience of staff, patients, and visitors to the Medical Campus. Implementation of the Project is expected to meet short-term needs as well as long-term needs beyond 2030. The Surgery and Emergency Building Replacement Project, totaling approximately 190,000 square feet, was recently completed on the Medical Campus and has been considered in the proposed Project.

The Project includes construction of additional new facilities, including a New Hospital Tower, outpatient facilities, Bioscience Tech Park, other services, and Medical Campus support. These new facilities would increase the existing floor area of the Medical Campus from approximately 1,050,000 square feet to approximately 2,150,000 square feet of floor area. The New Hospital Tower, which would be connected to the Surgery and Emergency Room Replacement Project building, is proposed to be the primary focal point of the Medical Campus. Outpatient facilities would be consolidated to allow proximity of these services to each other and the New Hospital Tower. LA BioMed would also develop new facilities, which would represent approximately 200,000 square feet of the overall proposed Project development program and which would be consolidated into an interior sub-campus near the proposed outpatient facilities and the New Hospital Tower. Open plazas, landscaped areas, and paths and sidewalks for pedestrian circulation would form the core of the Medical Campus and join the New Hospital Tower, Bioscience Tech Park, LA BioMed, and outpatient facilities. Other than the proposed Bioscience Tech Park, the remainder of the west side of the Medical Campus would be utilized for open space, surface parking, and other short-term uses, as needed, under the proposed Project.

**Potential Environmental Effects:** The Initial Study contains a preliminary analysis of the environmental impacts of the proposed Project in accordance with the CEQA Guidelines that identify 16 areas where impacts could occur. These impacts, which will be analyzed in detail in the EIR, include: aesthetics, air quality, energy, geology/soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, utilities and service systems, transportation/traffic, utilities and service systems, and mandatory findings of significance. The topical areas for which the Initial Study determined there would be no potentially significant impacts and which are therefore proposed not to be addressed in the EIR include: agriculture and forestry resources, biological resources, cultural resources, and mineral resources.

Copies of the Notice of Preparation/Initial Study are available for electronic download at <http://dpw.lacounty.gov/landing/publicBuildings.cfm> and for public review of hard copies at the following Public Library locations:

Carson Library 151 E. Carson Street Carson, CA 90745 (310) 830-0901	Harbor Gateway City Library 1555 Sepulveda Boulevard Torrance, CA 90501 (310) 548-7791	Southeast Branch Library 23115 Arlington Avenue Torrance, CA 90501 (310) 530-5044
Harbor Gateway Library 24000 S. Western Avenue Harbor City, CA 90710 (310) 534-9520	Lomita Library 24200 Narbonne Avenue Lomita, CA 90717 (310) 539-4515	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library 17906 S. Avalon Boulevard Carson, CA 90746 (310) 327-4830
Katy Geissert Civic Center Library 3301 Torrance Boulevard Torrance, CA 90503 (310) 618-5959	Wilmington Library 1300 N. Avalon Boulevard Wilmington, CA 90744 (310) 834-1082	Harbor-UCLA Medical Center Inpatient Tower Information Desk 1000 Carson Street Torrance, CA 90509-2910 (323) 409-1000

Interested parties may submit their written comments to:

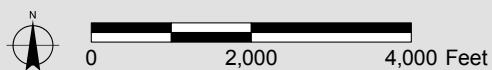
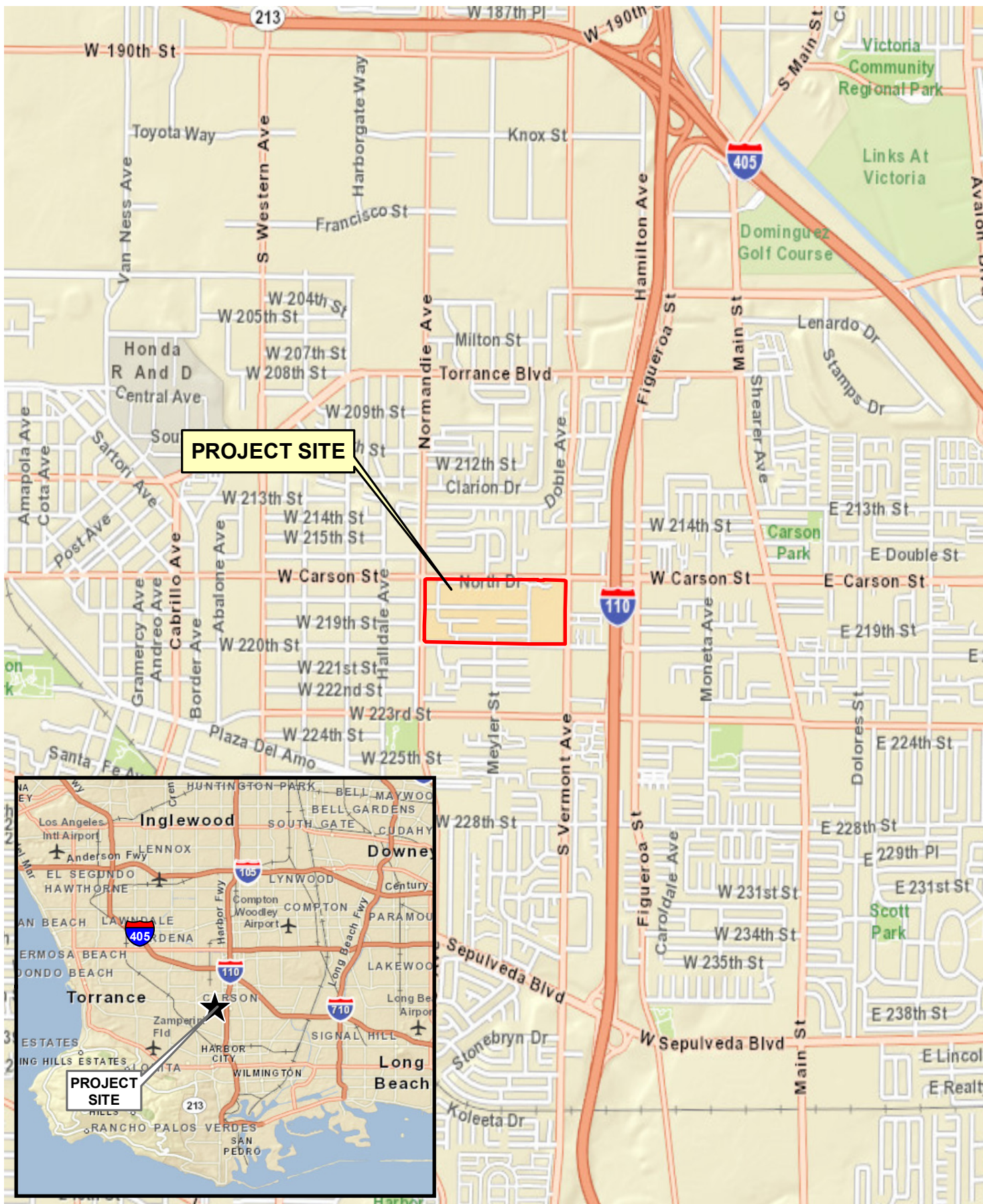
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Questions regarding this notice should be directed to Clarice Nash at (626) 300-2363 or at the e-mail shown above, Monday through Thursday, between 7:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. All parties that are interested in receiving information in the future related to the Project may submit their name and mailing address with that request to the Project Manager listed above.

**Public Scoping Meeting:** A public scoping meeting will be held on July 15, 2015, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., to

solicit input from the public, trustee and responsible agencies and other interested parties on the scope and content of the Environmental Impact Report in conformance with Section 21083.9 of the Public Resources Code on scoping meetings. You may send a written response by the deadline date of July 29, 2015, without attending the scoping meeting, which provides an additional opportunity to discuss the EIR to be prepared for the proposed Project.

Location: Harbor-UCLA Medical Center  
Parlow Library (to the north and east of the existing Hospital building)  
1000 West Carson Street  
Torrance, California 90509-2910  
Free Parking in Lots A, B, and C (Refer to **Figure 2**, *Existing Medical Campus Map*)  
(Please note that all visitors are subject to screening prior to entry)

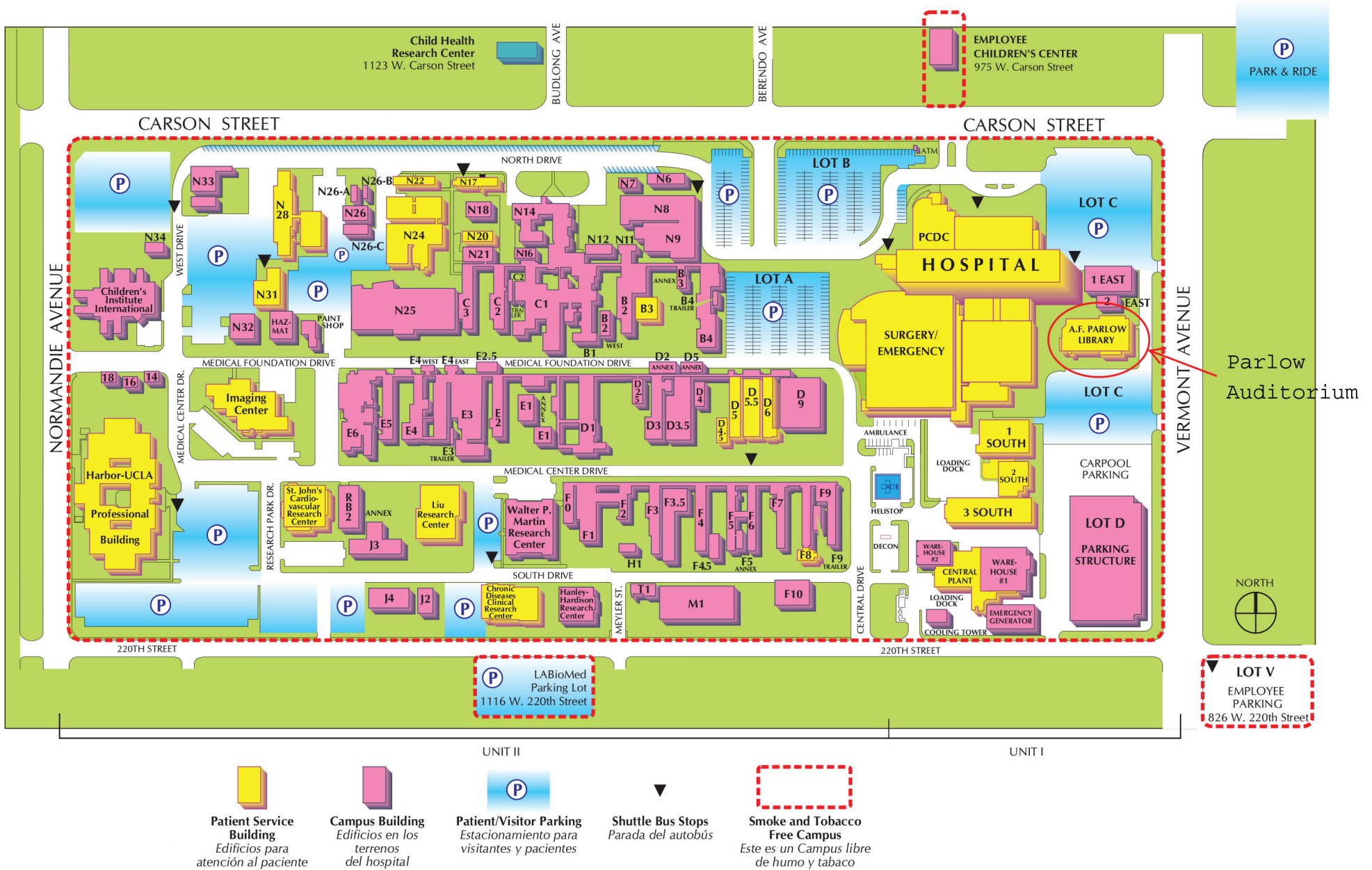


### Regional and Vicinity Map

Harbor-UCLA Medical Center Campus Master Plan Project  
 Source: ESRI Street Map, 2009; PCR Services Corporation, 2014.

FIGURE

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**Existing Medical Campus Map**  
 Harbor-UCLA Medical Center Campus Master Plan Project  
 Source: Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, 2014.

