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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF  
THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE  
ALTADENA CREST TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS**

Dear Sir or Madam,

This is a Notice of Availability of the Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Altadena Crest Trail Improvements (proposed project). The County of Los Angeles Chief Administrative Office (Lead Agency) is proposing to implement the proposed project.

The goal of the proposed project is to provide a continuous trail between Hahamongna Watershed Park on the west and Eaton Canyon Natural Area on the east to serve the diverse needs of County of Los Angeles residents and visitors. The proposed project, pursuant to the County's ten objectives, includes the development of a continuous 12.4-mile Altadena Crest Trail, trail standards, and an update to the Altadena Community Plan. The proposed project is located in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains in the northern portion of the Altadena Community, an unincorporated territory of Los Angeles County. The proposed project is bound on the north by the Angeles National Forest and on the east by the northern extent of the County of Los Angeles Eaton Canyon Natural Area and the beginning of the Mount Wilson Toll Road. The southern boundary of the proposed project is Loma Alta Drive on the west and Altadena Drive on the east. The proposed project is bound on the west by Hahamongna Watershed Park and the Angeles National Forest, at the confluence of the Arroyo Seco and Millard Canyon. The proposed project includes improvements to three existing trail segments, seven existing access segments, and six existing trailheads. The proposed project includes the addition of eleven potential trail segments, three potential access segments, and six potential trailheads. The analysis is based on the results from a team of environmental, design, and construction professionals to identify and evaluate feasible trail alignments capable of meeting the County's objectives. The proposed project site does not contain a site enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

The County of Los Angeles Chief Administrative Office has identified the following specific objectives to achieve the proposed project goals:

- Define a continuous trail alignment between Hahamongna Watershed Park and Eaton Canyon Natural Area that is at least 3 feet wide, with a maximum grade of 15 percent.
- Develop a regional trail that is consistent with the goals and policies set forth in the County General Plan and Altadena Community Plan of providing recreation facilities and programs that serve the diverse needs of County residents and visitors.
- Construct, operate, and maintain new facilities capable of offsetting the unmet demand for trails in the County.
- Provide trail access within a reasonable walking distance of Altadena Community residents.
- Site trail segments in locations suitable for conservation and interpretation of native habitats and ecosystems.
- Define trail segments that are conducive to protection and interpretation of cultural resources, particularly the Gabrieleno National Recreation Trail and the Mount Lowe Railway.
- Maintain and operate trails consistent with best management practices.
- Define a regional planning framework to provide for trail development as a component of the entitlement process.
- Design aesthetically pleasing trails that provide access to scenic vistas with views of San Gabriel Valley, San Gabriel Mountains, Arroyo Seco, and Channel Islands.
- Ensure that developments in the Altadena Community contribute a fair share for the development, operation, and maintenance of the Altadena Crest Trail.

The Notice of Preparation and Initial Study were prepared by the County of Los Angeles Chief Administrative Office as the lead agency for the proposed project. The Initial Study contains a preliminary analysis of the environmental impacts of the proposed project in accordance with the State of California Environmental Quality Act guidelines that identify 16 areas of concern. The Initial Study finds that the proposed project would have a less than significant impact or no impact on Agricultural Resources, Land Use and Planning, Mineral Resources, Population and Housing, Public Services, Recreation, and Utilities and Service Systems. However, the proposed project would have a potentially significant impact on Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Noise, and Traffic and Transportation, requiring the consideration of mitigation measures. Detailed analysis of potentially significant impacts in these nine impact areas will be undertaken in the EIR.

The Notice of Preparation and Initial Study are available for public review in the reference sections of the libraries listed below. These documents are reference materials that cannot be checked out and are for use only within the libraries.

**Altadena Main Library**

600 East Mariposa Street, Altadena, California 91001

Telephone Number: (626) 798-0833

Hours of Operation: Monday and Tuesday (10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.)  
Wednesday and Saturday (10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.)  
Sunday (1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

**Bob Lucas Memorial Library and Literacy Center**

2659 Lincoln Avenue, Altadena, California 91001

Telephone Number: (626) 798-8338

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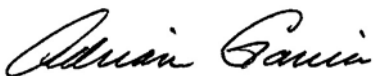
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Four scoping meetings have been scheduled for the proposed project at the following times and locations:

<b>September 6, 2006</b>	<b>September 7, 2006</b>	<b>September 13, 2006</b>	<b>September 14, 2006</b>
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Altadena Community Center	Eaton Canyon Nature Center	General Farnsworth Park	Loma Alta Park Multipurpose Room
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Questions regarding the Notice of Preparation and Initial Study may be directed to the County of Los Angeles Chief Administrative Office (Mr. Adrian Garcia) via telephone at (213) 974-4266, or via e-mail at [agarcia@cao.lacounty.gov](mailto:agarcia@cao.lacounty.gov).

Respectfully submitted,



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