**LEAD AGENCY:** Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA)

SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

PROJECT TITLE: Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Runway 6L-24R Safety Area and Associated

Improvements

**PROJECT LOCATION:** On the North Airfield of the LAX property in the City of Los Angeles.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The intent of the proposed Project is to comply with the "Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006" (Public Law [P.L.] 109-115), November 30, 2005. P.L. 109-115 requires completion of Runway Safety Area (RSA) improvements by airport sponsors that hold a certificate under Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 139, Certification and Operations: Land Airports Serving Certain Air Carriers, such as LAX, to meet Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) airport design standards by December 31, 2015. LAWA prepared an RSA Practicability Study and concluded that the existing RSA for Runway 6L-24R does not meet current airport design standards and improvements to the RSA were needed. Additionally, Runway 6L-24R, as the primary arrivals runway on the north airfield, handles a large amount of traffic. Due to heavy usage over the years, sections of the pavement have deteriorated and need reconstruction to ensure safe operations and efficient use of the runway.

As depicted on Figure 2, the proposed Project would include (1) implementing declared distances by reducing the Runway 6L accelerate-stop distance available (ASDA) and landing distance available (LDA) by 359 feet; (2) realigning portions of two service roads; (3) covering a portion of the Argo Ditch; (4) rehabilitating portions of the Runway 6L-24R pavement; (5) relocating or removing security gates and an Air Operations Area (AOA) fence; and (6) parking area closures. The proposed Project would not result in increased or decreased aviation activity at LAX compared to existing conditions, and would not increase runway length or move the runway to the north.

Potentially significant environmental effects that may result from implementation of the Runway 6L-24R Safety Area and Associated Improvements include: Air Quality, Biological Resources, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Noise, Transportation/Traffic, and Mandatory Findings of Significance.

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING: As part of the scoping process, a public scoping meeting will be held on:

Meeting Date: September 5, 2013, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Meeting Location: Fire Station 5, Los Angeles Fire Department

8900 South Emerson Avenue Los Angeles CA 90045

The NOP is available online at <a href="http://www.OurLAX.org">http://www.OurLAX.org</a> and will be posted at the Los Angeles City Clerk's office and the Los Angeles County Clerk Desk. A copy of the Initial Study prepared for the proposed Project is also available for review at <a href="http://www.OurLAX.org">http://www.OurLAX.org</a>. For more information, or to request a copy, please call LAWA at (800) 919-3766. Responses to the NOP should be sent at the earliest possible date and must be received by LAWA no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 23, 2013. Responses should be submitted on the LAX website (<a href="http://www.OurLAX.org">http://www.OurLAX.org</a>) or sent to Ms. Evelyn Quintanilla, City Planner, at the following address:

City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles World Airports 1 World Way, Room 218 Los Angeles, CA 90045 Phone: (800) 919-3766

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