

**California Environmental Quality Act  
NOTICE OF PREPARATION  
FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT  
AND  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING**

**DATE:** August 11, 2016

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research –  
State Clearinghouse,  
Responsible or Trustee Agency, and  
Interested Parties

**FROM:** City of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles World Airports  
One World Way, Room 218  
Los Angeles, CA 90045

**PROJECT NAME:** Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Terminals 2 and 3 Modernization Project

**PROJECT LOCATION/ADDRESS:** The project site (generally LAX Terminals 2 and 3) is located within the Central Terminal Area (CTA) of LAX. LAX is situated within the City of Los Angeles, an incorporated city within Los Angeles County. The project site is in the northern portion of the CTA, west of Sepulveda Boulevard and Sky Way, north of World Way, between Terminal 1 and the Tom Bradley International Terminal (TBIT), and south of the LAX north airfield complex. See attached Project Location Map (Figure 1).

**COMMUNITY PLANNING AREA:** LAX Specific Plan

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 11 – Bonin

**DUE DATE FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:** September 9, 2016

The Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), a propriety department of the City of Los Angeles, will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project identified below (proposed project). LAWA, as the Lead Agency, must prepare and distribute a Notice of Preparation (NOP) after it decides to prepare an EIR. LAWA, through the NOP, solicits participation in determining the scope of the EIR from responsible public agencies (those which may have discretionary approval authority over the proposed project or an aspect of it), trustee agencies (agencies with jurisdiction over a natural resource held in public trust that the project may affect), and from local governments, regional agencies, private individuals and organizations, which may have concerns about the proposed project.

A scoping meeting will be held during the 30-day NOP review period to receive input as to what areas the EIR should study. No decisions about the proposed project are made at the scoping meeting.

The project description, a list of agencies and city entities which may be required to take actions associated with the proposed project, and the potentially significant environmental effects of the proposed project are set forth below. A copy of the Initial Study prepared for the proposed project is available during the 30-day NOP review at LAWA's website at: <http://www.OurLAX.org> and at the locations listed below:

- LAWA, One World Way, Room 218, Los Angeles, CA 90045
- Westchester-Loyola Village Branch Library, 7114 W. Manchester Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90045
- Inglewood Public Library, 101 W. Manchester Blvd. Inglewood, CA 90301
- El Segundo Public Library, 111 W. Mariposa Ave, El Segundo, CA 90245
- Playa Vista Branch Library, 6400 Playa Vista Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90094
- Culver City Public Library, 4975 Overland Avenue, Culver City, CA 90230

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The main purpose of the proposed project is to modernize existing Terminals 2 and 3 (T2 and T3) in order to improve passenger level of service and amenities within the terminals; help meet federal security requirements (e.g., security screening), passenger and baggage processing and inspections; improve operations; improve building systems; and modernize the interior and exterior of the terminals to benefit the overall appearance of the CTA. The proposed project includes upgrading the T2 concourse, including construction of additional floor area and reconfiguring existing passenger gate positions; the demolition and reconstruction of the T3 concourse building to provide additional concourse area, including a new operation control center; the demolition of the southern appendages of the T3 satellite; the demolition and reconstruction of the passenger and baggage processing facilities (ticketing buildings – T2.5 and T3.5) associated with T2 and T3, including new facilities for passenger and baggage screening, ticketing, and baggage claim; and a secure connector (i.e., an enclosed/controlled passenger corridor) between T2 and T3. In total, approximately 830,000 square feet of new building space would be added to the two terminals, for a total square footage of approximately 1,620,000 square feet. The proposed project also includes apron improvements, specifically the resurfacing, restriping, and relocation of fuel pits. The proposed project would take approximately 76 months to construct and is estimated to begin second quarter 2017. The operation of the proposed project would provide improved passenger experience, convenience, and quality of service through renovations of aging terminal facilities. The improvements would allow for the reconfiguring of the passenger gate positions and aircraft-parking layout around T2 and T3 to match aircraft fleet requirements, which could result in there being up to five additional passenger gate positions; however, the proposed project would not increase the terminal linear frontage. Figure 2 shows the existing and proposed project site plans.

**NECESSARY APPROVALS:** The City of Los Angeles has principal responsibility for approving and carrying out the proposed project. Agencies and City entities which may be required to take actions associated with the proposed project include, but may not be limited to:

- U.S. Department of Transportation FAA,
- South Coast Air Quality Management District,
- LAWA Board of Airport Commissioners,
- Los Angeles City Council,
- City of Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety,
- City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation,
- City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs, and

- Other Federal, State, or local approvals, permits, or actions as may be determined necessary.

**ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:** Construction impacts related to Air Quality, Cultural Resources (archaeological resources, paleontological resources, tribal cultural resources, and human remains), Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Transportation/Traffic, and Mandatory Findings of Significance have been found to have potentially significant impacts and will be analyzed in an EIR prepared for the proposed project. In addition, the proposed project could result in the need for a Water Supply Assessment (WSA). If required, the EIR will include the results of a WSA prepared in accordance with State Water Code Sections 10910-10915. All other environmental impacts (operational Air Quality and odors, Aesthetics, Agriculture and Forestry Resources, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources (historic resources), Geology and Soils, operational Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Mineral Resources, Noise, Population and Housing, Public Services, Recreation, operational Transportation/Traffic, and Utilities and Service Systems) have been found to be no impact or less than significant through the analysis in the Initial Study and are not proposed for further analysis in the EIR.

**PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING DATE AND LOCATION:** A public scoping meeting in an open house format will be held to receive public comment regarding the scope and content of the environmental information to be included in the Draft EIR. LAWA encourages all interested individuals and organizations to attend this meeting. The location, date, and time of the public scoping meeting for this project are as follows (and shown on Figure 3):

Date: Wednesday, August 24, 2016

Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
Arrive any time to speak one-on-one with City staff and project consultants.

Location: Los Angeles Fire Station #5  
8900 S. Emerson Avenue,  
Los Angeles, CA 90045

**NEXT STEPS:** As noted above, LAWA is requesting input during the NOP 30-day public review period from interested government and quasi-government agencies, other organizations and private citizens, regarding the scope and content of environmental information to be included in the EIR. In the future, public agencies receiving this notice may need to use the EIR prepared by LAWA when considering their permits or other approvals for the proposed project.

Any public agencies that respond to this Notice are requested, at a minimum, to:

1. Describe significant environmental issues, reasonable alternatives and mitigation measures which they would like to have addressed in the EIR.
2. State whether they are a responsible or trustee agency for the project, explain why and note the specific project elements that are subject to their regulatory authority.
3. Provide the name, address and phone number of the person who will serve as their point of contact throughout the environmental review process for this project.

LAWA welcomes all comments regarding potential environmental impacts of the project and the issues to be addressed in the EIR. All comments will be considered in the preparation of the EIR. **Written comments must be submitted to the contact and office noted below by September 9, 2016 no later than 5:00 p.m.** Written comments will also be accepted at the public scoping meeting described above. On receipt of comments on the NOP, LAWA will consider those comments and prepare the Draft EIR. The Draft EIR will analyze the potential adverse impacts that are anticipated to result from the proposed project, identify potential mitigation measures where reasonable and feasible, and analyze reasonable and feasible alternatives to the proposed project that could reduce or avoid identified significant impacts while still feasibly achieving most of the basic project objectives.

Please direct your comments to:

Angelica Espiritu  
Los Angeles World Airports  
One World Way, P.O. Box 92216  
Los Angeles, CA 90009-2216  
(800) 919-3766

Comments can also be submitted on the LAWA's website at <http://www.OurLAX.org>.

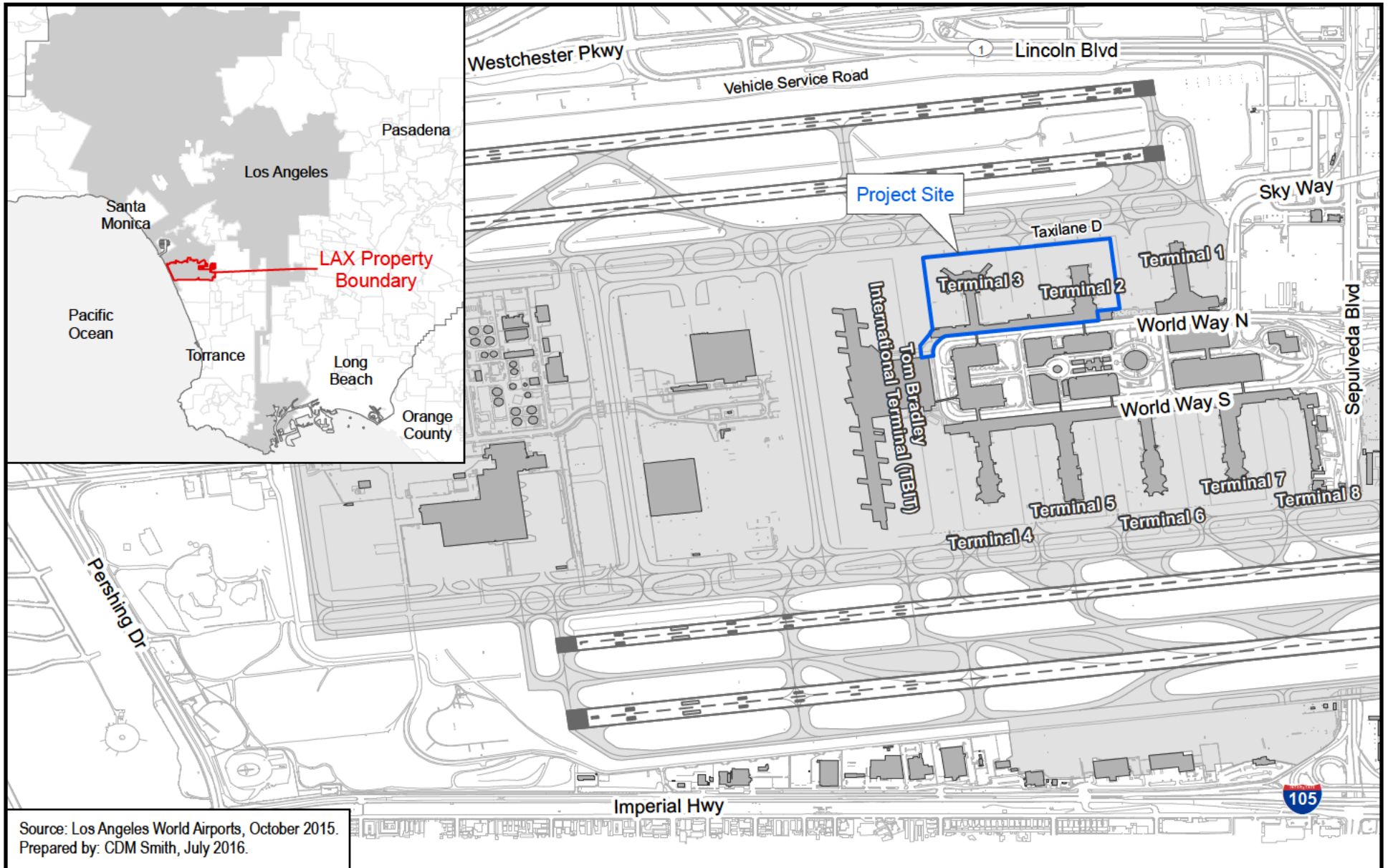
Signature:

  
Lisa Trifiletti

Title: Deputy Executive Director, Environmental Programs Group  
Date: August 11, 2016

Enclosures:

- Figure 1: Project Location Map
- Figure 2: Existing and Proposed Site Plans
- Figure 3: Map of Scoping Meeting Location

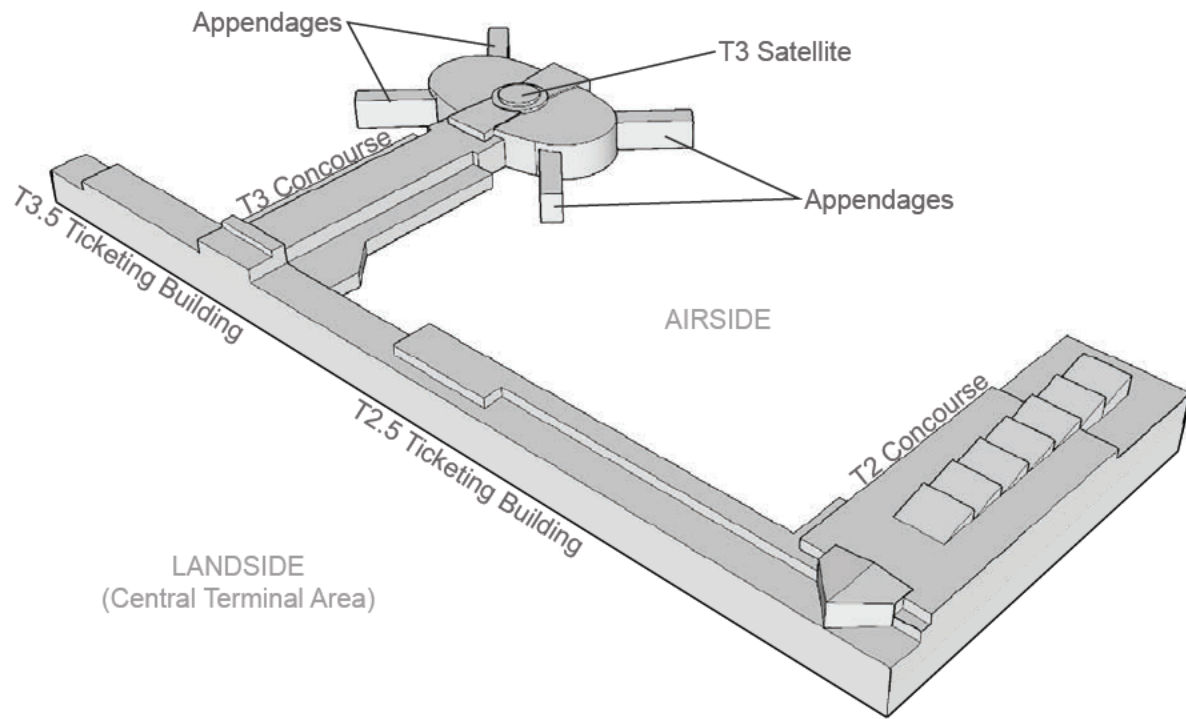


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**Project Location Map**

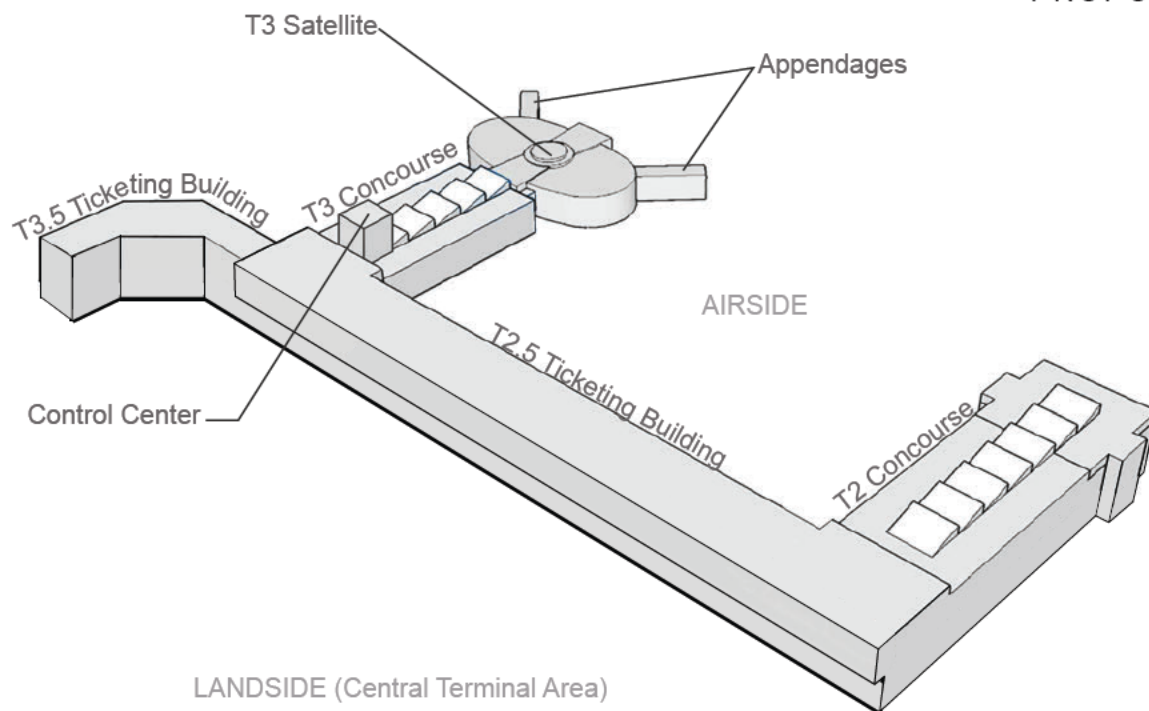
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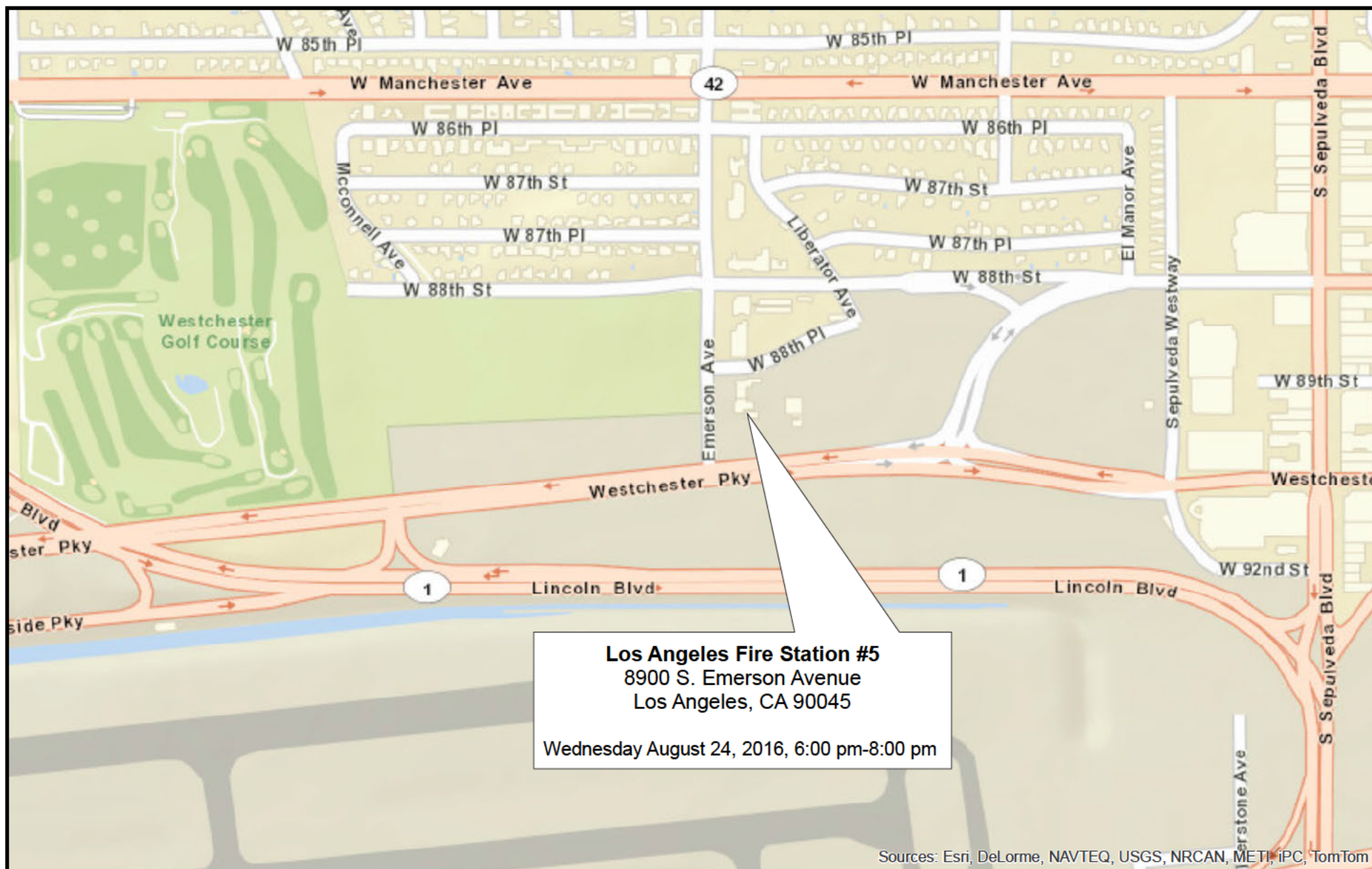
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