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C LINE (GREEN) EXTENSION TO TORRANCE





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May 15, 2020

Marc Beherec AECOM

Via Email to: marc.beherec@aecom.com

#### Re: Green Line Extension Project, Los Angeles County

Dear Mr. Beherec:

A record search of the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) Sacred Lands File (SLF) was completed for the information you have submitted for the above referenced project. The results were <u>negative</u>. However, the absence of specific site information in the SLF does not indicate the absence of cultural resources in any project area. Other sources of cultural resources should also be contacted for information regarding known and recorded sites.

Attached is a list of Native American tribes who may also have knowledge of cultural resources in the project area. This list should provide a starting place in locating areas of potential adverse impact within the proposed project area. I suggest you contact all of those indicated; if they cannot supply information, they might recommend others with specific knowledge. By contacting all those listed, your organization will be better able to respond to claims of failure to consult with the appropriate tribe. If a response has not been received within two weeks of notification, the Commission requests that you follow-up with a telephone call or email to ensure that the project information has been received.

If you receive notification of change of addresses and phone numbers from tribes, please notify me. With your assistance, we can assure that our lists contain current information.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at my email address: steven.quinn@nahc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Steven Quinn Cultural Resources Analyst

Attachment

#### Native American Heritage Commission Native American Contact List Los Angeles County 5/15/2020

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This list is only applicable for contacting local Native Americans with regard to cultural resources assessment for the proposed Green Line Extension Project, Los Angeles County.



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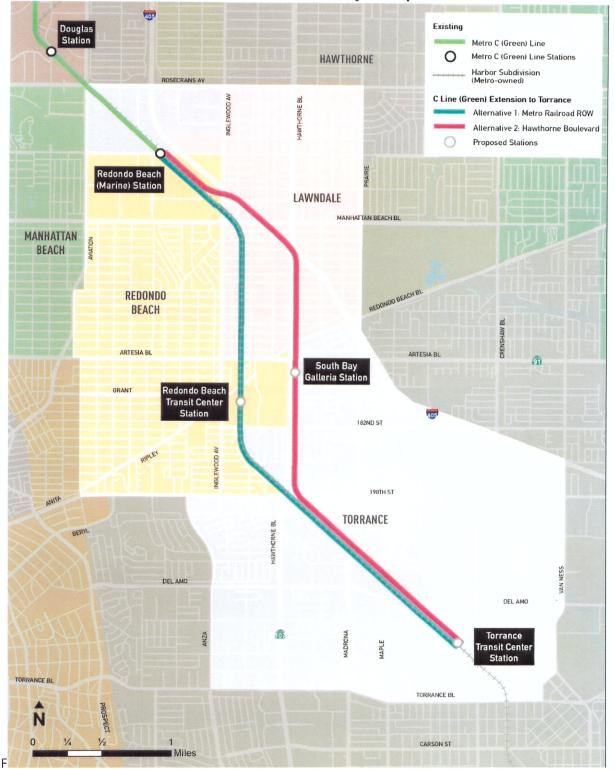
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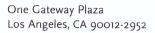
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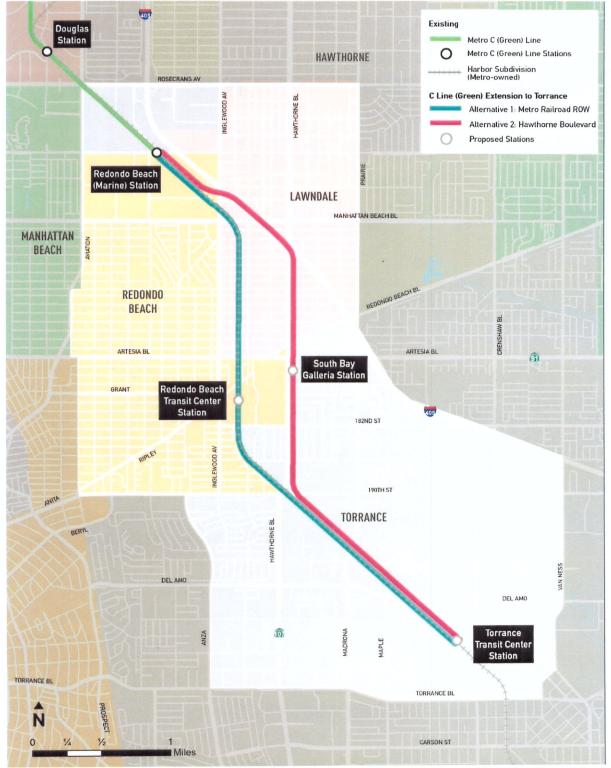
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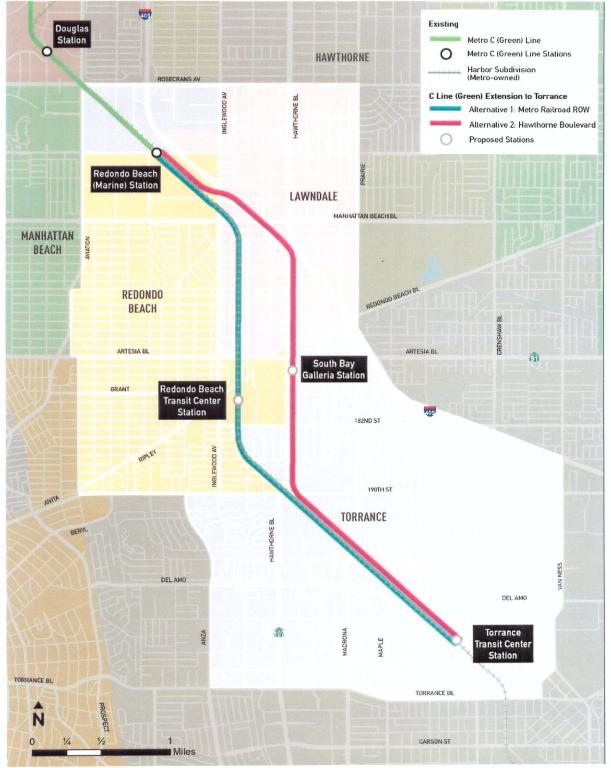
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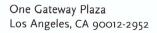


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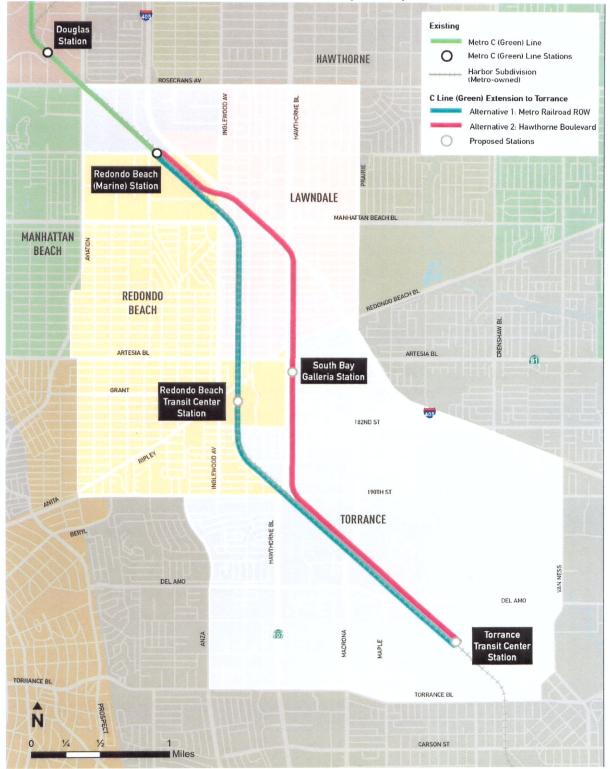
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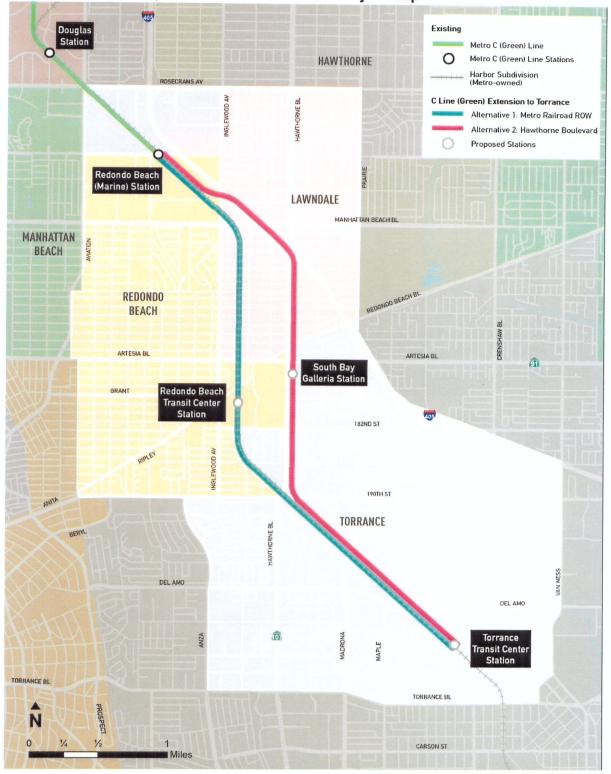
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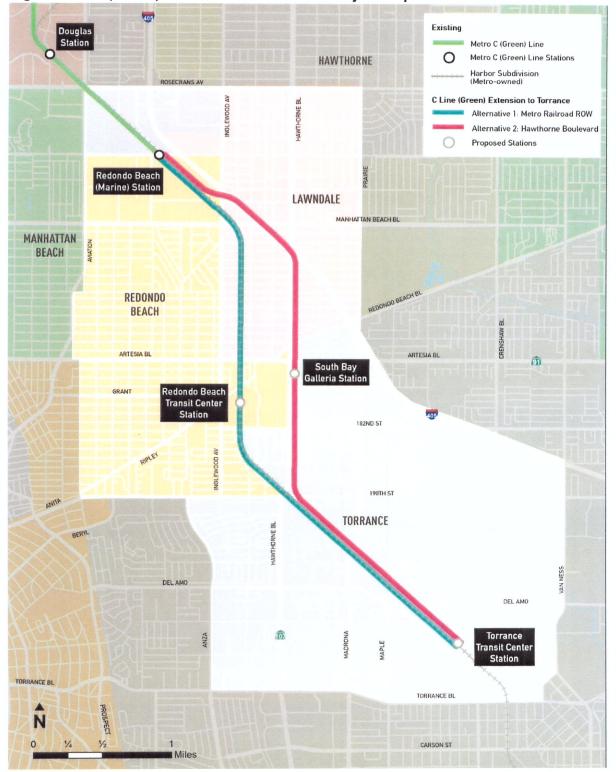
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Figure: 1. C Line (Green) Extension to Torrance – Project Map



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February 2, 2021

Scott Cozart, Chairperson Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians P.O. Box 487 San Jacinto, CA 92581 Sent via email: jontiveros@soboba-nsn.gov.

Re: AB 52 Consultation Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1, subds. (b), (d) and (e) for Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's C Line (Green) Extension to Torrance Project, Los Angeles County, CA.

Dear Chairperson Cozart,

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) has decided to undertake the following project: the C Line (Green) Extension to Torrance Project (Project). Below please find a description of the proposed project, maps showing the location (Figure 1), and the contact information for Ms. Dolores Roybal Saltarelli, Metro Project Manager, pursuant to §21080.3.1(d).

# PROPOSED PROJECT

Metro has initiated a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the C Line (Green) Extension to Torrance Project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Metro is the lead agency for the Project, a proposed light rail transit (LRT) line that would extend approximately 4.5 miles from the end of the existing Metro C Line (Green) in Redondo Beach southeast to Torrance. The proposed LRT line would include two new stations and connect the Metro system farther into the South Bay, serving the Cities of Redondo Beach, Lawndale, and Torrance (Figure 1). The Project area is primarily urbanized, with a wide range of existing and planned land uses.

The Project history spans over a decade. Metro completed an Alternatives Analysis (AA) Study in 2009, which studied transit alternatives along the Metro-owned Harbor Subdivision right-ofway (ROW), a freight line, between downtown Los Angeles, Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), and the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. The AA Study identified the C Line (Green) Extension from Redondo Beach to Torrance, utilizing the Metro ROW in the Harbor Subdivision Corridor, as the preferred route alternative. LRT was identified as the preferred mode. A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/EIR was initiated to study No Build, Transportation Systems Management, and LRT Alternatives along the ROW. However, after the failure of Measure J (a sales tax measure) in 2012, the Draft EIS/EIR was stopped and the Project paused due to lack of funding.

Following the passing of Measure M (a sales tax measure to fund transportation improvements) in 2016, Metro reinitiated the Project with preparation of a Supplemental Alternatives Analysis (SAA) Study. The 2018 SAA Study focused on soliciting feedback from corridor cities and

stakeholders to refine and update alternatives previously identified in the 2009 AA Study. The 2018 SAA Study evaluated four LRT alternatives, and on September 27, 2018, Metro's Board approved carrying forward two LRT alternatives for environmental analysis. The following two alternatives and a No Project Alternative are being studied as part of the Draft EIR:

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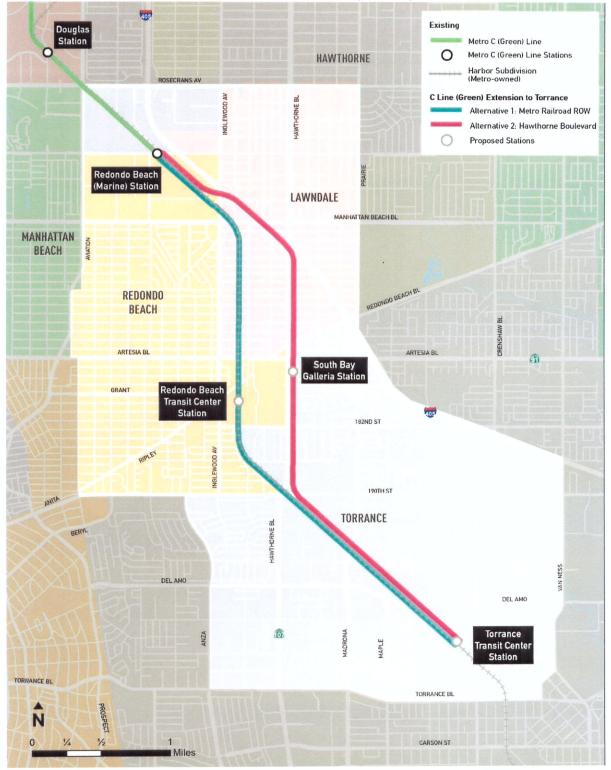
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# Figure C Line (Green) Extension to Torrance - Project Map



Good afternoon Mr. Morales -

We wanted to follow up on the request for a consultation and work with you to schedule a meeting when convenient. Please let us know some dates that would work. Thank you for your interest in the project and look forward to meeting you.

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Georgia Sheridan, AICP

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Sent: Monday, July 12, 2021 5:06 PM

To: Adrian Morales <moralesadrian66@yahoo.com>

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Good Afternoon Mr. Morales,

I just wanted to follow up on the email below and see if we can schedule a consultation. Please send us options of dates/times to meet to discuss the project at your convenience. If you have any questions, please let us know as well.

Much Appreciated, Dolores

From: Roybal, Dolores

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 25, 2021 4:23 PM

To: Adrian Morales <<u>moralesadrian66@yahoo.com</u>>

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Subject: RE: Metro C Line (Green) Ext to Torrance- Project Notification

Good Afternoon Mr. Morales,

Thank you very much for requesting to participate in the consultation process for the Metro C Line (Green) Extension to Torrance project. Currently, cultural resource identification efforts for the project consists of archival research and an initial field survey. Our initial research efforts have identified the following:

Archival research included a search of the Sacred Lands File (SLF) by the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC). The SLF search was negative.

Archival research also included a records search at the South Central Coastal Information Center (SCCIC) of the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS). The records search resulted in the identification of one prehistoric resource within the APE.

P-19-000100 (CA-LAN-100) is a prehistoric archaeological resource that was recorded as one of a series of small prehistoric campsites in Torrance by F.H. Racer in 1939. Racer states, "The only artifacts I know of being found there was a large metate and a mano stone," i.e., prehistoric stone tools. Racer also notes these artifacts "may have been extraneous," although he does not explain what he means by extraneous. The precise location where these artifacts was found is not recorded, but the site is documented near the intersection of 190th Street and Hawthorne Boulevard. The site appears on the SCCIC's maps as a 500-foot-diameter circle with its midpoint within the intersection and overlapping the APE in its northeastern quadrant. The site was not evaluated for significance.

The field survey failed to identify any archaeological resources. However, the majority of the surveyed area was found to be paved over or otherwise developed, with very little visibility of the original ground surface.

We would like to learn more and are looking forward to our consultation process with you. Please send dates/times that are convenient for you and I can send a meeting notice via email once we confirm.

Many Thanks, Dolores

# Dolores Roybal Saltarelli, AICP

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Sent: Friday, March 5, 2021 9:54 AM
To: Sheridan, Georgia <<u>SheridanG@metro.net</u>>
Cc: Roybal, Dolores <<u>ROYBALD@metro.net</u>>; Gttribalcouncil <<u>gttribalcouncil@aol.com</u>>
Subject: Metro C Line (Green) Ext to Torrance- Project Notification

Thank you for the notification regarding the Metro C Line project .The Gabrieleno Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians under the leadership of chairman/chief Anthony Morales would like to participate in the consultation process. I will be the lead contact for the tribe and will provide a follow up consultation correspondence letter with formal recommendations that will address adverse effects to any Tribal Cultural Resources and properties.

Sincerely

Adrian Morales Tribal Consultations, Cultural Resource Management Gabrieleno Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians

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