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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO HOST WORKSHOP ON PROPOSED SOUTH LOS ANGELES WETLANDS PARK

LOS ANGELES (September 7, 2007)— The City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Bureau of Engineering (BOE), along with Los Angeles City Councilmember Jan Perry, District 9, will hold a workshop and hearing regarding the proposed South Los Angeles Wetlands Park.

On Wednesday, September 12, the workshop will take place from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m., and the hearing will go from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., both at the South Park Gymnasium, 345 East 51st Street, Los Angeles, 90011.

BOE is proposing to construct a nine-acre wetlands park in the Southeast Los Angeles community. In addition to the wetlands, the proposed park includes the adaptive reuse of one of the potentially historic buildings on the site for operation of a multi-purpose facility that can be used as a community, education and events center, as well as house a future transportation museum and offices. The project also consists of two sign structures at the Metro yard at 15th and San Pedro.

BOE prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) that evaluates the potential environmental effects of the proposed project. The Draft EIR is available for public review for a 45-day period from August 16, 2007 through October 1, 2007.

The five-commissioner Board of Public Works manages the Department of Public Works, the City's third largest municipal division. The department oversees the construction, renovation, and operation of public projects such as municipal buildings, streets, bridges, street lights, water treatment plants, sewers and sidewalks, and provides essential public services like recycling and solid waste management.

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