

**ORANGE COUNTY MAINTENANCE FACILITY PROJECT
PRIOR PUBLIC OUTREACH ACTIVITIES**

A public notice of intent to adopt the draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Orange County Maintenance Facility project (Project) was circulated for public review from February 28, 2022 through March 29, 2022, to allow the public, affected and interested parties, and agencies an opportunity to provide input on the IS/MND. The Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA) process for public outreach during preliminary design and environmental review included the following efforts:

- A virtual public meeting was held on October 5, 2021, via Zoom, to inform the public about the Project. The public was notified of the meeting via a postcard distributed to all properties within 500-feet of the project area. This 500-foot area included two residences within the Travata community, a community for residents 55 years old and older, which is the closest residential community to the Project. It was decided that while only two residents were within the 500-foot notification area, the whole Travata community would be included in the notification. Five members of the public attended. A recording of this meeting was made available on the Project website and sent to the Travata property manager for distribution to residents.
- On Thursday, November 4, 2021, a member of the OCTA outreach team went to the Travata community to provide information on the Project to those who may have missed the virtual meeting. The invitation was coordinated through the Travata property manager, as this is a gated private community, who sent the invitation in an email to residents. There were approximately 15 people in attendance.
- On Wednesday, January 12, 2022, the OCTA outreach team and a member of the technical team went back to the Travata community to answer questions and provide details about the environmental process. The invitation was again coordinated through the property manager. There were approximately 25 people in attendance.
- On Monday, March 14, 2022, the OCTA outreach team and members of the technical team went back to Travata to go into further details about the information in the draft IS/MND and answer any questions, and to reiterate the comment process. Comment cards were handed out at the meeting if people wanted to submit an official comment the same day. City of Irvine (City) staff were also present at the meeting. The invitation was also coordinated through the property manager. There were approximately 60 people in attendance.
- The draft IS/MND and notices were posted on the OCTA web page, sent to the Travata property manager for distribution to residents via emails, and officially noticed in the Orange County Register newspaper.
- A special email address link was implemented on the web page to facilitate interested parties to comment on the draft IS/MND.

- The IS/MND was sent to the State Clearinghouse and 16 public agencies during the public review period, including the City, and was available for review at OCTA's administrative office. A hard copy was delivered to the Travata Community for review in their club house.

During the IS/MND 30-day public review period, OCTA received approximately 85 written comments, mostly from the Travata Community, as well as a petition signed by 288 people against the Project.

Community Concerns

The public comments were primarily focused on concerns of noise, pollution, traffic, and lighting. All these concerns have been studied and found to be less than significant. The following is a summary from the IS/MND of these issues:

Section 3.3 of the IS/MND states impacts related to air quality would be less than significant with mitigation measures incorporated, and the criteria air pollutant emissions associated with the proposed Project would not expose sensitive receptors to substantial criteria pollutant concentrations.

As detailed in Table 3.3-15, Summary of Excess Cancer Risks, of the IS/MND, and shown in Figure 10.2-2 (Contour Map of 30-Year Residential Cancer Risk) of Appendix B of the IS/MND, the maximum excess cancer risk for an individual is less than the South Coast Air Quality Management District threshold of ten in a million. Therefore, the Project would not expose the surrounding residents to significant air quality impacts.

Section 3.13 of the IS/MND states impacts related to noise would be less than significant with mitigation measures, and the generation of a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the Project above the standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies would be less than significant. Additionally, total project sound levels would not meet or exceed the Federal Transit Administration thresholds for both on-site operational noise sources associated with the rail shops and yard, as well as automobile and truck traffic moving in and out of the project site.

Section 3.17 of the IS/MND states impacts related to vehicle miles traveled would be less than significant. The estimated daily trip volumes would not exceed local or regional thresholds and meet the requirements of the Congestion Management Program Highway System.

Section 3.1 of the IS/MND states sensitive receptors (the Great Park and residences) would be too far from the project site to experience spillover lighting from security lighting. Additionally, the nighttime lighting fixtures would be installed to direct the majority of the light to the project site, and away from sensitive areas to the maximum extent feasible. Therefore, the impacts would be less than significant. This section also states views from the residences located to the northwest of the project site would be blocked by existing mature trees on their properties, as well as the concrete wall that surrounds the residential complex. The view would also be blocked by fencing that would surround the project site during construction and a six-foot concrete wall with landscaping during operations. The Project would not substantially alter the visual character for residential viewers primarily due to the distance of the project buildings from the residential viewers, and because the residences are surrounded by an existing tall concrete wall and large trees within their property. Additionally, no aesthetically significant view or landmark would be altered or blocked. Therefore, the impacts would be less than significant.