

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE and RESOLUTION relative to updating the Coastal Transportation Corridor (CTC) and West Los Angeles Transportation Improvement and Mitigation (WLA TIMP) Specific Plans.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION establishing Transportation Impact Assessment Fee amounts to be collected pursuant to the CTC and WLA TIMP Specific Plans, fee credit amounts and credit calculation methods, a list of transportation improvement projects to be partially funded by those fees and the process by which the lists may be updated, and guidelines for administering the CTC and WLA TIMP Specific Plans Trust Funds.
2. REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present the following ordinances:
 - a. Amending Section 12.04 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to amend the CTC Specific Plan, an area generally bounded by the City of Santa Monica on the north, Imperial Highway on the south, the San Diego Freeway (I-405) on the east, and the Pacific Ocean on the west, as described in the draft ordinance attached to the City Planning Department report dated June 4, 2018.
 - b. Amending LAMC Section 12.04 to amend the WLA TIMP Specific Plan, an area generally bounded by: the City of Beverly Hills, Beverwil Drive, Castle Heights Avenue, National Boulevard, Hughes Avenue on the east; Sunset Boulevard on the north; the City of Santa Monica and Centinela Avenue on the west; and Venice Boulevard on the south, as described in the draft ordinance attached to the City Planning Department report dated June 4, 2018.
 - c. Adding Article 13.5 to Chapter 5 of Division 5 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code revising the CTC and WLA TIMP Trust Funds.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the City Planning Department. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes.

No Position: Mar Vista Neighborhood Council

(Planning and Land Use Management Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

SUMMARY

In a report to the City Planning Commission, the City Planning Department recommends various updates of the CTC and WLA TIMP Specific Plans. The CTC and WLA TIMP Specific Plans help mitigate the cumulative impacts of development by requiring new development to contribute a fair share towards completing needed regional transportation improvements, in addition to

completing required project specific mitigations. The Specific Plans assess one-time fees on qualifying new development and identify a comprehensive set of transportation improvements that are funded in part by the fee revenue.

According to the Planning Department, many of the transportation projects envisioned to be funded through the currently effective Specific Plans' respective fee programs are either already completed or deemed infeasible due to physical roadway constraints. Additionally, in the decades since the adoption of the CTC and WLA TIMP Specific Plans, new state legislation related to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and planning for multimodal transportation networks has reshaped the City's approach to transportation planning. In 2015, the City adopted Mobility Plan 2035, which lays the policy foundation for safe, accessible, and enjoyable streets for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and vehicles throughout the City of Los Angeles. The proposed amendments to the Specific Plans would serve as an implementation tool for Mobility Plan 2035 on the Westside.

The City Planning Department recommends revisions of the fee program, including revisions to the fee schedule, exemptions, and credits; as well as the lists of transportation improvements to be funded, in part, by the fees. Notable components of the proposed fee program include establishing a uniform fee across both Plan areas; removing fee exemptions for residential uses and local serving uses; and providing an affordable housing exemption and credit. The proposed commercial fees range from \$2.20 to \$25 per square foot and the proposed residential fees range from \$2,804 to \$8,847 per dwelling unit. The proposed update takes into consideration an analysis of cumulative impact fees. Consistent with the Mobility Plan 2035, the proposed lists of transportation improvements aim to improve connectivity, access, and safety on the Westside by providing convenient transportation options for everyone, including transit riders, bicyclists, pedestrians, and drivers.

At its meeting held March 8, 2018, the City Planning Commission approved the City Planning Department's recommendations, including three draft ordinances.

At the Transportation Committee meeting held June 13, 2018, the Committee Chair recommended that Council approve the recommendations above relative to updating the CTS and WLA TIMP Specific Plans.

Respectfully Submitted,



COUNCILMEMBER MIKE BONIN, CHAIR
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE

BONIN: YES
MARTINEZ: ABSENT
KORETZ: ABSENT

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