

**TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

Your

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

reports as follows:

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to vacating the Police Facilities Motor Transport Vacation District (VAC E1401087).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) (BE 007-06; SCH No. 2005021055) has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (CEQA) and the City of Los Angeles Environmental Guidelines; that City Council has reviewed the information contained therein and considered it along with other factors related to this project that determination reflects the independent judgment of the City of Los Angeles as the lead agency and that this determination reflects the record of proceedings in this matter which are located in Council File No. 03-0063-S5 of the offices of the City Clerk and in the custody of the Environmental Management Group of the Bureau of Engineering; that no new information exists to show that the project or circumstances of the project have been changed to require additional environmental review, as described in State CEQA Guidelines 15162, and therefore the existing environmental documents adequately describe the potential impacts for vacating the Police Facilities Motor Transport Vacation District.
2. INSTITUTE street vacation proceedings pursuant to the Public Streets, Highways and Service Easements Vacation Law for the vacation of the public right-of-way indicated below and shown colored blue on Exhibit A of the July 8, 2008 City Engineer report and attached to the Council file:

Werdin Place from approximately 173 feet northeasterly of 3rd Street to its northeasterly terminus
3. ADOPT the FINDINGS of the City Engineer dated July 8, 2008, as the Findings of the Council.
5. ADOPT the accompanying City Engineer report dated July 8, 2008 to approve the vacation.
6. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to set a public hearing date for **October 21, 2008**.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that to date, an estimated \$7,080.16 in charges have been expended in the investigation and processing of this vacation proceeding. Since Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) Section 7.46 exempts all governmental agencies from the payment of fees, the processing of this vacation proceeding will be absorbed by the Bureau of Engineering (BOES). Maintenance of the public easement by City Forces will be eliminated.

SUMMARY

The City Engineer reports that the area sought to be vacated is:

Werdin Place from approximately 173 feet northeasterly of 3rd Street to its northeasterly terminus

(a map of the area is included as Exhibit A in the July 8, 2008 City Engineer report and is attached to the Council file). The purpose of this vacation request is to provide a parking garage for the Los Angeles Police Department's Motor Transport Division as part of the Police Headquarters Facility Plan Project. This vacation procedure is being processed under procedures established by Council on March 5, 2002 as detailed in Council file No. 01-1459.

Furthermore, according to the City Engineer, the vacation of the public street areas as shown on the map designated as Exhibit B could be conditionally approved based upon the following: 1) it is unnecessary for present or prospective public use; 2) it is not needed for vehicular circulation or access; and 3) it is not needed for nonmotorized transportation purposes.

On September 17, 2008, the Public Works Committee considered the recommendations of the City Engineer as contained in its July 8, 2008 report. After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations as contained in said City Engineer report and detailed above in Recommendation Nos. 1-6. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ROSENDAHL:	YES
ALARCON:	ABSENT
SMITH:	YES

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