

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION, TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT, ORDINANCES FIRST CONSIDERATION and RESOLUTION relative to updating transportation mitigation fee programs for the Coastal Transportation Corridor Specific Plan (CTCSP), and the West Los Angeles Transportation Improvement and Mitigation Specific Plan (WLA TIMP).

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. ADOPT the City Planning Commission Report, dated June 4, 2018, and its Findings, for a statutory exemption under Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8).
2. FIND, based on the independent judgment of the decision-maker, after consideration of the whole of the administrative record, the project was assessed in the previously certified CTCSP and WLA TIMP Specific Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR) No. ENV-2014-1458-EIR-SE-CE (SCH No. 2014051070), certified on March 8, 2018, and pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15162 and 15164, no subsequent EIR, negative declaration, or addendum is required for approval of the project.
3. DETERMINE, based on the whole of the administrative record, the project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code, Section 21080(b)(8) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, 15304 and 15308, and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies.
4. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE dated April 5, 2019 amending Section 12.04 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to amend the CTCSP, an area generally bound by the City of Santa Monica on the north, Imperial Highway on the south, the San Diego Freeway (1-405) 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.
5. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE dated April 5, 2019 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.
6. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE dated April 4, 2019 amending Articles 13.5 and 13.6 to Chapter 5 of Division 5 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) revising the CTCSP and WLA TIMP Trust Funds.
7. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE dated April 4, 2019 adding Section 19.19 to Chapter I to the LAMC to implement the transportation fee programs authorized by the CTCSP and WLA TIMP, including establishing the Transportation Impact Assessment (TIA) fee, the calculation methods for TIA fee credits, and the TIA fee exemptions; and adopting the categories of the eligible transportation improvement

projects, and the process to adopt and amend transportation improvement project lists; said Ordinance to be effective 60 days from the date of adoption.

8. ADOPT findings pursuant to the Mitigation Fee Act, Government Code 66000, et seq., for the TIA fee, fee program, and guidelines pursuant to the CTCSP and the WLA TIMP.
9. ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION establishing the list of transportation improvements to be partially funded by the aforementioned TIA fee.
10. RESCIND the Resolution adopted by Council on June 19, 2018.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

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

SUMMARY

Accompanying a report to Council dated April 3, 2019, the City Attorney presents four ordinances updating the CTCSP and WLA TIMP and implementing related fees. According to the City Attorney, two Ordinances amend LAMC Section 12.04 to update the CTCSP and the WLA TIMP. A third ordinance adds Section 19.19 to the LAMC to establish a TIA Fee, fee exemptions, methodologies to calculate fee credits, and the process to adopt and amend the list of improvements eligible for use of the TIA Fee monies. The fourth Ordinance amends Articles 13.5 and 13.6 to Chapter 5 of Division 5 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) to update the trust funds for the CTCSP and WLA TIMP fee programs.

The City Attorney reports that the CTCSP and the WLA TIMP establish two transportation impact fee programs to help mitigate the cumulative impacts of development on regional transportation within their boundaries. The purpose of the updates to the Specific Plans is to make the fee program in the CTCSP and the fee program in the WLA TIMP uniform, and to update the TIA Fee, the fee exemptions and credits, and list of TIA Fee program improvements. The updates to the Specific Plans and the fee programs resulted from the Westside Mobility Plan, a multi-year comprehensive study and planning effort by the Departments of City Planning and Transportation to look at transportation issues in West Los Angeles.

On March 8, 2018, the City Planning Commission approved the Planning Department's recommendation to update the CTCSP and the WLA TIMP, and adopt a fee resolution to update the TIA fee, as well as update the list of transportation improvements as amended by the Commission to include a phased implementation schedule for residential TIA fees. On June 19, 2018, Council approved the recommendations of the Transportation Committee to adopt the fee Resolution and to request the City Attorney to prepare and present the effectuating ordinances.

The City Attorney goes on to discuss the related findings for the fees and required environmental consideration.

On April 5, 2019, the Department of City Planning transmitted the accompanying Resolution establishing the list of transportation improvements to be partially funded by the TIA Fee.

At its meeting held April 10, 2019, the Transportation Committee discussed this matter with representatives of the Department of City Planning and the City Attorney. At that time, Committee recommended that Council approve the above recommendations relative to updating the CTCSP and WLA TIMP and establishing related fees and fee provisions.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE

BONIN: YES

MARTINEZ: YES

KORETZ: ABSENT

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