



FOR THE

ALLEY VACATION - HARLEM PLACE, BETWEEN 4TH STREET AND 5TH STREET



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## Mitigation Monitoring Program -

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires public agencies to adopt a reporting or monitoring program for the changes to the project that have been adopted to mitigate or avoid significant effects on the environment (Public Resources Code Section 21081.6). The program must be adopted by the public agency at the time findings are made regarding the project. The State CEQA Guidelines allow public agencies to choose whether its program will monitor mitigation, report on mitigation, or both (14 CCR Section 15097(c)). This mitigation monitoring program contains the elements required by CEQA for the Alley Vacation - Harlem Place, between 4th Street and 5th Street Project.

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#### A. Project Location

The Project is located at Harlem Place, an alley that connects 4th and 5th Streets, between Spring and Main Streets, in the Central City Community Plan Area of the City of Los Angeles. The project site is shown on Page 634, Grid F4 of the Thomas Brother's Maps. Figure 1 shows the location of the proposed project.

#### B. Project Purpose

The alley vacation is intended to increase pedestrian connectivity within long Downtown blocks, and activate the alley with outdoor dining.

#### C. Project Description

The Project consists of the complete vacation of the public right-of-way at Harlem Place alley between 4th and 5th Streets. The objective is to have the alley be used to support outdoor dining and provide additional pedestrian access to retail uses and the adjacent Spring Street Park. Construction activities include: installation of permeable paving area within the vacated alley; installation of decorative paving; addition of moveable planters; wall mounted light emitting diode (LED) lights; mural walls; overhead marquee string lighting; operable gates at 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Streets and into the Spring Street Park; installation of a driveway to provide access via an existing easement from Spring Street to the parking structure on Main Street; and repair and maintenance to existing improvements within the public right-of-way in the area around the vacated alley. Existing utilities within the vacated alley will not be relocated or removed, and easements will be offered to the utility purveyor (i.e., Time Warner cable, Southern California gas, storm drain, etc.).

Table 1 - DESIGN PHASE					
Impact	Mitigation Measure	Implementation Responsibility	Implementation Vehicle	Enforcement Responsibility	Record of Implementation
<b>CULTURAL RESOURCES</b>					
Disturbance of existing cultural resources. These recommendations would allow the proposed alterations to meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards, which mean the alterations would have a less-than-significant impact on the resource for the purposes of CEQA.	<b>CUL – 1 Historic Buildings and Contributing Factors</b> - If any changes to the adjacent historic buildings or contributing features to the historic designation (i.e., light posts, curbs/gutter/sidewalk, etc.) are contemplated, the project developer shall retain a qualified professional historic architect or architectural historian to participate in design collaboration with the project team through preparation of construction documents and to monitor construction, to ensure continued conformance with the <i>Secretary of the Interior's Standards</i> . The role of the historic architect or architectural historian will include collaboration on a range of items relating to materials selection, construction methods, design of exterior and interior alterations, and monitoring of on-going construction activities.	Project Engineer or Architect	Project Plans and Specifications	Project Manager	Project Plans and Specifications

<b>Table 2 - CONSTRUCTION PHASE</b>					
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<b>Cultural Resources</b>					
Disturbance of existing cultural resources. These recommendations would allow the proposed alterations to meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards, which mean the alterations would have a less-than-significant impact on the resource for the purposes of CEQA.	<b>CUL 2 - Archaeological Resources</b> - If any ground-disturbing activities are necessary, prior to initiation of any ground-disturbing activities a qualified archaeological monitor shall conduct a brief awareness training session for the benefit of all construction workers and supervisory personnel. The training, which could be held in conjunction with the project's initial on-site safety meeting, would explain the importance of and legal basis for the protection of significant archaeological resources. Each worker would also learn the proper procedures to follow in the event that cultural resources or human remains/burials are uncovered during ground-disturbing activities. These procedures include work curtailment or redirection and the immediate contact of the site supervisor and the archaeological monitor. The worker education session should include visual images of artifacts that might be	Project Engineer or Architect	Project Plans and Specifications	Project Manager	Final Monitoring Report Submitted to the South Central Coast Information Center (SCCIC) and City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Engineering, Environmental Management Group

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	found in the project vicinity, and that the session take place on-site immediately prior to the start of ground-disturbing activities.				
	<b>CUL 3 – Archaeological Resources</b> - Because the area near Harlem Place and 4th Street is potentially sensitive for archaeological resources, a qualified archaeologist shall be present to monitor all ground-disturbing activities, if any. All monitoring work shall be conducted under the direction of a qualified principal investigator, which is an archaeologist who meets the Secretary of the Interior's <i>Professional Qualification Standards</i> (National Park Service 1983).	Project Engineer or Architect	Project Plans and Specifications	Project Manager	Final Monitoring Report Submitted to the South Central Coast Information Center (SCCIC) and City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Engineering, Environmental Management Group
	<b>CUL 4 – Archaeological Resources</b> - In the event that archaeological resources are exposed during any future ground-disturbance activity (if any), work in the immediate vicinity of the find must stop until a qualified archaeologist can evaluate the significance of the find. Construction activities may continue in other areas. If the	Project Engineer or Architect	Project Plans and Specifications	Project Manager	Final Monitoring Report Submitted to the South Central Coast Information Center (SCCIC) and City of Los Angeles,

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	discovery proves significant under CEQA (Section 15064.5f; PRC 21082), additional work such as testing or data recovery may be warranted.				Bureau of Engineering, Environmental Management Group

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FIGURE 1 – PROJECT LOCATION

