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To the Public Works Committee
Of the Honorable City Council
Of the City of Los Angeles

DEC 20 2012

Council File No. 12-0458
Council District: 14
Contact Person: Dale Williams
Phone: (213) 202-3491

Public Works Committee

Transmittal:

Transmitted herewith, is the City Engineer's report dated DEC 20 2012 for Council review and approval of:

VACATION APPROVAL - VAC- E1401195 - Council File No. 12- 0458 - Mission Road and Jesse Street Vacation District

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Adopt the findings of the City Engineer on the attached City Engineer report relative to initiating vacation proceedings and reaffirm the determination of the attached Mitigated Negative Declaration (W.O.SZC11545), which was adopted by the City Council on August 1, 2012 under Council File 12-0458-S1. The vacation of Mission Road and Jesse Street Vacation District is an element of the Air Treatment Facility at Mission Road and Jesse Street and Street Vacation at Mission Road and Jesse Street Project, for which the Mitigated Negative Declaration was certified by the City Council and pursuant to the City's Environmental Guidelines complies with the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 for this vacation.
2. Adopt the City Engineer's report dated DEC 20 2012 with the conditions contained therein.



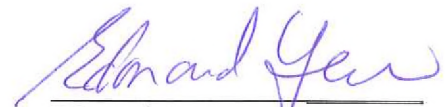
3. Fiscal Impact Statement:

The petitioner has paid a fee of \$ 35,000.00 for the investigation of this request pursuant to Section 7.42 of the Administrative Code. Any deficit fee to recover the cost pursuant to Section 7.44 of the Administrative Code may be required of the petitioner.

4. That there is a public benefit to this vacation. Upon vacation of the street, the City is relieved of its ongoing obligation to maintain the right-of-way. In addition, the City is relieved of any potential liability that might result from continued ownership of the involved street easement.

5. There were no objections to the vacation submitted for this project.

Attachment:



Edmond Yew, Manager
Land Development Group
Bureau of Engineering

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Office of the City Engineer

Los Angeles, California

To the Public Works Committee

Of the Honorable Council

Of the City of Los Angeles

DEC 20 2012

Honorable Members:

C. D. No. 14

SUBJECT:

VACATION APPROVAL - VAC- E1401195 - Council File No. 12- 0458 - Mission Road and Jesse Street Vacation District

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. That street vacation proceedings pursuant to the Public Streets, Highways and Service Easements Vacation Law be for the vacation of the public right-of-way indicated below and shown colored blue on the attached Exhibit " A ":

Mission Road and Jesse Street Vacation District

- B. That the City Council reaffirm the determination of the attached Mitigated Negative Declaration (W.O.SZC11545), which was adopted by the City Council on August 1, 2012 under Council File 12-0458-S1. The vacation of Mission Road and Jesse Street Vacation District is an element of the Air Treatment Facility at Mission Road and Jesse Street and Street Vacation at Mission Road and Jesse Street Project, for which the Mitigated Negative Declaration was certified by the City Council and pursuant to the City's Environmental Guidelines complies with the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 for this vacation.
- C. That the City Council find that there is a public benefit to this street vacation. Upon vacation of the street, the City is relieved of its ongoing obligation to maintain the street. In addition, the City is relieved of any potential liability that might result from continued ownership of the involved street easements.
- D. That, in conformance with Section 556 of the City Charter, the Council make the finding that the vacation is in substantial conformance with the purposes, intent and provisions of the General Plan.

- E. That, in conformance with Section 892 of the California Streets and Highways Code, the Council determine that the vacation area is not necessary for non-motorized transportation facilities.
- F. That, in conformance with Section 8324 of the California Streets and Highways Code, the Council determine that the vacation area is not necessary for present or prospective public use.
- G. That the Council adopt the City Engineer's report with the conditions contained therein.
- H. That the City Clerk schedule the vacation for public hearing at least 30 days after the Public Works Committee approval so the City Clerk and Bureau of Engineering can process the Public Notification pursuant to Section 8324 of the California Streets and Highways Code.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The petitioner has paid a fee of \$ 35,000.00 for the investigation of this request pursuant to Section 7.42 of the Administrative Code. Any deficit fee to recover the cost pursuant to Section 7.44 of the Administrative Code will be required of the petitioner.

Maintenance of the public easement by City forces will be eliminated.

NOTIFICATION:

That notification of the time and place of the Public Works Committee and the City Council meetings to consider this request be sent to:

1. City of Los Angeles
200 Main Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
2. City of Los Angeles
Attn: Gus Malkoun
1149 S. Broadway, Ste. 620
Los Angeles, CA 90015
3. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Attn: Velma Marshall
Director of Real Estate
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90012

4. Seventh Street Warehouse
11444 W. Olympic Blvd., 10th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90064

CONDITIONS:

The Conditions specified in this report are established as the requirements to be complied with by the petitioner for this vacation. Vacation proceedings in which the conditions have not been completed within 2 years of the Council's action on the City Engineer's report shall be terminated, with no further Council action.

1. That any fee deficit under Work Order E1401195 be paid.
2. That a suitable map, approved by the Central District Engineering office, delineating the limits, including bearings and distances, of the area to be vacated be submitted to the Land Development Group prior to the preparation of the Resolution to Vacate.
3. That a suitable legal description describing the area being vacated and all easements to be reserved, including copies of all necessary supporting documentation, be submitted to the Land Development Group of the Bureau of Engineering prior to preparation of the Resolution to Vacate.
4. That a title report indicating the vestee of the underlying fee title interest in the area to be vacated be submitted to the City Engineer.
5. That the following dedications be provided adjoining the petitioner's properties in a manner satisfactory to the City Engineer:
 - a. Dedicate 7 feet as a public street along the westerly side of Myers Street, together with a 15-foot by 15-foot corner cut or a 20-foot radius property line return at the intersection with Jesse Street.
6. That the following improvements be constructed adjoining the petitioner's properties in a manner satisfactory to the City Engineer:
 - a. Widen the existing 17 foot wide half roadway to 24 feet along the project at Myers Street, with construction of additional pavement, integral concrete curb, gutter, together with 8-foot wide sidewalk, curb ramp, and proper transitions to the existing improvements.
 - b. Repair and/or replace existing broken/off-grade/missing curb, gutter, and concrete sidewalk.
 - c. Close all existing unused driveways with full height curb and gutter, and concrete sidewalk.

7. That arrangements be made with all utilities agencies maintaining facilities in the area including but not limited to the Department of Water and Power, AT &T, Southern California Gas Company for the removal of affected facilities or the providing of easements or rights for the protection of affected facilities to remain in place.
8. That satisfactory arrangements be made with the City Engineer for the relocation or abandonment of the existing sewer located within the area to be vacated, unless easements are reserved from the vacation for its protection.
9. That plot plans be submitted to the Fire Department for their review and approval.
10. That street lighting facilities be installed as may be required by the Bureau of Street Lighting.
11. That street trees be planted and tree wells to be installed as may be required by the Urban Forestry Division of the Bureau of Street Services.
12. That consent to the vacation be secured from the owner of Lot 3, Arb 2 of Tract 8556 and Lot B of PM 5004.

TRANSMITTAL:

Application dated February 21, 2012, from Gus Malkoun, project manager of the Bureau of Engineering, City of Los Angeles.

DISCUSSION:

Request: The petitioner, Gus Malkoun, project manager of the Wastewater Conveyance Engineering Division of the Bureau of Engineering, on behalf of the City of Los Angeles, owner of the property shown outlined in yellow on Exhibit "A", is requesting the vacation of the public street area shown colored blue. The purpose of the vacation request is to join adjacent lots currently separated by a dead ended street as part of the Air Treatment Facility project for the East Central Interceptor Sewer.

This vacation procedure is being processed under procedures established by Council File No. 01-1459 adopted by the Los Angeles City Council on March 5, 2002.

Resolution to Vacate: The Resolution to Vacate will be recorded upon compliance with the conditions established for this vacation.

Previous Council Action: The City Council on April 4, 2012, under Council File No. 12-0458 adopted a Rule 16 Motion initiating street vacation proceedings.

Zoning and Land Use: The properties adjoining the areas to be vacated to the north, west and east are zoned M2-1 and are currently under the ownership of the City of Los Angeles and are proposed to be used for Air Treatment Facility for the East Central Interceptor Sewer.

Description of Area to be Vacated: The areas sought to be vacated is the partially improved portions of Mission Road and Jesse Street.

Adjoining Streets: Jesse Street is a Local Street dedicated 60 feet wide with a 20 feet and variable width half roadway, curbs, gutters and 10 feet wide sidewalks. Mission Road is a Local Street dedicated 60 feet wide with a 20 feet width half roadway, curbs, gutters and 10 feet wide sidewalks. The portion of Mission Road Southerly of the proposed vacation area was approved for street vacation under Council File No. 08-3266. Myers Street is a Collector Street dedicated 50 feet and variable width with a 17 feet wide half roadway, curbs, gutters and 8 feet wide sidewalks.

Surrounding Properties: The owners of lots adjoining the vacation area have been notified of the proposed vacation.

Effects of Vacation on Circulation and Access: The vacation of the street areas should have no adverse affect on the vehicular circulation and access since Mission Road beyond the vacation area is vacated and Mission Road and Jesse Street at this location primarily provide access to the petitioner's properties.

The streets are also not needed for the use of pedestrians, bicyclists or equestrians.

Objections to the vacation: There were no objections to the vacation submitted for this project.

Reversionary Interest: No determinations of the underlying fee interest of the vacation area have been made as to title or reversionary interest.

Dedications and Improvements: It will be necessary that the petitioner provide for the dedications and improvements as outlined in the conditions of this report.

Sewers and Storm Drains: There are no existing storm drain facilities within the area proposed to be vacated. There are, however, existing sewer facilities within this area.

Public Utilities: AT&T maintains facilities in the areas proposed to be vacated. The Department of Water and Power and Southern California Gas Company did not respond to Notice of Proposed Vacation dated March 21, 2012.

Tract Map: Since the required dedications can be acquired by separate instruments and the necessary improvements can be constructed under separate permit processes, the requirement for the recordation of a new tract map could be waived.

City Department of Transportation: The Department of Transportation did not respond to the Bureau of Engineering's Notice of Proposed Vacation dated March 21, 2012.

City Fire Department: The Fire Department states that they have no objection to this street vacation and recommend that plot plans be submitted for their review and approval prior to recordation of Street Vacation.

Department of City Planning: The Department of City Planning did not respond to the Bureau of Engineering's Notice of Proposed Vacation dated March 21, 2012.

Conclusion: The vacation of the public street areas as shown colored blue on attached Exhibit "A" could be conditionally approved based upon the following:

1. They are unnecessary for present or prospective public use.
2. They are not needed for vehicular circulation or access.
3. They are not needed for non-motorized transportation purposes.

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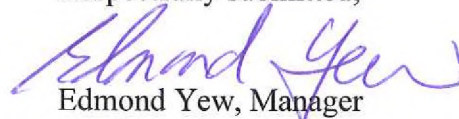
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Respectfully submitted,


Edmond Yew, Manager
Land Development Group
Bureau of Engineering

APPLICATION FOR VACATION OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY
ORIGINAL - (No copies or faxes)

DATE: 07/21/12

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION:

(1) Area proposed to be vacated is: 650 S. Mission Road and 2200 Jesse St.
(Street/Avenue/Boulevard/alley/walk:N/S/E/Wof)

and is located between:

Los Angeles River and Myers St.
(Street, Avenue, Boulevard or other limit) (Street, Avenue, Boulevard or other limit)

• Attach a map if necessary.

(2) The vacation area lies within or is shown on:

(a) Engineering District: (check appropriately)

Central () Harbor () Valley () West Los Angeles

(b) Council District No. 14

(c) District Map No. 124-5A219

(d) A CRA Redevelopment Area: Yes OR Adelante Eastside
(YES) (NO)

(3) Area (in sq. ft.) of the proposed vacation area is approx. 15,000 sq. ft. If over 10,000 sq. ft. of buildable area, the vacation is not categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and will require a higher level of environmental review. Contact a vacation staff member to discuss the effect of this on the processing of your application prior to submittal. If the applicant is required to have an environmental determination performed by the Bureau of Engineering Environmental Management Group, the applicant must submit an additional \$30,000 fee deposit. This will also increase the processing time by approximately 6 months.

• If the vacation is located within a Coastal Development Zone, a Coastal Development Permit will be required for the project. The applicant should be aware that vacations within a Coastal Development Zone will take longer to process and will be considerably more expensive. If the applicant is required to have a Coastal Development Permit processed by the Bureau of Engineering Environmental Management Group, the applicant must submit an additional \$30,000 fee deposit.

• Some city agencies, including LADOT, may require additional fees to be deposited to cover costs during the referral and investigation process. The applicant is responsible for paying the fees to the agency directly. Referral fees paid to other city agencies are separate from the Bureau of Engineering processing fees.

• If the proposed vacation is only for a portion of the Right-of-Way or a partial block, contact a vacation staff member prior to submitting application.

(4) Purpose of vacation (future use of vacation area) is: to join adjacent lot currently separated by a dead ended street.

(5) Vacation is in conjunction with: (Check appropriately)

() Revocable Permit () Tract Map () Parcel Map () Zone Change
() Other _____

PETITIONER / APPLICANT:

(6) Petitioner(s): City of Los Angeles
Print Name(s) of Petitioner(s) in full - Name or Company Name

Signature(s): GUS MALKOUN, Project Manager
If Company, Name and Title

(7) Mailing Address: 1149 S. Broadway, Ste. 620, Los Angeles, CA. 90015
(Address, City, State, Zip Code)

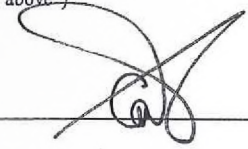
(8) Daytime phone number of petitioner is: (213) 485-1646
FAX number: (213) 485-4590
E-mail number: gus.malkoun@lacity.org

(9) Petitioner is: (check appropriately) () Owner OR Representative of Owner

OWNERSHIPS:

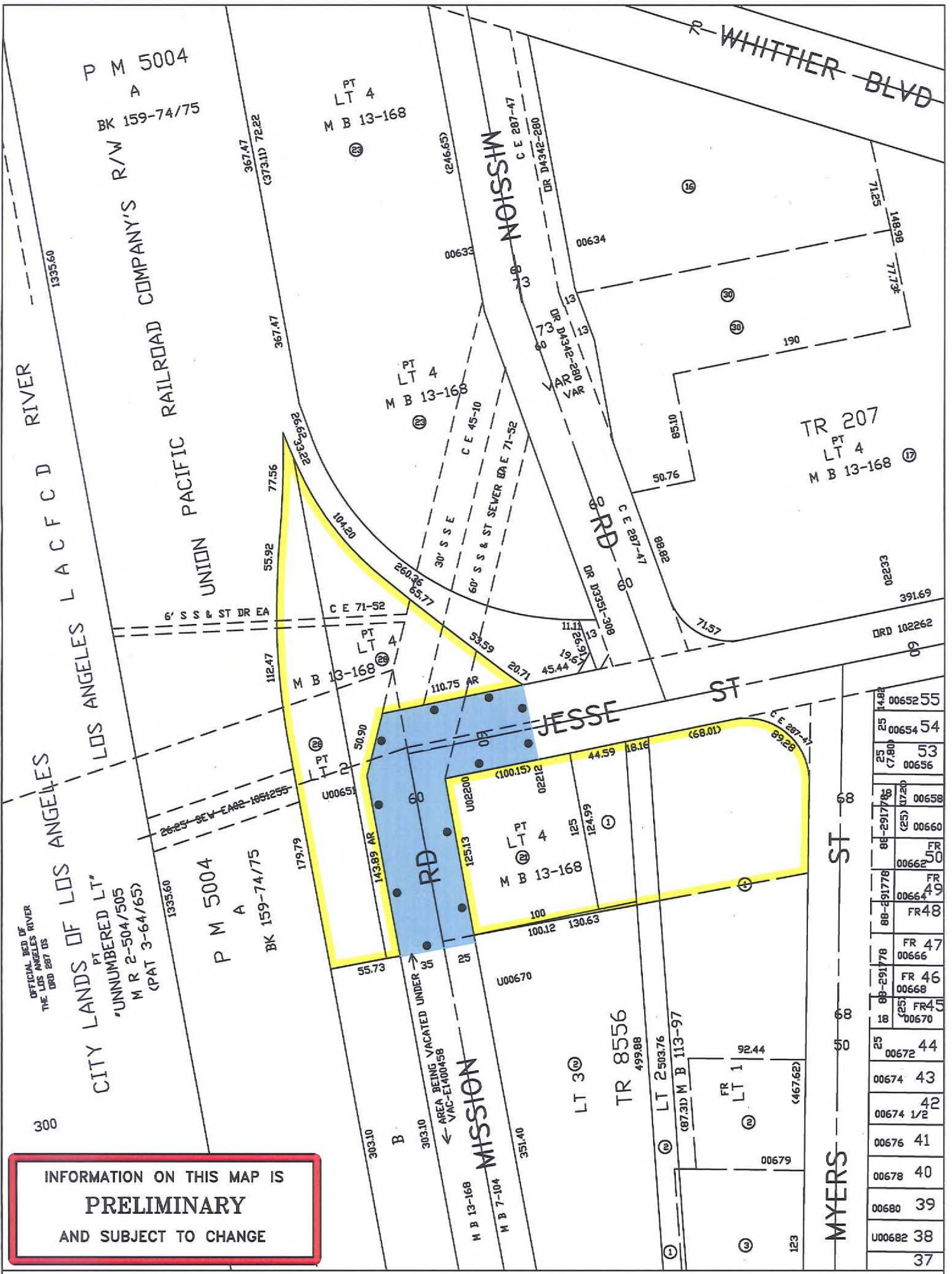
(10) Name(s) and address of the Owner(s) applying for vacation is/are:
City of Los Angeles
200 Main St., Los Angeles, CA. 90012

Print Name(s) and Address of Owner(s) in Full
(If Owner is Petitioner, Indicate "Same as above")

Gus Malkoun 
Signature(s)

(11) Petitioner is owner or representative of owner of: (check appropriately)
 The property described in attached copy of Grant Deed OR
() _____

(Lot, Tract No.) (Parcel, Parcel Map L.A. No.) (Other)



INFORMATION ON THIS MAP IS
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TITLE: MISSION ROAD AND JESSE STREET VACATION DISTRICT

WORK ORDER NO. VAC- E1401195
 COUNCIL FILE NO. 12-0458
 COUNCIL DIST. 14 DIV. INDEX 90
 ENG. DIST. CENTRAL T.G. 634-J6
 DISTRICT MAP 124.5A219



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CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
 (Article I, City CEQA Guidelines)

DOCUMENT FILED
 City Clerk's Office

No: N6-12-119-PW

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Certified by
 DISTRICT
 14
 Date: APR 10 2012

LEAD CITY AGENCY AND ADDRESS:
 Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering
 1149 South Broadway, Suite 600, Los Angeles 90015

PROJECT TITLE:
Air Treatment Facility at Mission Road and Jesse Street and Street Vacation at Mission Road and Jesse Street Project
 (W.O. SZC11545)

T.G. 634-J6
 S.C.H.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The Air Treatment Facility (ATF) East Central Interceptor Sewer (ECIS) Mission & Jesse project site is located in an industrial area immediately east of downtown Los Angeles and the Los Angeles River within the City of Los Angeles. The project site is located at 651 South Mission Road, west of the intersection of Jesse Street and Mission Road on a vacant parcel owned by the City. The site is approximately one-third of an acre, and is located in the Boyle Heights Community Planning Area.

DESCRIPTION:

The proposed project involves the construction and operation of a sewer air treatment facility (ATF) near the intersection of Mission Road and Jesse Street, at 651 South Mission Road, as well as the vacation of the two street segments immediately adjacent to the project site. Near the intersection of Mission Road and Jesse Street, wastewater drops approximately 23 feet from the shallower North Outfall Sewer (NOS) to the deeper ECIS. The turbulence created by this drop releases foul air. The ATF is intended to treat this foul air resulting from the turbulent flow. The ATF would treat foul air emitted from the ECIS and would include two-stage treatment, with biotrickling filtration (BTF) vessels as the first stage and activated carbon absorption as the second stage. The BTF vessels would remove hydrogen sulfide and some odorous volatile organic compounds (VOCs), while the carbon units would remove the majority of the remaining VOCs and odors. The project would be constructed on approximately one-third of an acre and include three BTFs, four carbon units, one 25-foot tall exhaust stack, a fan building, a standby generator, a transformer, and a recirculation pit. These facilities would be located south of the existing Mission & Jesse drop structure located in the most northern area of the site. Vacation of the segments of Mission Road and Jesse Street adjacent to the project site would allow permanent access to the ATF.

Although the proposed project could result in a significant effect on biological resources, there would not be a significant effect as a result of implementation of the identified mitigation measure.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT IF OTHER THAN CITY AGENCY:

Not applicable

FINDING:

The City Engineer of the City of Los Angeles has determined that this project would not have a significant effect on the environment for the following reasons: **See attached initial study.**

SEE THE ATTACHED PAGES FOR ANY MITIGATION MEASURES IMPOSED

Any written objections received during the public review period are attached, together with the responses of the lead City agency.

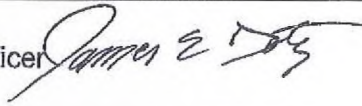
THE INITIAL STUDY PREPARED FOR THIS PROJECT IS ATTACHED

PERSON PREPARING THIS FORM
 Nicole Cobleigh

ADDRESS
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 Los Angeles, CA 90015

TELEPHONE NUMBER
 (213) 485-5761

SIGNATURE (Official)
 James E. Doty, Environmental Affairs Officer
 Environmental Management Group



DATE
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June 15, 2012

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City Council
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Subject: AIR TREATMENT FACILITY (ATF) AT MISSION ROAD AND JESSE STREET AND STREET VACATION AT MISSION ROAD AND JESSE STREET CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) COMPLIANCE AND PROJECT APPROVAL W.O. SZC11545

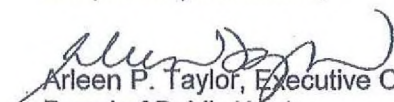
As recommended in the accompanying report of the City Engineer, which this Board has adopted, the Board of Public Works recommends that the City Council consider and adopt the CEQA Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, which finds that the project will not cause significant environmental impacts, and that the City Council:

- a. Review and consider the Mitigated Negative Declaration.
- b. Find that, on the basis of the whole record, there is no substantial evidence that the project as mitigated will have a significant effect on the environment and that the Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects the City's independent judgment and analysis;
- c. Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration;
- d. Adopt the Mitigation Monitoring Program;
- e. Approve the project as described in the Initial Study

FISCAL IMPACT

The project has a budget of approximately \$14,975,000. The funding is from the Sewer Construction and Maintenance Fund..

Respectfully submitted,


Arleen P. Taylor, Executive Officer
Board of Public Works

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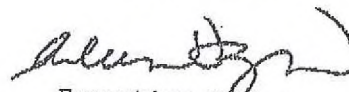


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Department of Public works

Bureau of Engineering
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June 15, 2012
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Executive Officer

**AIR TREATMENT FACILITY (ATF) AT MISSION ROAD AND JESSE STREET AND STREET
VACATION AT MISSION ROAD AND JESSE STREET CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
(CEQA) COMPLIANCE AND PROJECT APPROVAL (WORK ORDER No. SZC11545)**

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Consider and adopt the CEQA Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, which finds that the project, with adoption of the Mitigation Monitoring Program, will not cause significant environmental impacts.
2. Upon adoption, forward this report with the following recommendations to the City Council for their consideration and approval:
 - a. Review and consider the Mitigated Negative Declaration.
 - b. Find that, on the basis of the whole record, there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment and that the Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects the City's independent judgment and analysis.
 - c. Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration.
 - d. Adopt the Mitigation Monitoring Program.
 - e. Approve the project as described in the Initial Study.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The project has a budget of approximately \$14,975,000. The funding is from Sewer Construction and Maintenance Fund.

TRANSMITTALS

1. Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, dated April 2012 and finalized May 2012.
2. Mitigation Monitoring Program, dated May 2012.

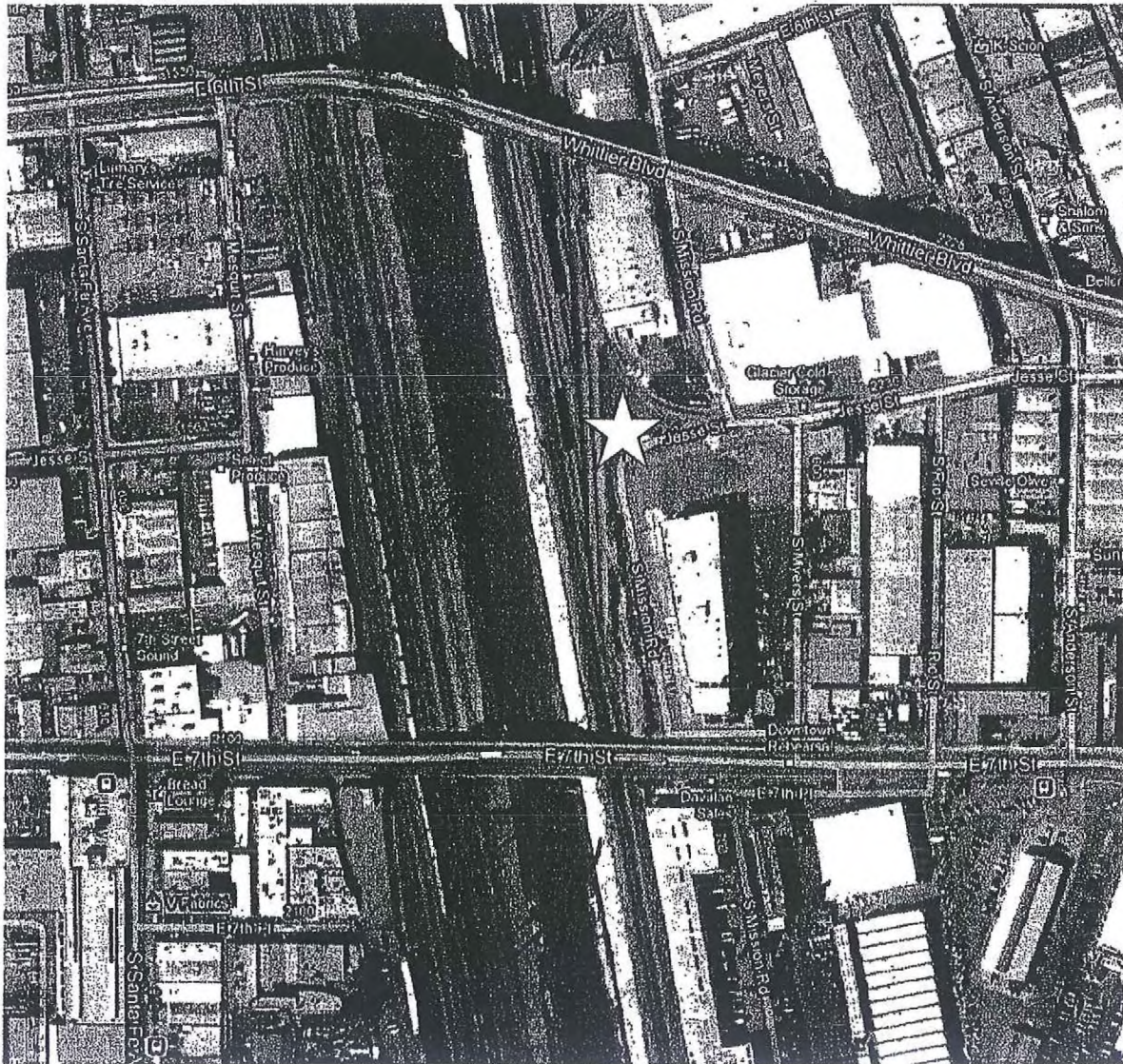


Figure 1. Project Area Map.

DISCUSSION

Background

The proposed project involves construction of an ATF at the intersection of Mission Road and Jesse Street with an adjacent 0.3-acre publicly accessible open space area located north of the ATF. Near the intersection of Mission Road and Jesse Street, wastewater drops approximately 23 feet from the shallower North Outfall Sewer to the deeper East Central Interceptor Sewer (ECIS). The turbulence created by this drop releases foul air - more than is normally produced from a smooth-flowing pipe. Unless

properly managed, the foul air will escape the sewer system and create nuisance odors. The City proposes to treat and manage the release of this air to prevent nuisance odors.

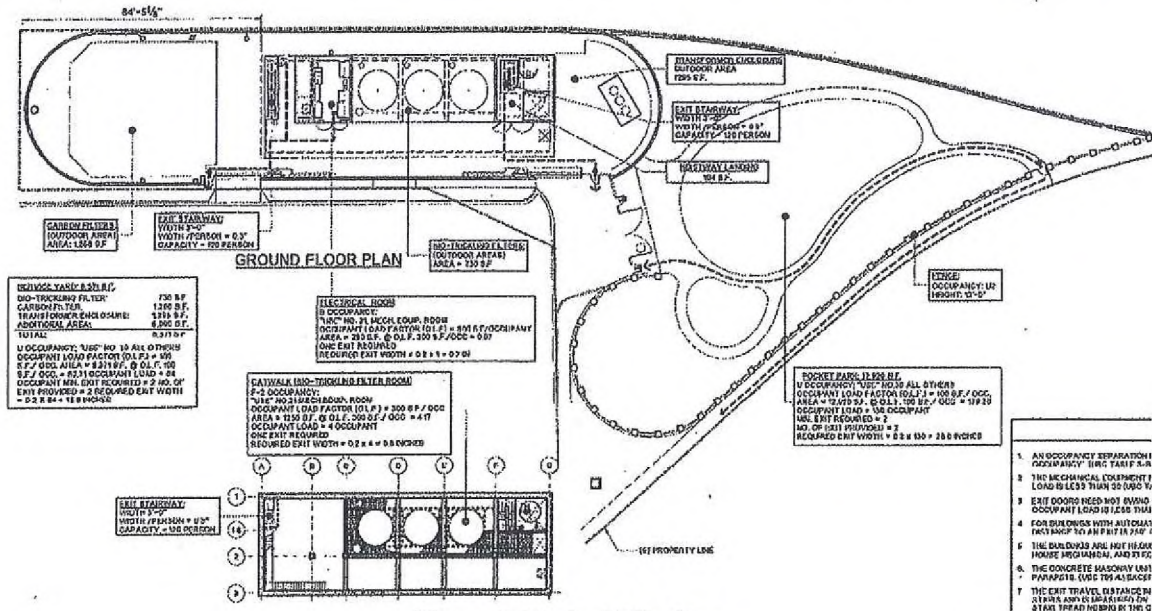


Figure 2. Project Site Plan.

Project Description

The ATF at Mission Road and Jesse Street would treat foul air emitted from the ECIS and would include two-stage treatment, with biotrickling filtration (BTF) vessels as the first stage and activated carbon absorption as the second stage. The BTF vessels would remove hydrogen sulfide and some odorous volatile organic compounds (VOCs) while the carbon units would remove the majority of the remaining VOCs and odors. Therefore, to remove the VOCs and odors, the project would include several components, including a publicly-accessible open space area in the northern portion of the project site, as shown in Figure 2 above.

The ATF project would be constructed on approximately one-third of an acre and include three BTFs, four carbon units, one 25-foot tall exhaust stack, a fan building, a standby generator, a transformer, and a recirculation pit. These facilities would be located south of the existing Mission & Jesse drop structure located in the most northern area of the site.

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Additionally, separate but related to this project, a 0.3-acre publicly-accessible open space area would be constructed north of the ATF, and Mission Road south of Jesse Street and Jesse Street west of its intersection with Mission Road to the north, would be vacated in order to create a larger, contiguous City-owned property thereby allowing potential future use and build-out of the site by the City. The publicly accessible open space area would be maintained by the Bureau of Sanitation. In the area of the vacated streets, any future development planned on the site, including expansion of the public access area or ATF, would be subject to separate environmental review and discretionary approval.

Public Review

The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study, included herein as Transmittal No. 1, were circulated for 20-day public review and comment from April 19, 2012 to May 8, 2012. A Notice of Intent/Availability was published in the Los Angeles Times on Thursday, April 19, 2012. A Notice of Intent/Availability was mailed to interested parties and to owners and occupants of properties adjacent to the proposed project site. The notice was also filed with the City and County Clerks. The Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study were available for review at the Benjamin Franklin Branch Library, Council District No. 14 Boyle Heights Field Office, on-line at the Bureau of Engineering (BOE's) website, and by calling the Environmental Management Group. One comment letter on the document was received during the public review period. The comments raised and the responses to those comments did not result in any material changes to the project or the environmental analysis. The comment letter and responses to the comments are included within the finalized Mitigated Negative Declaration, attached hereto as Transmittal No. 1.

Project Schedule

The BOE is ready to proceed to advertisement and award of this project as soon as the City Council adopts this Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study (Transmittal No. 1), as well as the Mitigation Monitoring Program (Transmittal No. 2), and authorizes the project to move forward. As such, the BOE requests that the Board of Public Works consider and forward the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study, as well as the Mitigation Monitoring Program to the City Council for adoption and approval of the project.

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Report reviewed by:

BOE (WCE and ADM)

Report prepared by:

Environmental Management Group

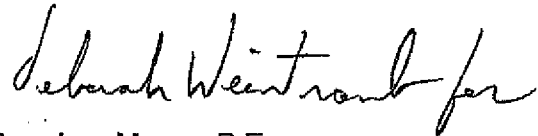
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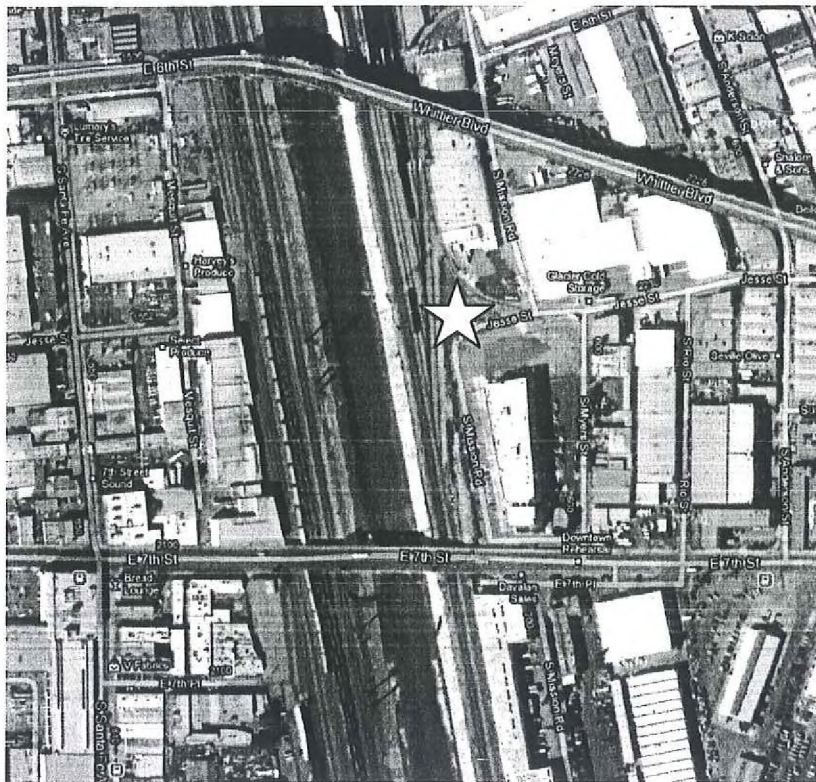
Respectfully submitted,



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*Initial Study/Mitigated Negative
Declaration for an*

Air Treatment Facility (ATF)
**East Central Interceptor Sewer (ECIS) and Street
Vacation at Mission Road & Jesse Street
(W.O. SZC11545)**



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LEAD CITY AGENCY AND ADDRESS:
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PROJECT TITLE:
Air Treatment Facility at Mission Road and Jesse Street and Street Vacation at Mission Road and Jesse Street Project
 (W.O. SZC11545)

T.G. 634-J6
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PROJECT LOCATION:

The Air Treatment Facility (ATF) East Central Interceptor Sewer (ECIS) Mission & Jesse project site is located in an industrial area immediately east of downtown Los Angeles and the Los Angeles River within the City of Los Angeles. The project site is located at 651 South Mission Road, west of the intersection of Jesse Street and Mission Road on a vacant parcel owned by the City. The site is approximately one-third of an acre, and is located in the Boyle Heights Community Planning Area.

DESCRIPTION:

The proposed project involves the construction and operation of a sewer air treatment facility (ATF) near the intersection of Mission Road and Jesse Street, at 651 South Mission Road, as well as the vacation of the two street segments immediately adjacent to the project site. Near the intersection of Mission Road and Jesse Street, wastewater drops approximately 23 feet from the shallower North Outfall Sewer (NOS) to the deeper ECIS. The turbulence created by this drop releases foul air. The ATF is intended to treat this foul air resulting from the turbulent flow. The ATF would treat foul air emitted from the ECIS and would include two-stage treatment, with biotrickling filtration (BTF) vessels as the first stage and activated carbon absorption as the second stage. The BTF vessels would remove hydrogen sulfide and some odorous volatile organic compounds (VOCs), while the carbon units would remove the majority of the remaining VOCs and odors. The project would be constructed on approximately one-third of an acre and include three BTFs, four carbon units, one 25-foot tall exhaust stack, a fan building, a standby generator, a transformer, and a recirculation pit. These facilities would be located south of the existing Mission & Jesse drop structure located in the most northern area of the site. Vacation of the segments of Mission Road and Jesse Street adjacent to the project site would allow permanent access to the ATF.

Although the proposed project could result in a significant effect on biological resources, there would not be a significant effect as a result of implementation of the identified mitigation measure.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT IF OTHER THAN CITY AGENCY:

Not applicable

FINDING:

The **City Engineer** of the City of Los Angeles has determined that this project would not have a significant effect on the environment for the following reasons: **See attached initial study.**

SEE THE ATTACHED PAGES FOR ANY MITIGATION MEASURES IMPOSED

Any written objections received during the public review period are attached, together with the responses of the lead City agency.

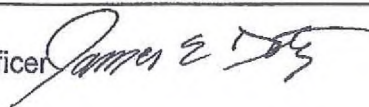
THE INITIAL STUDY PREPARED FOR THIS PROJECT IS ATTACHED

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INITIAL STUDY

Council District: 14 Date: April 2012
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& Jesse Street

I INTRODUCTION

A. Purpose of an Initial Study

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) was enacted in 1970 for the purpose of providing decision-makers and the public with information regarding environmental effects of proposed projects; identifying means of avoiding environmental damage; and disclosing to the public the reasons behind a project's approval even if it leads to environmental damage. The Bureau of Engineering Environmental Management Group has determined the proposed project is subject to CEQA and no exemptions apply. Therefore, the preparation of an Initial Study (IS) is required.

An IS is a preliminary analysis conducted by the lead agency, in consultation with other agencies (responsible or trustee agencies, as applicable), to determine whether there is substantial evidence that a project may have a significant effect on the environment. If the initial study concludes that the project, with mitigation, may have a significant effect on the environment, an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) should be prepared; otherwise the lead agency may adopt a Negative Declaration (ND) or Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND).

The IS/ND contained herein has been prepared in accordance with CEQA (Public Resources Code §21000 et seq.), the State CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, §15000 et seq.), and the City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines (1981, amended July 31, 2002).