DATE: November 30, 2016

TO: Honorable City Council Members
Arts, Parks, and River Committee

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SUBJECT: BUREAU OF ENGINEERING REPORT BACK
COUNCIL FILE 13-1641
TAYLOR YARD G2 PARCEL ACQUISITION

BACKGROUND

This memorandum is a report back from the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) to the Arts, Parks, and River Committee on matters concerning the acquisition of the Taylor Yard G2 Parcel (G2). The Committee requested the BOE to report on the status of the addendum to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ (USACE) Los Angeles River Ecosystem Restoration Integrated Feasibility Report (IFR) Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR). The addendum will address the acquisition of G2.

The G2 site is approximately 41.5 acres, consisting of 40.5 acres of open space and 1.0 acre of an improved private access road. The site is currently owned by Union Pacific Railroad, and has an approved State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) Remedial Action Plan to address site contaminants.

EIS/EIR ADDENDUM

BOE is currently preparing the EIS/EIR Addendum to the IFR regarding the G2 parcel acquisition, and is developing its content to reflect input from the City Attorney’s Office, DTSC, and other City Departments. The addendum will also discuss the potential for future interim uses on the site, subject to DTSC approval. Specific interim use proposals will require future evaluation for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in subsequent future addenda or in other CEQA documentation. The EIS/EIR Addendum currently in preparation will be an attachment to the Council report that includes the recommended actions to complete the acquisition of the G2 parcel.
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