

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION and TRADE, COMMERCE, AND TOURISM COMMITTEE REPORT relative to acceptance of quitclaims of vacated existing easements to accommodate the City of Ontario's North Vineyard Avenue/Union Pacific Railroad Grade Separation Project at LA/Ontario International Airport.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. ADOPT the determination by the Board of Airport Commissioners (Board) that the proposed action is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as provided in Article III, Class 5(4) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.
2. APPROVE the following utility easements:
 - a. City of Ontario-water line easement.
 - b. City of Ontario-reclaimed water line easement.
 - c. City of Ontario-storm drain line easement.
 - d. City of Ontario-sewer line easement.
 - e. Southern California Edison Company-electrical power facilities easement.
 - f. Verizon California, Inc.-telecommunications facilities easement at LA/Ontario International Airport.
3. CONCUR with the Board's action of October 1 and December 2, 2013 by Resolution Nos. 25248 and 25273, respectively, authorizing the Executive Director to execute the quitclaims of vacated existing easements to accommodate the City of Ontario's North Vineyard Avenue/Union Pacific Railroad Grade Separation Project at LA/Ontario International Airport.
4. REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present an Ordinance to approve utility easements and authorize the Executive Director to accept quitclaims of vacated existing easements to accommodate the City of Ontario's North Vineyard Avenue/Union Pacific Railroad Grade Separation Project at LA/Ontario International Airport.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that the granting of the six property easements and acceptance of quitclaims for vacated easements at the Los Angeles/Ontario International Airport will have no impact on the General Fund; nor will they result in additional revenue for or costs to the Los Angeles World Airports. Granting of the subject easements and acceptance of the quitclaims complies with the Department of Airports adopted Financial Policies.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At a regular meeting held on January 14, 2014, your Trade, Commerce and Tourism Committee considered a Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) transmittal relative to requesting approval to grant six utility easements and accept quitclaims of vacated utilities easements at the Los Angeles/Ontario International Airport in order to assist the City of Ontario with completion of its North Vineyard Avenue/Union Pacific Railroad Grade Separation project. The CAO reports that as part of the utility easements and planned construction project (the relocation of existing utilities), minor modifications to the properties' legal descriptions may occur in instances where post-completion land surveys indicate that utilities (e.g., water, reclaimed water, storm drain, and sewer lines; electrical lines and telephone/telecommunications lines), or a portion thereof, may run outside the easement areas.

The City of Ontario, as part of a project to improve the North Vineyard Avenue intersection and Union Pacific Railroad crossing by eliminating the at-grade rail and vehicle intersection with the intent to improve traffic flow into Los Angeles/Ontario International Airport, requires that the Department grant six utility easements, four to the City of Ontario, one to Verizon California, Inc. and one to the Southern California Edison Company. The City of Ontario will coordinate vacating of any easements that are abandoned as a consequence of the grade separation project.

An opportunity for public comment was held. After a brief discussion, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations contained in the transmittal. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRADE, COMMERCE, AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
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LABONGE:	YES
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BUSCAINO:	YES
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