

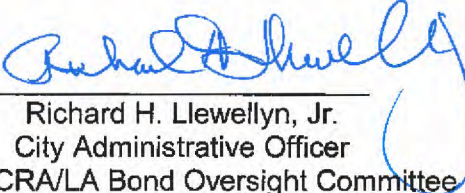
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TRANSMITTAL

To: Council	DATE 03-06-19	COUNCIL FILE NO. 14-1174-S24
From: CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee		COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

At its meeting of February 28, 2019, the CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee approved recommendations in the attached Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD) report and instructed staff to transmit to Council for consideration subject to receipt of the final CEQA documents and appropriate review and approval by City Attorney and CAO. The required CEQA documents have since been received, reviewed and approved by City Attorney and CAO and are included in the transmittal. Council approval of the report recommendations would authorize the appropriation of up to \$2,509,718 in CRA/LA Excess Non-Housing Taxable Bond Proceeds from the Reseda/Canoga Park Redevelopment Project Area Taxable Series 2010-D and Tax-Exempt Series 2010-E for the Sherman Way Streetscape Phase II Improvements Project. CEQA documents are included in the transmittal.

Fiscal Impact Statement: There is no impact on the City's General Fund from the proposed appropriation. The CRA/LA Excess Non-Housing Bonds Proceeds Fund No. 57D is funded solely from two transfers totaling approximately \$86 million in pre-2011 tax allocation bond proceeds from CRA/LA to the City. (C.F. 14-1174) Said transfers have been deposited with the Office of the Controller.


Richard H. Llewellyn, Jr.
City Administrative Officer
Chair, CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee

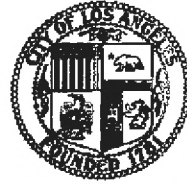
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JOHN L. REAMER, JR.
INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE
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February 22, 2019

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CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee
c/o Jacqueline Wagner
Office of the City Administrative Officer
Room 1500, City Hall East

BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TRANSMITTAL: REQUEST REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION THAT COUNCIL AND MAYOR, AS REQUIRED, APPROPRIATE UP TO \$2,509,718 IN CRA/LA EXCESS NON-HOUSING BOND PROCEEDS FROM THE RESEDA/CANOGA PARK PROJECT AREA (TAXABLE SERIES 2010-D AND TAX-EXEMPT SERIES 2010-E) FOR THE SHERMAN WAY STREETScape PHASE II IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

The Interim General Manager of the Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD) requests your review, approval and processing of the recommendations in this transmittal to the Mayor and City Council for their review and consideration.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Interim General Manager of EWDD, or designee, requests that the Bond Oversight Committee recommend that the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor as required:

1. DETERMINE that the Sherman Way Streetscape Phase II Improvements Project (Project) consisting of minor alteration of existing streets, sidewalks, gutters and minor alterations to land including new gardening, tree planting, landscaping, is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1(c) Existing Facilities, and Section 15304, Class 4(b) Minor Alterations to Land. Project is also exempt under the City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines Article III, Section 1, Class 1, Existing Facilities, Categories 3 and 15; and Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land, Category 3.
2. APPROVE up to \$810,122 in Taxable, and \$1,699,596 in tax-exempt CRA/LA Excess Non-Housing Bond Proceeds (EBP) for a combined total of \$2,509,718 available to Council District 3 from the Reseda/Canoga Park Redevelopment

Project Area (Project Area) to be utilized for the Project;

3. AUTHORIZE the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering (BOE) to be the implementing department for activities related to the Project;
4. REQUEST the President and Executive Officer of the Board of Public Works to advertise to solicit competitive bids from the prospective bidders, receive bids and award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder (Bidder);
5. REQUEST the President and Executive Officer of the Board of Public Works to negotiate, prepare, execute and encumber a contract and all related documents with BOE and the selected Bidder from RFP for the Project no later than September 30, 2019;
6. DIRECT BOE to transmit copies of all executed contract(s) under Project to EWDD;
7. DIRECT BOE to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon Council approval;
8. DIRECT BOE to expend the CRA/LA Excess Non-Housing Bond Proceeds appropriation no later than December 31, 2024;
9. DIRECT BOE to report on its work accomplishments to the Office of the City Administrator Officer (CAO), and fund expenditures to EWDD on a quarterly and as-needed basis;
10. AUTHORIZE the Controller, subject to the availability of funds and a duly executed and encumbered contract between BOE and the Bidder, to expend up to \$810,122 from the EBP Fund No. 57D, Account 22L9PT Reseda/Canoga Park Taxable Series 2010-D, and \$1,699,596 from Account 22L9PN Reseda/Canoga Park Tax-Exempt Series 2010-E, for activities related to the Project upon presentation of proper documentation by BOE, and satisfactory review and approval of EWDD in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Bond Expenditure Agreement (BEA); and
11. AUTHORIZE the Interim General Manager of EWDD, or designee, to prepare Controller instructions and/or make technical adjustments that may be required and are consistent with this action, subject to the approval of the CAO, and authorize the Controller to implement these instructions.

SUMMARY

Transmitted herewith for your review, approval, and further processing are recommendations pursuant to a CD 3 Motion (Blumenfield-Price) which was adopted by Council on June 30, 2017 (C.F. 14-1174-S24).

This transmittal recommends that up to \$2,509,718 in EBP (\$810,122 taxable and \$1,699,596 tax-exempt) in the Project Area within CD 3 be allocated to the BOE for their

review of the Phase I: Streetscape improvements designs along Sherman Way, and oversee the subsequent Phase II: Construction and implementation of Project. Sherman Way Improvements e.g. Great Streets Program are identified as potential projects in the Project Area's Bond Spending Plan (BSP) that was adopted by Council on June 24, 2015 (C.F. 14-1174). Sufficient funds for this purpose are available from CD 3's portion of EBP in this Project Area.

The original taxable and tax-exempt EBP in Project Area available to CD 3 was \$20,984,713. However, after the administrative appropriation of 16%, or \$1,977,634, from taxable EBP, there remained a combined \$19,007,079 in the Project Area available to CD 3. CD 3 also traded their AB 1290 funds for CD 12's EBP in the Project Area. This trade provided an additional \$2,098,471 EBP (\$862,450 tax-exempt and \$1,236,021 taxable) to CD 3 before the 16%, or \$197,763, taxable administrative appropriations. CD 3 gained 99% controls of the Project Area with a net EBP of \$20,907,787. This Project's \$2,509,718 request, along with their other eleven (11) pending and BOC/Council approved motions, will leave CD 3 with \$1,150,417 in taxable and \$139,200 in tax-exempt EBP for a combined available balance of \$1,289,617 in the Project Area.

EWDD ANALYSIS

On June 30, 2017, a CD 3 Motion approved by Council (C.F. 14-1174-S24) sought to appropriate up to \$2,990,000 in tax-exempt EBP from the Project Area to BOE and City Clerk for a Sherman Way streetscape project. The project would authorize (a) BOE to implement streetscape improvements along Sherman Way and (b) the Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative to perform related contractual services. All work would be carried out in a manner consistent with the Sherman Way Conceptual Plan.

Since procurement was necessary to select a successful Bidder for the Sherman Way streetscape improvements, CD 3 bifurcated the project into two phases: Design and Implementation.

1. Phase I Design (\$500,000): Project design request was approved by Council on June 20, 2018. The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) initiated a Task Order Solicitation from its approved bench list, and executed a \$399,916 Task Order Agreement with Alta Planning + Design, Inc. to provide Sherman Way Streetscape technical design, civil engineering and community outreach along the Sherman Way corridor in Reseda, generally between Wilbur and Lindley Avenues. LADOT is providing project management for Phase I with assistance from the Bureau of Street Services.
2. Phase II Implementation (\$2,490,000): Construction and implementation of Phase I technical designs. BOE will serve as the lead department overseeing contract development through completion of Project.

EWDD has met with CD 3 and BOE regarding Project. BOE's anticipated scope of work includes plan check, environmental clearance, coordination, attending meetings, advertising, opening bids and awarding the contract, construction management and project management.

The total Phase II construction budget has risen negligibly (\$19,718) to \$2,509,718 which will be 100% funded with taxable and tax-exempt EBP in the Project Area as follows:

Taxable EBP Cost Estimates

Project Management	\$ 29,619
Plan Checking	\$ 59,238
CEQA Clearance	\$ 9,873
Bid and Award	\$ 69,111
Construction Services	\$367,276
Landscaping	<u>\$275,005</u>
Total Taxable EBP Cost Estimates	\$810,122

Tax-exempt EBP Cost Estimates

Street (Mobilization, Site Conditions, Clearing & Crubbing, Potholing)	\$ 121,000
Street Removals (Concrete curb/gutter/sidewalk/pavement/driveway/bus pad; Excavation/Hauling)	\$ 72,226
Street Construction	\$ 158,211
Traffic Striping	\$ 60,000
Traffic Signals	\$ 250,000
Utility Relocation	\$ 7,750
Roundabout	\$ 210,000
Street Furnishings (Non-Portable)	\$ 400,000
Estimated Contingency (10%)	\$ 155,419
Escalation (5% per year for 1 year)	\$ 85,481
Budget Contingency (10%)	<u>\$ 179,509</u>
Total Tax-exempt Cost Estimates	\$1,699,596

Total Estimated Project Cost \$2,509,718

Phase II construction will take approximately 12 months, and is expected to commence in 2020, with completion targeted for 2021.

Funding for the contract must be encumbered by BOE no later than September 30, 2019 with EBP appropriation fully expended no later than September 30, 2024. Deliverables and/or activity reports showing percentages of completion must accompany BOE's original signed off invoices, which shall be submitted to EWDD. Disbursements will be authorized pursuant to receipt and satisfactory review by EWDD to ensure compliance with bond covenants and BEA, and that the approved spending categories and amounts adhere to those outlined in this transmittal.

BOE will report on its work accomplishments to the CAO, and report funds expended to the EWDD, on a quarterly and as-needed basis for their respective reporting to the BOC, Mayor and CRA/LA.

BENEFITS TO THE AFFECTED TAXING ENTITIES

The Project will provide community benefits by improving the public right-of-way to promote economic development, enhance safety, and foster greater use of multi-modal transportation options. The improvements will allow greater social equity by increasing mobility and access for those that do not own personal vehicles. Safety will be enhanced for pedestrians and bicyclists with additional amenities. Enhanced connectivity, safety, and access along the commercial corridor will promote business and economic development for property owners and business operators alike.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The proposed Project is exempt pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines, Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1(c) Existing Facilities, and Section 15304, Class 4(b) Minor Alterations to Land, for minor public alterations in the conditions of land, vegetation, gardening or landscaping which do not involve removal of healthy mature, scenic trees.

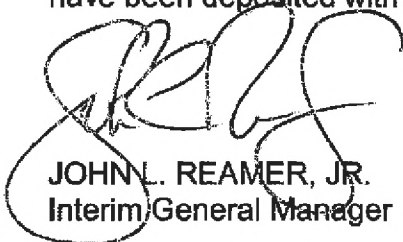
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CAO COVENANT REVIEW

The CAO has completed its review of the original bond documents and covenants, and has found that the proposed use of excess bond proceeds, as presented, is consistent with those covenants.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

There is no impact on the City's General Fund from the proposed appropriation of CRA/LA EBP. The CRA/LA Excess Non-Housing Bonds Proceeds Fund No. 57D is funded solely from transfers of approximately \$86 million in pre-2011 tax allocation bond proceeds from CRA/LA to the City (C.F. 14-1174 and 14-1174-S36). Said Transfers have been deposited with the Office of the Controller.



JOHN L. REAMER, JR.
Interim General Manager

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ATTACHMENTS: 1. Motion (Blumenfield-Price) C. F. 11-1174-S24
2. CEQA Notice of Exemption (To be filed)

RESOLUTION

The communities of Reseda and Canoga Park contain historic central business districts that have, over the years, seen significant disinvestment. The former Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles established the Reseda/Canoga Park Redevelopment Project Area covering portions of Reseda, Winnetka, and Canoga Park to provide for and facilitate the repair, restoration, demolition and/or replacement of property, areas, or facilities damaged as a result of the 1994 Northridge Earthquake. Through an exhaustive community-based process, a vision has been identified for the revitalization of the communities in the Reseda/Canoga Park Redevelopment Project Area. Councilmember Bob Blumenfeld has transformed this vision into the multi-front West Valley Improvement Plan initiative. This initiative is a ten-point plan of improvements and amenities throughout the area's commercial corridors; a reinvestment in these historic communities to help them attain their former glory as destinations for commerce, art, and culture.

The community of Reseda contains a highly active central business district along Sherman Way that is home to a broad variety of small businesses between Wilbur and Lindley Avenue. Sherman Way experiences a high volume of bus, car, bicycle and pedestrian traffic on a daily basis and commercial development has been steadily increasing over the years through a large amount of public and private investment. To encourage continued economic growth, the City, in partnership with Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI), developed the Sherman Way Conceptual Plan which includes streetscape and facade improvement plans focused on improving the multimodal user experience, as well as emphasizes strategies that promote revitalization and support of the area's numerous small businesses while also attracting new development and investment in the area. The Conceptual Plan document is meant to serve as a tool for securing funding for future design, construction of improvements and implementation of revitalization strategies aimed at promoting economic growth and vitality such as sidewalk improvements, transit stop amenities, facade design guidelines, and bike lanes or sharrows. Funding is now needed to begin implementation of those improvements.

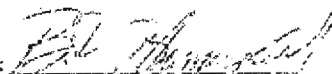
In accordance with policies adopted by Council (C.F. 14-11.74) related to the CRA/LA Bond Expenditure Agreement and Bond Spending Plan, any proposal to expend CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds shall be initiated by Council Motion. Proposals will be reviewed by the CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee, Economic Development Committee, and any other applicable committee with final recommendations presented to the Council and Mayor for final consideration and approval. The use of taxable CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds towards the implementation of streetscape improvements along Sherman Way in the Reseda/Canoga Park Redevelopment Project Area is identified as an eligible expense in the Bond Expenditure Agreement and Bond Spending Plan.

I THEREFORE MOVE that tax-exempt CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds available to Council District 3 in an amount not to exceed \$2,990,000 from the Reseda/Canoga Park Redevelopment Project Area be utilized by the Bureau of Engineering and City Clerk to implement streetscape improvements along Sherman Way and related contractual services with Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative consistent with the Sherman Way Conceptual Plan and within the boundaries of the Reseda/Canoga Park Redevelopment Project Area.



I FURTHER MOVE that the Economic and Workforce Development Department, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, Chief Legislative Analyst, Bureau of Engineering, and any other applicable City department, provide a report with recommendations to the CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee to allocate tax-exempt CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds in an amount not to exceed \$2,990,000 to implement streetscape improvements along Sherman Way and related contractual services with Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative consistent with the Sherman Way Conceptual Plan as identified in the Bond Expenditure Agreement and Bond Spending Plan for the Reseda/Canoga Park Redevelopment Project Area.

PRESENTED BY:


BOB BLUMENFELD
COUNCILMEMBER, 1st & 6th District

SECONDED BY:

COUNTY CLERK'S USE

CITY CLERK'S USE

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
 OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
 ROOM 395, CITY HALL
 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

(Articles II and III - City CEQA Guidelines)

Submission of this form is optional. The form shall be filed with the County Clerk, 12400 E. Imperial Highway, Norwalk, California, 90650, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21152(b). Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21167(d), the filing of this notice starts a 35-day statute of limitations on court challenges to the approval of the project.

LEAD CITY AGENCY AND ADDRESS: City of Los Angeles c/o Los Angeles City Engineer 1149 S. Broadway, MS 939 Los Angeles, CA 90015	COUNCIL DISTRICT 3
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PROJECT TITLE: Sherman Way Streetscape Improvements Project (W.O. GST15003)	LOG REFERENCE
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PROJECT LOCATION: Sherman Way Boulevard, from Wilbur Avenue to Lindley Avenue and on Hart Street from Wilbur Avenue to Lindley Avenue. See Figure 1.

T.G. 530-H5, 531-A5

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT.
 The City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) desires to revitalize Sherman Way by making the corridor multimodal for pedestrians and bicyclists as is the goal of the City's Mobility Plan 2035, which designates this corridor as a "Pedestrian Enhanced District". The proposed Project consists of landscape and streetscape furnishings along Sherman Way Street between Wilbur Avenue and Lindley Avenue and on Hart Street from Crebs Avenue to Lindley Avenue. See Figure 1. Project beneficiaries include local businesses, residents, and visitors to the area.

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EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)	CITY CEQA GUIDELINES	STATE CEQA GUIDELINES
<input type="checkbox"/> MINISTERIAL	Art II, Sec. 2.b	Sec. 15268
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	Art III, Sec. 1 Class 4 (3)	Sec. 15304 (b)
<input type="checkbox"/> STATUTORY*	Art _____	Sec. _____

* See Public Resources Code Sec. 21080 and set forth state and city guidelines provisions.

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION: The Project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1(c) *Existing Facilities*, and Section 15304, Class 4(b) *Minor Alterations to Land*. The project is also exempt under the *City CEQA Guidelines* Article III, Section 1, Class 1, *Existing Facilities*, Categories 3 and 15; and Class 4, *Minor Alterations to Land*, Category 3.

IF FILED BY APPLICANT, ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT OF EXEMPTION FINDING

SIGNATURE: Maria Martin	TITLE: Environmental Affairs Officer Environmental Management Group	DATE:
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FEE: \$75.00 _____	RECEIPT NO.	REC'D BY	DATE
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Sherman Way Streetscape Improvements Project (W.O. GST15003)

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION NARRATIVE

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION (continued)

The proposed Project also includes curb extensions, ramp repairs and upgrades for Americans with Disabilities Act compliance, landscaping including street tree removals and replacements, installation of a High Intensity Activated crossWalk (HAWK) pedestrian crossing beacon and a traffic roundabout, and new signage and striping. Construction work for the proposed Project includes surface grading, minor excavation and flat work. There may be temporary traffic congestion due to curb extensions, ramp repairs, upgrades for compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act, landscaping including street tree plantings, striping and signage, and installation of a traffic roundabout.

The Project length is approximately one mile on Sherman Way and approximately 0.8 mile on Heart Street.

The details of Project improvement and location are as follows:

- Landscape and streetscape furnishings installations along Sherman Way Street between Wilbur Avenue and Lindley Avenue, including a metal street cabana at Reseda Boulevard;
- Installation of a pedestrian hybrid beacon signal at Sherman Way and Capps Avenue;
- Installation of a new crosswalk with a pedestrian refuge island next to the median at Sherman Way and Capps Avenue;
- Construction of a traffic roundabout at Hart and Baird and associated signage striping;
- Curb extensions at Sherman Way and Capps Avenue; at Sherman Way and Reseda Boulevard; and at Sherman Way and Darby;
- Installation of speed humps, shared lane markings for bicyclists and associate traffic and pedestrian signage along Hart Street; and
- Median and sidewalk landscaping with shrubs and street trees
 - Plant 54 new street trees that are 24" box size (21-Desert Willow Trees, 8-Western Redbud Trees, and 25- Western Sycamore Trees)
 - Plant a total of 312 street shrubs that are 1 gallon or 5 gallon in size (72-Red Yucca, 96-New Gold Lantana, 72-Germander Sage, and 72-Coral Aloe)
 - Plant 265 Blond Ambition Blue Grama Grasses that are 1 gallon in size.
 - Removal of 8 damaged, diseased or dead trees (Planting 54 new Street Trees)

II. PROJECT HISTORY

The approximately one mile of stretch on Sherman Way Street between Wilbur Avenue and Lindley Avenue fall within the Community Resource Agency Project Boundary and as part of that initiatives the Project would improve walkability and livability in neighborhood. Sherman Way Street specifically is within the Great Streets Initiative, which seeks to re-imagine neighborhood centers and create streets that are livable, accessible, and engaging public spaces for people. Key purposes of the streetscape improvements associated with the proposed Project is to improve multimodal access to Reseda's commercial core, which is also consistent with Mobility Plan 2035; and to eliminate traffic deaths by incorporating safety for people walking and bicycling, which is also consistent with Vision Zero.

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III. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**Basis for Categorical Exemption**

The proposed Project is exempt pursuant to under *City CEQA Guidelines* III, Section 1, Class 1, *Existing Facilities*, Category 3 for minor alteration of existing streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian areas and Category 15 for installation of traffic signs, signals, and pavement markings involving negligible or no expansion of use; and pursuant to Class 4, *Minor Alterations to Land*, Category 3 for minor alterations to land including new gardening, tree planting, or landscaping, but not including tree removal except dead, damaged or diseased trees or limbs.

The proposed Project is also exempt pursuant to *State CEQA Guidelines*, Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1(c) *Existing Facilities*, and Section 15304, Class 4(b) *Minor Alterations to Land*, for minor public alterations in the conditions of land, vegetation, gardening or landscaping which do not involve removal of healthy mature, scenic trees.

Consideration of Potential Exceptions to use of a Categorical Exemption

The State CEQA Guidelines (CCR Sec 15300.2) limit the use of categorical exemptions in the following circumstances:

1. Location. Exemption Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located – a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may be significant in a particularly sensitive environment. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies. The Project site is not located in a particularly sensitive environment or on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state or local agencies may be impacted. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

2. Cumulative Impact. This exception applies when, although a particular project may not have a significant impact, the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.

While other similar projects like the Reseda Complete Streets Project (Sherman Way and Reseda Boulevard) are occurring within the Project area, they have been determined to be constructed at different schedules. Intersection of Sherman Way Street and Reseda Boulevard is also classified as a High Injury Network in Mobility 2035 Plan. Given the nature of the project and the life expectancy of the replaced structures for approximately XXX years and trees, this project is not anticipated to result in a cumulative impact when included with successive projects in the same place and over time.

3. Significant Effect. This exception applies when, although the project may otherwise be exempt, there is a reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect due to unusual circumstances.

Biological Resources and Aesthetics

The proposed damaged, diseased, and/or dead street tree removals would comply with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and California Fish and Game Code Sections 3503 and 3503.5. If mature and live street trees were to be removed during the nesting bird season, typically between January 21 and September 2, all suitable habitat would be thoroughly surveyed for the presence of nesting birds by a qualified biologist (or qualified arborist) within three days prior to any street tree removal. If any active nests are

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detected, the area will be flagged, and a minimum 250-foot (500-foot for raptors) non-disturbance buffer would be established (a modification to this buffer would be determined by the monitoring biologist and in consultation with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife), and would be avoided until the nesting cycle has been completed or the monitoring biologist determines that the nest has failed.

Due to disease and life cycle issues of street trees within the City, for safety and aesthetics, removal of damaged, diseased or dead street trees is not an unusual occurrence. No reasonable possibility has been identified that the Project will have a significant effect due to unusual circumstances related to biological resources or aesthetics. As such, this exception does not apply.

Traffic/Transportation and Noise

The construction work shall be performed in accordance with Work Area Traffic Control Handbook (WATCH). City construction crews will coordinate with schools and Department of Transportation according and provide flaggers when required. When the activity site encroaches upon a sidewalk, walkway or crosswalk area, pedestrians shall be provided advance warning if they are detoured away from the activity construction site. Advance notification of sidewalk closures shall be provided and at least one lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained at all times.

This is routine repair and maintenance work to enhance pedestrian and bicycle safety per the City's 2035 Mobility Plan. Standard conditions and construction practices are anticipated for this Project. No unusual construction noise or traffic effects are anticipated. No reasonable possibility has been identified that the Project will have a significant effect due to unusual circumstances. As such, this exception does not apply.

4. Scenic Highway. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway.

There are no historical and scenic features or a scenic highway within the project site or immediate vicinity of the project, as such this exception does not apply.

5. Hazardous Waste Site. This exception applies when a project is located on a site listed as a hazardous waste site under Government Code Section 65962.5.

As of February 8, 2019, the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) (Envirostor at www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov) has not listed any contaminated sites within the Project site or in the vicinity of the project; therefore, this exception does not apply.

As of February 8, 2019, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) (Geotracker at <https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>) has not listed any contaminated sites within the Project site and in the vicinity of the project; therefore, this exception does not apply here.

6. Historical Resources. This exception applies when a project may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

The proposed Project would occur on existing streets and repair and reconstruct existing and curb ramps and with approximately two feet in depth of excavation. The depth of demolition and excavation is not anticipated to exceed the depth of previously disturbed soil.

In the event that unanticipated historical artifacts were encountered, City Engineer Standard Specifications, Section 6-3.2, (Greenbook, 2012) states: "If discovery is made of items of archaeological or paleontological interest, the Contractor shall immediately cease excavation in the area of discovery

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and shall not continue until ordered by the Engineer." Therefore, during activities in which there will be ground disturbances (i.e., digging, drilling, etc.) if any evidence of archaeological, cultural, or paleontological resources are found, all work within the vicinity of the find shall stop until a qualified archaeologist can assess the finds and make recommendations. No excavation of any finds should be attempted by project personnel unless directed by a qualified archaeologist. Construction activities may continue in other areas. If the discovery proves significant under CEQA (Section 15064.5f; Public Resources Code or PRC 21082), additional work such as testing or data recovery may be warranted.

The discovery of human remains is always a possibility during ground disturbances; State of California Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 states that no further disturbance shall occur until the Los Angeles County Coroner has made a determination of origin and disposition pursuant to PRC Section 5097.98. The Los Angeles County Coroner must be notified of the find immediately. If the human remains are determined to be prehistoric, the Coroner will notify the Native American Heritage Commission, which will determine and notify a Most Likely Descendent (MLD). The MLD shall complete the inspection of the site within 48 hours of notification and may recommend scientific removal and nondestructive analysis of human remains and items associated with Native American burials.

As indicated above, the Project is not anticipated to result in a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. Therefore, no substantial adverse impact to cultural resources is anticipated, and as such this exception does not apply.