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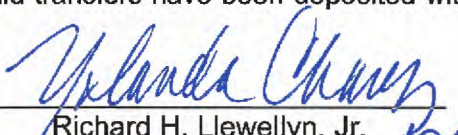
T R A N S M I T T A L

To: Council	DATE May 3, 2019	COUNCIL FILE NO. 14-1174-S55
From: CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee	COUNCIL DISTRICT 2	

At its meeting of April 25, 2019, the CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee approved recommendations in the attached Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD) report and after requesting clarification on the environmental reporting process, instructed staff to transmit to Council for approval. The Bureau of Engineering has determined that the proposed project as described in the EWDD report is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and submitted a Draft Notice of Exemption to be filed with the County Clerk upon approval of the report by the City Council.

Council approval of the report recommendations will result in the determination that the project is exempt from CEQA and authorize the appropriation of up to \$847,574 plus all earned interest in CRA/LA Excess Non-Housing Taxable Bond Proceeds from the Pacoima/Panorama City Redevelopment Project Area (Taxable Series 2003-A, 2006-B and Tax-Exempt Series 2006-C, 2009-D) for the Lankershim Boulevard Improvements Project.

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


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

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April 8, 2019

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Council District No.: 2
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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 \$847,574 PLUS ALL EARNED INTEREST IN CRA/LA EXCESS NON-HOUSING BOND PROCEEDS FROM THE PACOIMA/PANORAMA CITY REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA (TAXABLE SERIES 2003-A, 2006-B AND TAX-EXEMPT SERIES 2006-C, 2009-D) FOR THE LANKERSHIM BOULEVARD 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 Lankershim Boulevard Improvements Project (Project), consisting of construction and/or reconstruction of curbs, gutters, sidewalks, roadways, handicapped accessible ramps, driveways, and/or installation of retaining walls, 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. The Project is also exempt under the City CEQA Guidelines Article III, Section 1, Class 1, Existing Facilities, Category 3;

2. APPROVE up to \$95,156 in taxable, and \$752,418 in tax-exempt CRA/LA Excess Non-Housing Bond Proceeds (EBP) for a combined total of \$847,574 plus all earned interest (Interest) available to Council District (CD) 2 from the Pacoima/Panorama City 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. AUTHORIZE BOE to negotiate and execute contracting documents as required with Project contractor to effectuate Project subject to the approval of the Board of Public Works and City Attorney as to form;
5. DIRECT BOE to transmit copies of all executed contract(s) under Project to EWDD;
6. DIRECT BOE to file a CEQA Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon Council approval;
7. AUTHORIZE BOE to expend the CRA/LA Excess Non-Housing Bond Proceeds appropriation no later than December 31, 2024;
8. 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;
9. AUTHORIZE the Controller, subject to the availability of funds and a duly executed and encumbered contract, to expend up to \$95,156 plus Interest from the EBP Fund No. 57D, Account 22L9MT Pacoima/Panorama City Taxable Series 2003-A and 2006-B, and \$752,418 plus all interest from Account 22L9MN Pacoima/Panorama City Tax-Exempt Series 2006-C and 2009-D, 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
10. 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 2 Motion (Krekorian-Martinez) (Attachment 1) which was adopted by Council on November 27, 2018 (C.F. 14-1174-S55).

This transmittal recommends that up to \$847,574 in taxable and tax-exempt EBP plus Interest in the Project Area within CD 2 be allocated to BOE for improvements along Lankershim Boulevard (Blvd.), including adding new curbs, gutters, and sidewalk

between Vose and Vanowen Streets. Lankershim Blvd. improvements were identified as a potential project 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 2's portion of EBP and earned interest in this Project Area.

The original taxable and tax-exempt EBP in Project Area available to CD 2 was \$865,699. However, after the 16% administrative appropriation, or \$18,125, from taxable EBP, there remained a combined \$847,574 in the Project Area available to CD 2. This transmittal's proposed \$95,156 in taxable, and \$752,418 in tax-exempt EBP, will completely exhaust CD 2's EBP in the Project Area.

EWDD ANALYSIS

The original Motion sought to cover total project cost of \$995,000 with taxable and tax-exempt EBP. The \$995,000 estimated total project cost consists of BOE's project and construction management fees (\$100,962), construction hard costs (\$776,629) and contingency (\$117,409). However, only \$847,574 in taxable and tax-exempt EBP are available. Interest through December 31, 2018 in the amount of \$39,940 will complement the total EBP contribution to \$887,514. CD 2 has committed to securing funding for the remaining \$107,486 towards construction contingency set aside so that Project can proceed as soon as possible.

EWDD has met with CD 2 and BOE regarding Project. Contractor Alameda Construction Services, Inc. for the Project was competitively procured by BOE, and executed Contract No. C-129095 (Contract). BOE will seek its Board's approval to issue a Supplemental Agreement change order to Contract to include the following scope of work:

1. Project and construction management by BOE;
2. Construction of three (3) segments of curb, gutter, and sidewalk measuring approximately 920 linear feet on the west side of Lankershim Blvd. between Vose and Vanowen Streets. Work elements include removal of concrete sidewalks, curb ramps, asphalt concrete pavements, bollards and phone booths, excavation and hauling, adjusting fire hydrants and maintenance poles as well as landscaping at various locations; and
3. Construction of two (2) new curb ramps at the intersection of Vose Street and Lankershim Blvd.

Estimated Taxable EBP Expenditures \$95,156

BOE – Project Management	\$ 23,299
BOE – Construction Management	\$ 77,663
Total Project/Construction Management	\$100,962
Taxable EBP Available	\$ 95,156
BOE Management Funding Shortfall to be covered by Tax-Exempt Series 2006-C	(\$ 5,806)

Estimated Tax-Exempt EBP Expenditures \$752,418

Pre-Construction Cost	\$221,500
• Mobilization	
• Differing site conditions	
• Remove/protect/relocate/adjust substructures	
• Work site traffic control – plans, signage, K-rails, temporary striping	
• Adjust meter/vaults and pullboxes	
• Adjust private fences and gates	
• Reconstruct curb drain	
• Design services and surveying	

Construction cost estimates for the 3 locations:

1. Vose Street to Hart Street	\$ 24,517
2. Hart Street to Dehougne Street	\$377,022
3. Dehougne Street to Vanowen Street	\$120,590
4. Field office Modified Class "B"	\$ 18,000
5. Landscaping (at various locations)	\$ 15,000
Sub-Total:	\$555,129
Total Pre and Hard Construction Cost Estimates	\$776,629
BOE Management Fees Shortfall *	\$ 5,806
Final Construction Cost Estimates	\$782,435

* To be covered by Tax-Exempt Series 2006-C

Tax-exempt EBP (\$752,418) plus Interest (\$39,940) totaling \$792,358 is sufficient to cover the \$782,435 estimated construction costs. The remaining \$9,923 is available for estimated contingency as needed.

Design and construction will take approximately twelve (12) months. Project is expected to commence in May 2019 with completion projected for May 2020.

Execution of, and funding encumbrance for, the Supplemental Agreement must occur 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 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 allow greater social equity by improving the public right-of-way, enhancing connectivity and pedestrian safety with additional amenities. A significant portion of Lankershim Blvd. between Vose Street and Vanowen Street does not

currently have sidewalks. This area is unsafe for pedestrians, disabled persons, and those with loss of mobility who need to traverse the area, particularly when there is flowing water in the unimproved area. Project will also reduce the blight caused by unimproved asphalt berms abutting improved portions of the right of way. There is also an urgent need to promote public safety accessibility and address the aesthetic concerns by adding new sidewalks, curbs and gutters.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The project is exempt pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301(c) and City CEQA Guidelines III, Section 1, Class 1, Category 3 because it involves a streetscape improvement project that includes minor alterations to existing streets, sidewalks, gutters, and pedestrian areas within an existing roadway, and it will involve negligible or no expansion of the existing facilities. A CEQA NOE (Attachment 2) will be filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon Council approval.

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 (Krekorian-Martinez) C. F. 11-1174-S55
2. CEQA Notice of Exemption (To be filed)

MOTION TO CITY CLERK FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA TO BE POSTED #57

Lankershim Boulevard, located in the San Fernando Valley between Ventura Boulevard and San Fernando Road, is a major vehicular and pedestrian thoroughfare for Los Angeles residents. On February 17, 2016, the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) was authorized to proceed with the construction of missing sidewalks in the public right of way along Ventura Boulevard in Studio City to enhance mobility along a major transit corridor (C.F. 13-0588-S4) Alameda Construction Services, Inc. was awarded the subsequent construction contract (C-129095).

After construction commenced, additional improvements to enhance the experience and safety of pedestrians that traverse Lankershim Boulevard have been identified. These improvements include adding a new curb, gutter, and sidewalk to a section of Lankershim Boulevard between Vose Street and Vanowen Street that currently does not have sidewalks. BOE has estimated the total cost of the additional construction to be \$995,000. Because Alameda Construction Services, Inc. has made satisfactory progress on the Ventura Sidewalks Improvement Project, BOE has recommended issuing a change order for Alameda Construction Services, Inc. to perform the additional work. Such improvements are necessary to enhance pedestrian safety in the area.

Funds are available to Council District 2 through taxable and tax-exempt CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds from the Pacoima/Panorama City Redevelopment Project Area that can help fund the Lankershim Boulevard Improvements project. In accordance with policies adopted by Council (C.F. 14-1174) 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 and tax-exempt CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds towards the Lankershim Boulevard Improvements project in the Pacoima/Panorama City Redevelopment Project Area is identified as an eligible expense in the Bond Expenditure Agreement and Bond Spending Plan.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council authorize the expenditure of taxable and tax-exempt CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds in the amount of up to \$995,000 available to Council District 2 from the Pacoima/Panorama Redevelopment Project Area to be utilized by the Bureau of Engineering to create Lankershim Boulevard Improvements; and

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council instruct the Economic and Workforce Development Department, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, Chief Legislative Analyst, Department of Transportation, Bureau of Sanitation, and any other applicable City department, provide a report with recommendations to the CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee to allocate all remaining taxable and tax-exempt CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds available to Council District 2, including any interest, for Lankershim Boulevard Improvements as identified in the Bond Expenditure Agreement and Bond Spending Plan for the Pacoima/Panorama City Redevelopment Project Area.

PRESENTED BY Paul Kerkorian
PAUL KERKORIAN
Councilmember, 2nd District

SECONDED BY Mary Martinez

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COUNTY 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)**

CITY CLERK'S USE

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 Bureau of Engineering 1149 S. Broadway, MS 939 Los Angeles, CA 90015	COUNCIL DISTRICT 2
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PROJECT TITLE: Ventura Boulevard Sidewalk Improvements	W.O. E1907960	LOG REFERENCE
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PROJECT LOCATION: The project is located within public right-of-way of: 1) Ventura Boulevard between the 10700 and 12800 blocks, and 2) of Lankershim Boulevard between the 6833 and 7033 blocks. Specific project locations can be found on the attached table, along with Thomas Brothers Page and Grid information (Table 1). See Figures 1 to 15.

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT: The project consists of the construction and/or reconstruction of curbs, gutters, sidewalks, roadways, handicapped accessible ramps, driveways, and/or installation of retaining walls. Specific activities can be found on the attached table, along where the activities will occur. Pedestrian amenity improvements are essential to enhance mobility within the corridor; the addition of the missing sidewalk segments along this major transit corridor with heavy pedestrian activity is needed to encourage walking and the use of public transit. Project beneficiaries include local businesses, residents, and visitors to the area. Please see attached narrative for additional description.

CONTACT PERSON: Maria Martin	TELEPHONE NUMBER: (213) 485-5753
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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
<input type="checkbox"/> DECLARED EMERGENCY	Art. II, Sec. 2.a (1)	Sec. 15269 (a)
<input type="checkbox"/> EMERGENCY PROJECT	Art. II, Sec. 2.a (2) (3)	Sec. 15269 (b) (c)
<input type="checkbox"/> GENERAL EXEMPTION	Art. II, Sec. 1	Sec. 15061 (b) (3)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION*	Art. III, Sec. 1 Class 1 (3)	Sec. 15301 (c)
<input type="checkbox"/> STATUTORY*	Art. _____	Sec. _____

* See Public Resources Code Sec. 21060 and set forth state and city guidelines provisions.

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION: This project is exempt pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Article 19 Section 15301, Class 1(c), *Existing Facilities*. The project is also exempt under the *City CEQA Guidelines Article III, Section 1, Class 1, Existing Facilities, Category 3*. None of the limitations set forth in State CEQA Guidelines 15300 2 apply. See attached narrative.

IF FILED BY APPLICANT, ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT OF EXEMPTION FINDING

SIGNATURE: Maria Martin	TITLE: Environmental Affairs Officer Environmental Management Group	DATE:
FEE: \$75.00	RECEIPT NO.	REC'D BY
		DATE

DISTRIBUTION: (1) County Clerk (2) City Clerk (3) Agency Record

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CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION NARRATIVE**I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION (continued)****Project Location (Thomas Brothers Map Page and Grid) and Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project (continued):****TABLE 1 – PROJECT INFORMATION**

PROJECT LOCATION/ACTIVITIES/GENERAL DIMENSIONS	TB PAGE/GRID
10731 Ventura Boulevard on the north side of southbound ramp to the US 101 (Ventura Freeway) - Reconstruct sidewalk. Project Area - 10' wide x 38' length	563 A6
11117 to 11119 Ventura Boulevard - Reconstruct curb, gutter, sidewalk, asphalt pavement and driveway. Project Area - 16' wide x 111' length	563 A6
11144 to 11156 Ventura Boulevard - Reconstruct curb, gutter, sidewalk, asphalt pavement and two (2) driveways. Project Area - 19' wide x 110' length	562 J6
11222 to 11252 Ventura Boulevard - Reconstruct curb, gutter, sidewalk, asphalt pavement, driveway, and two crosswalk handicapped access ramps, construct a new property retaining wall and retaining curb, and site grading. Project Area - width varies (up to 19' wide) 125' length	562 J6
11253 Ventura Boulevard - Reconstruct crosswalk, handicapped access ramp, curb, gutter, and asphalt pavement. Project Area - 19' wide 20' length	562 J6
11453 to 11459 Ventura Boulevard - Reconstruct curb, gutter, sidewalk, asphalt pavement and two driveways. Project Area - 19' wide x 108' length	562 J6
11537 to 11545 Ventura Boulevard - Reconstruct curb, gutter, sidewalk, asphalt pavement and driveway. Project Area - 18' wide by 135' length	562 H6
11546 to 11548 and 11550 Ventura Boulevard and intersection with Big Oak Drive - Reconstruct sidewalk and driveway, new intersection gutter, and two new handicapped access ramps curb ramp. Project Area - 17' wide and 90' length	562 H6
12548 to 12744 Ventura Boulevard and intersection with Fairway Avenue - Reconstruct asphalt pavement and construct new curb and gutter, sidewalk, driveways (6), retaining wall, and new handicapped access ramp at Fairway Ave. As necessary, an encroachment into existing parking spaces may occur so as to permit walkway clearances around existing trees, utility poles and street lights may occur. Project Area - 18' wide by 1,400' length	562 H6
12711 Ventura Boulevard - Reconstruct crosswalk handicapped ramp curb, gutter, and asphalt pavement. Project Area - 19' wide 20' length	562 J6
6833 to 6845 Lankershim Boulevard - Construct new sidewalk, driveways, curb and gutter. Reconstruct asphalt pavement. Project Area – 30' wide by 162' length.	532 H5
6907 to 6957 Lankershim Boulevard - Construct new sidewalk, driveways, curb and gutter. Reconstruct asphalt pavement. Project Area –30' wide by 540' length.	532 H5

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TABLE 1 – PROJECT INFORMATION

PROJECT LOCATION/ACTIVITIES/GENERAL DIMENSIONS	TB PAGE/GRID
7007 to 7033 Lankershim Boulevard - Construct new sidewalk and (2) handicapped access ramps. Project Area – 11' wide 100' length.	532 H5
Source: Ventura E1907960 Plans.pdf	

II. HISTORY

In 1991 the City Council approved Ordinance 166560 creating the *Ventura-Cahuenga Boulevard Specific Plan*. The most recent amendment to the plan was approved on August 18, 2001 (Ordinance 174,052), effective August 18, 2001. The plan defines provisions for a Plan Review Board (PRB), whose purpose is to make recommendations to the Mayor and Council concerning the development and implementation of the Specific Plan.

Section 11 of the Specific Plan established a process to collect Project Impact Assessment (PIA) fees from developments occurring within the Specific Plan Area to mitigate for transportation related impacts generated by the proposed development. As it relates to improvements to be funded by the PIA, a listing can be found within Section 12 of the Specific Plan.

As it relates to this project the use of these PIA fees is only for the purposes of providing an additional funding resource to permit the work proposed by the Ventura Boulevard Sidewalk Improvement project to move forward. If the PIA fees were not available another funding resource would have been identified to help fund the project. Besides the PIA fees, funds have been allocated to this project from the Ben Frankel Development Impact Fees Account (BFDIF). On February 4, 2016, the PRB passed a motion recommending the funding of monies for the installation of sidewalks on Ventura Boulevard in Studio City using PIA fees. On February 17, 2016, the City Council approved the transfer of the PIA and BFDIF fees into accounts that would be used to fund the construction activities.

The improvements proposed by this project are independent of the improvements found in Section 12 of the Specific Plan. Section 12 of the Specific Plan establishes the improvements and services that would be accomplished by this Specific Plan. Most of these improvements relate to: Local public transit and Transportation Demand Management (TDM) and Transportation Management Organization (TMO) programs; Peripheral parking lots or structures to serve each of the five communities covered by the Specific Plan; and right-of-way acquisition, intersection flaring and signal improvements at nineteen intersections listed in the Specific Plan.

The Bureau of Engineering conducted an initial study of the missing sidewalks and found nine different segments of the public right-of-way along Ventura Boulevard in Studio City that do not have sidewalks. The Ventura Boulevard Sidewalk Improvements project proposes improvements related to the construction and/or reconstruction of curbs, gutters, sidewalks, roadways, handicapped accessible ramps, driveways, and/or installation of

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retaining walls at various locations along Ventura Boulevard. None of the proposed improvements proposed under the Ventura Boulevard Sidewalk Improvements project fall within Section 12 of the Specific Plan.

III. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

A. Basis for Categorical Exemption

The proposed project is exempt pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301(c) and City CEQA Guidelines III, Section 1, Class 1, Category 3 because it involves a streetscape improvement project that includes minor alterations to existing streets, sidewalks, gutters, and pedestrian areas within an existing roadway, and it will involve negligible or no expansion of the existing facilities.

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.

This project is exempt under Class 1. This project consists of the repair and maintenance of existing public structures and facilities. As such these locational circumstances, noted above, do not apply to Class 1 exemptions.

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.

This project will not have a cumulative impact when included with successive projects in the same place and over time. The project will construct a variety of roadway improvements to support existing pedestrian uses. Given the timing and lifespan of the improvements, which is approximately 30 years, significant cumulative impacts are not anticipated.

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.

Here, there are no unusual circumstances about this project as compared to other road improvement projects that typically fit within the categorical exemptions for existing facilities. This project is a typical minor alteration and improvement project for a street, sidewalk, gutter, and bicycle and pedestrian way that falls under the Class 1 exemption. Based on the common nature of this project relative to other regularly exempt projects, the

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City concludes there are no unusual circumstances with respect to this project, and that this exception does not apply. As further discussed in the following subsections, there is additionally no basis for applying this exception because no significant impact would result from the project.

Air Quality

The proposed project construction activities would comply with the BOE Master Specifications Section 01561, *Environmental Control*, for fugitive dust control, as is the standard practice for BOE construction activities projects. No reasonable possibility has been identified that the project will have a significant effect due to unusual circumstances related to air quality. 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) as required by the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) published by Caltrans, imposed on projects of this nature. City construction crews will coordinate with schools and Department of Transportation 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 safety per the City's 2035 Mobility Plan. Standard conditions and construction practices will be implemented 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. The Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 111 *et. al* would be applicable for construction hours from 7 am to 9 pm Monday through Friday and on Saturdays from 8am to 6pm, as allowed.

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.

Ventura Boulevard is not a state designated scenic highway nor are there other resources within the project areas identified. Therefore, this exception has no application here. If the project requires the removal of any street tree, it shall be replaced in accordance with the Board of Public Works policy, two-trees planted for each tree removed.

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 January 22, 2019, the web sites of the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (at Envirostor at www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov) and State Water Quality Control Board

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(<http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov>) did not list the project site. As such, this exception does not apply.

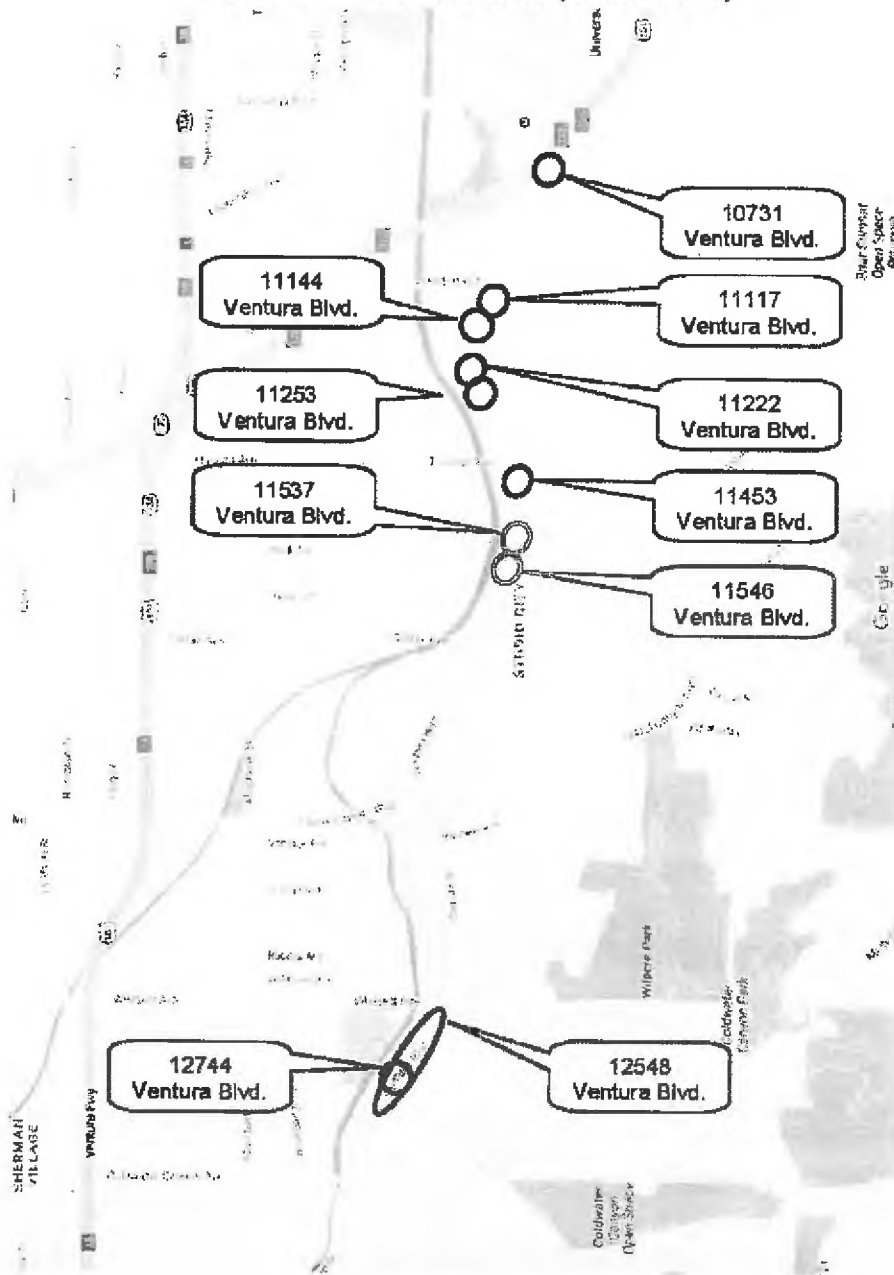
6. Historical Resources. This exception applies when a project may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

The project will occur within areas previously disturbed by grading, installation of asphalt concrete pavement, and public utilities. City standard construction specifications require the contractor to cease excavation and to notify the construction manager if any cultural resource materials are uncovered. If discovery is made of items of archaeological or paleontological interest, the Contractor shall immediately cease excavation in the area of discovery and shall not continue until ordered by the Engineer. Therefore, during activities in which there will be ground disturbances, 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 archaeological consultant. Work in other areas may continue.

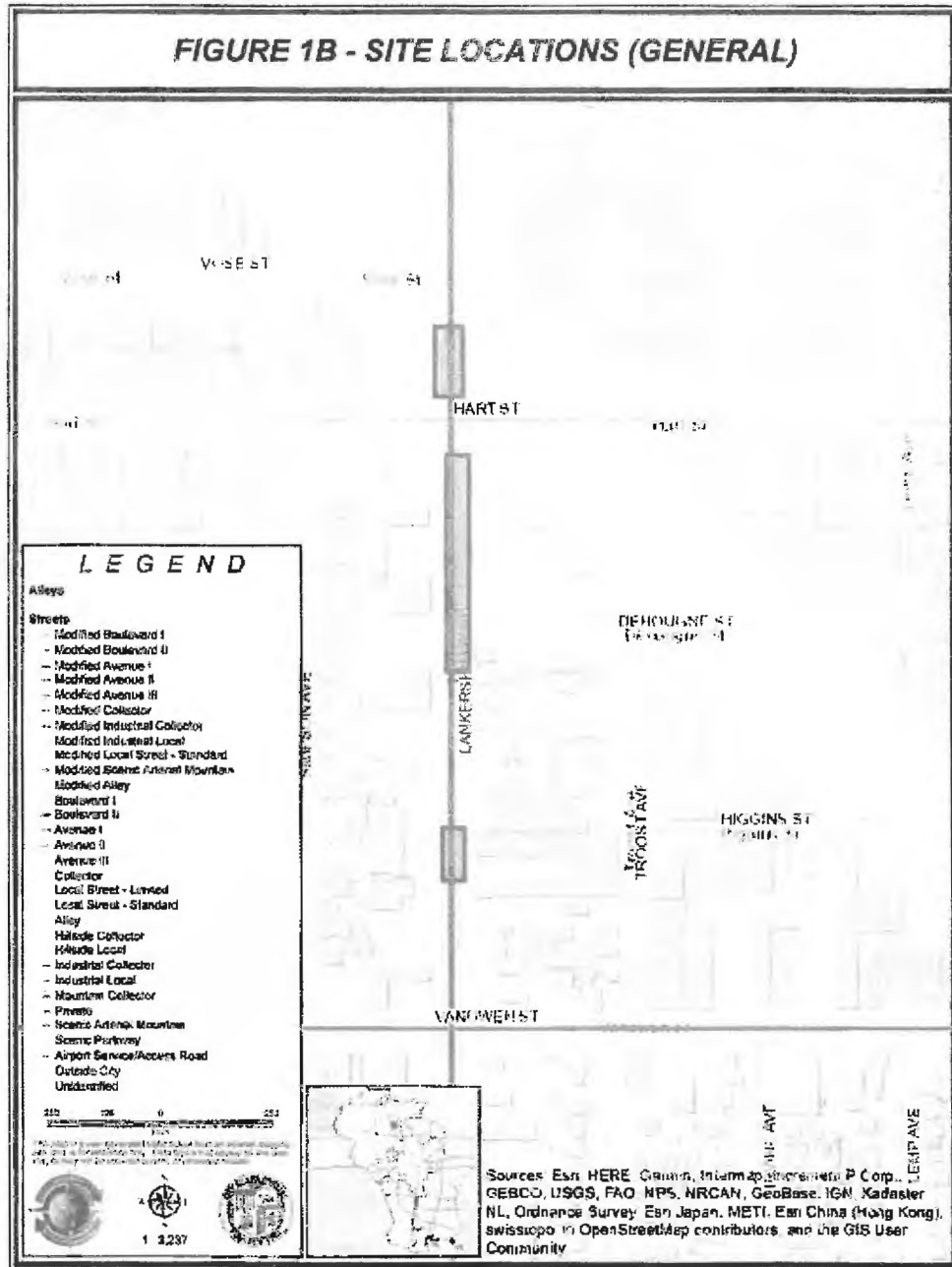
Since the project includes these limitations, this exception does not apply.

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FIGURE 1A - SITE LOCATIONS (GENERALIZED)

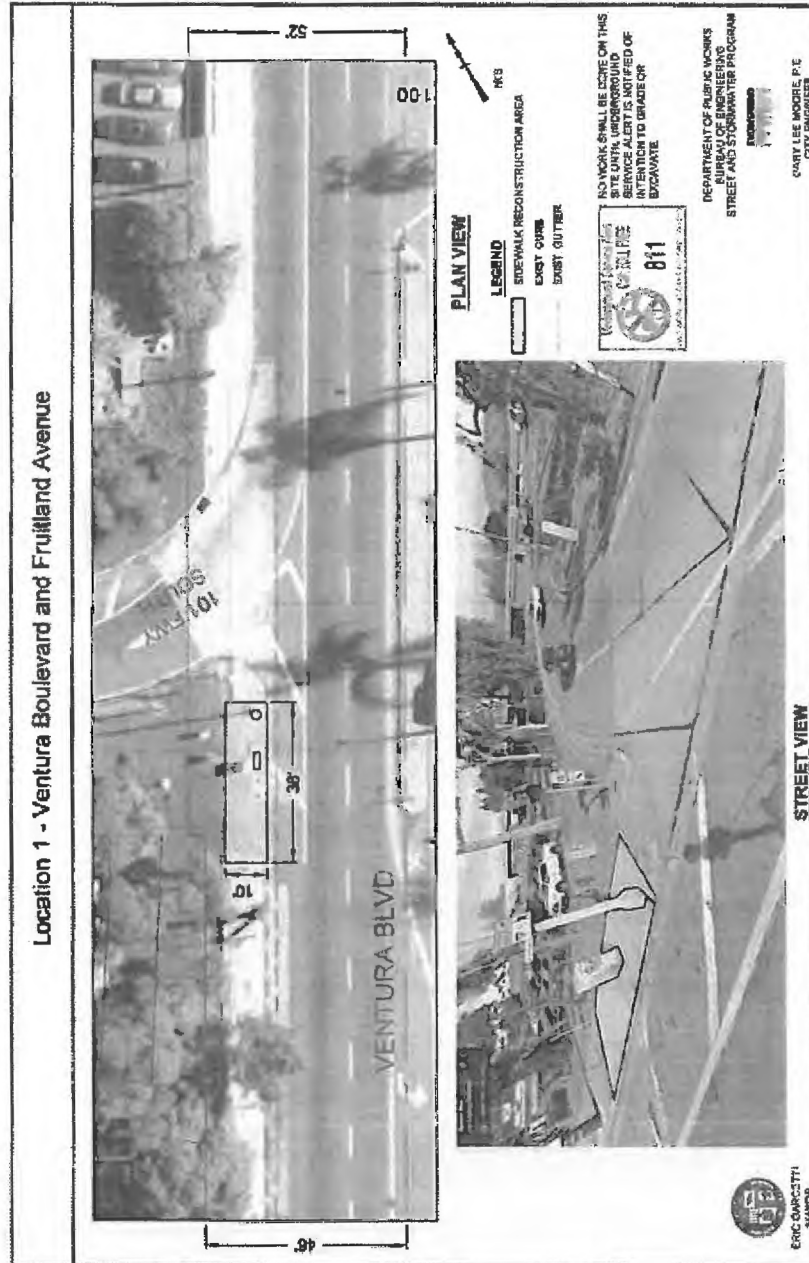


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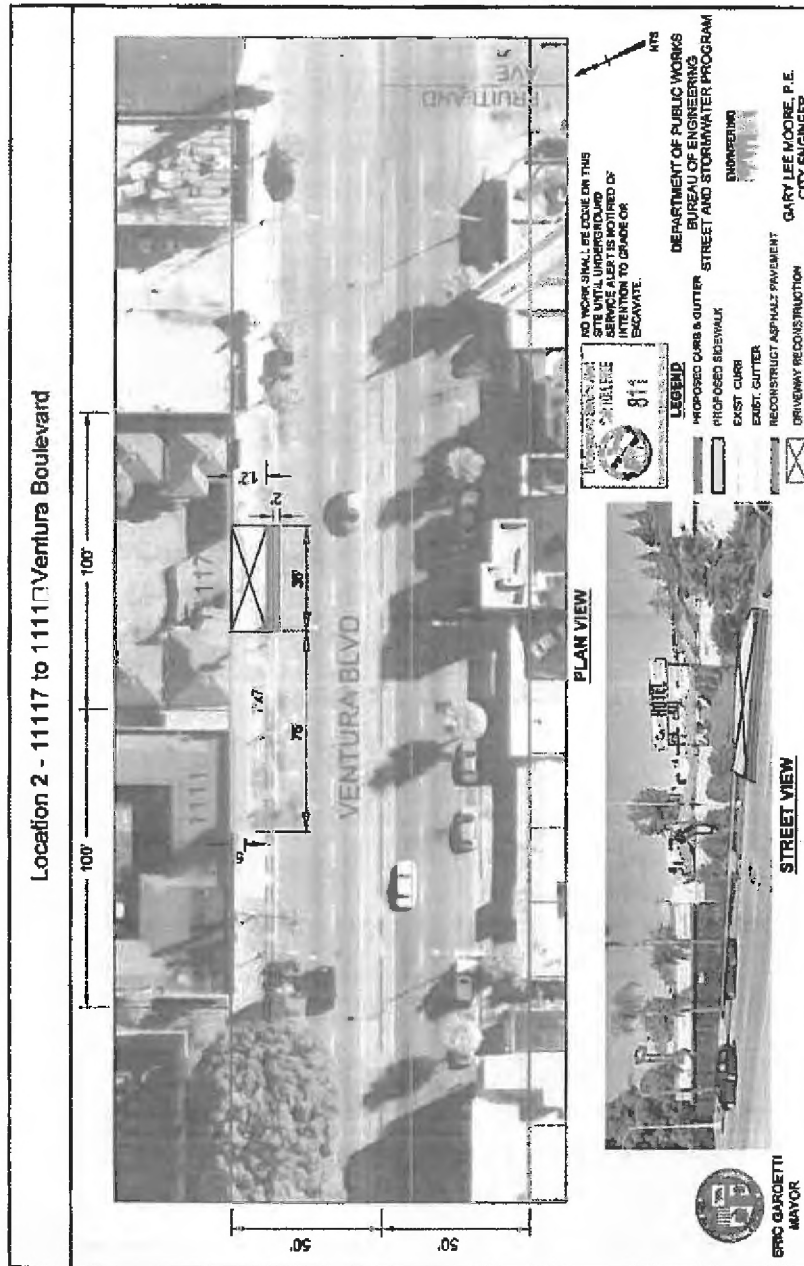
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FIGURE 2 - 10731 Ventura Boulevard
 On the north side of southbound ramp to the US 101 (Ventura Freeway)



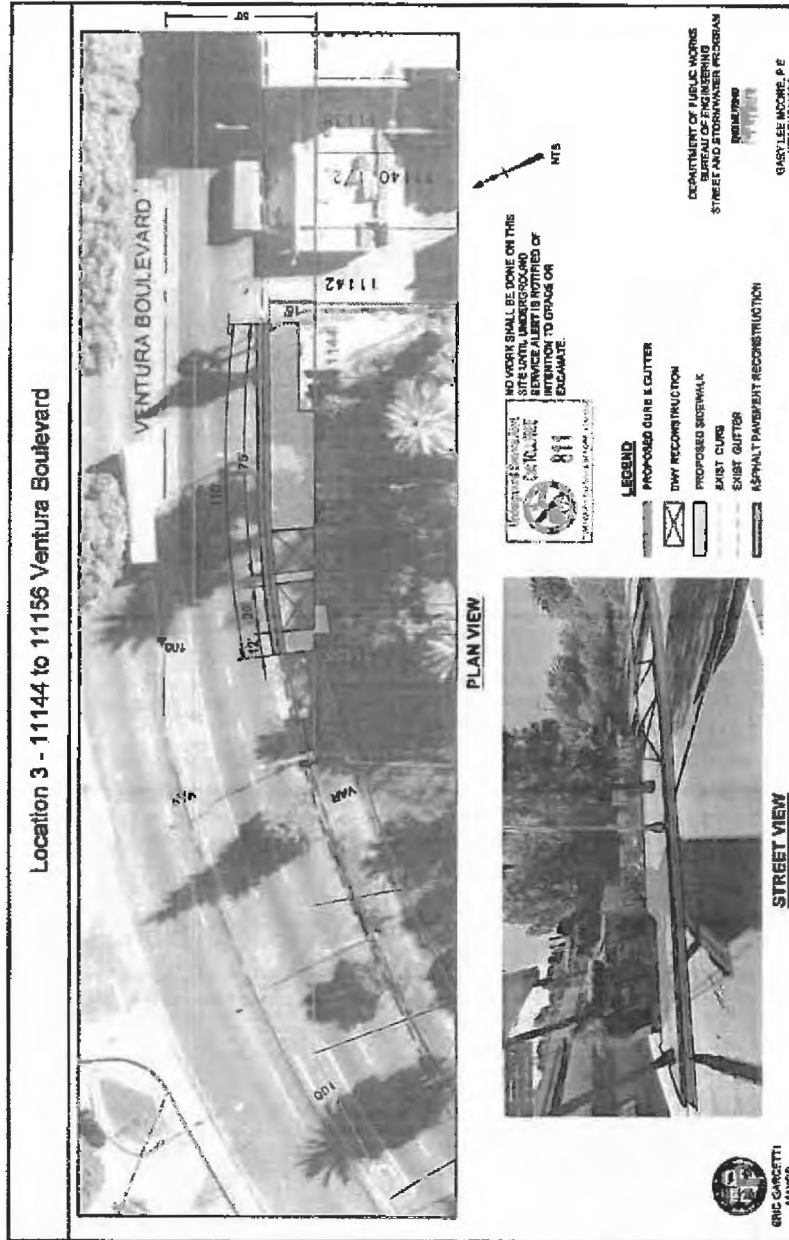
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FIGURE 3 – 11117-11119 Ventura Boulevard



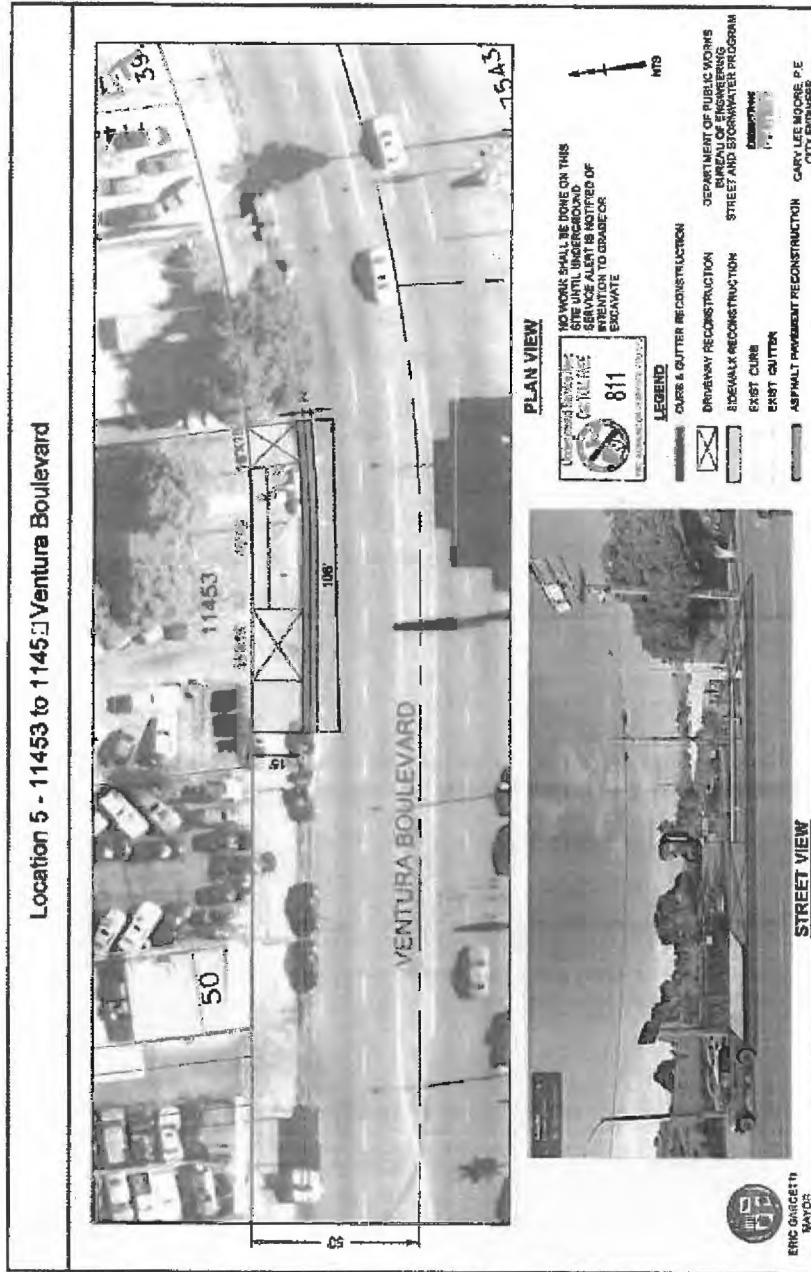
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FIGURE 4 – 11144-11156 Ventura Boulevard



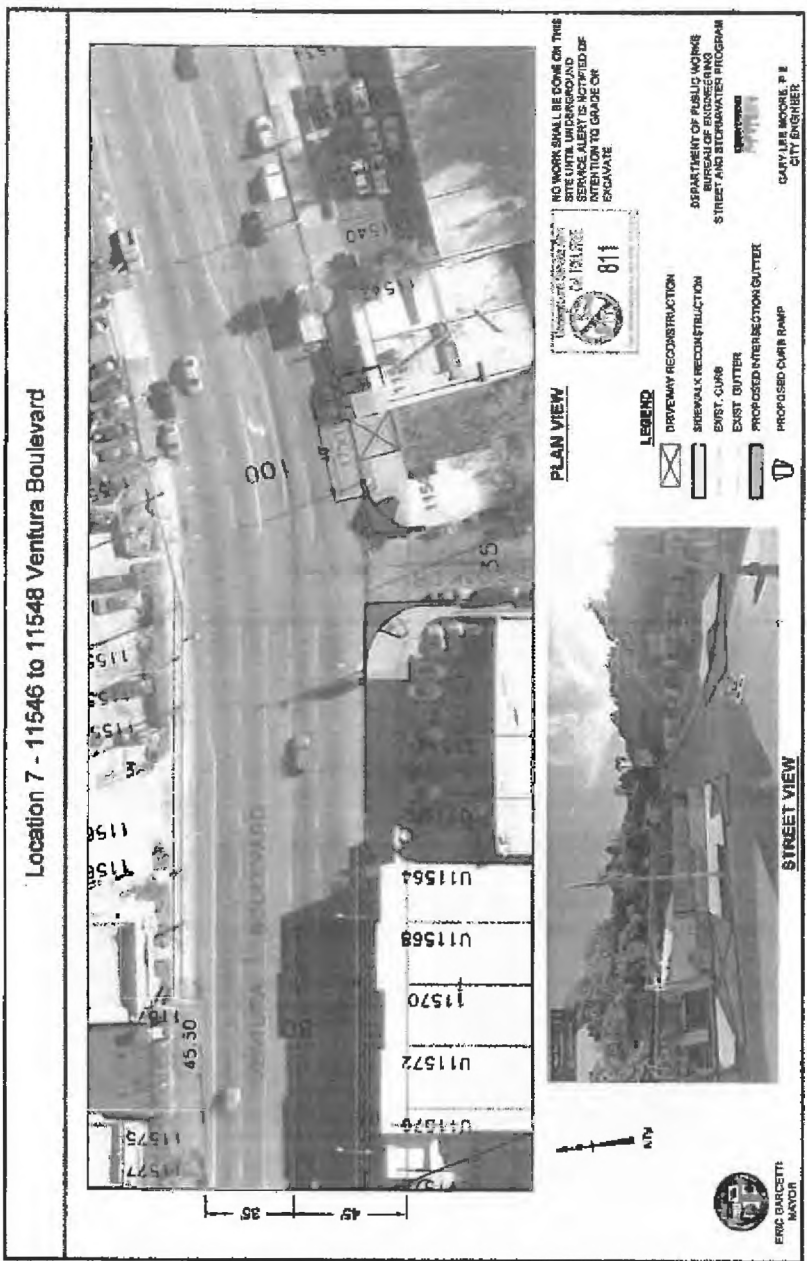
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FIGURE 6 - 11453-11459 Ventura Boulevard



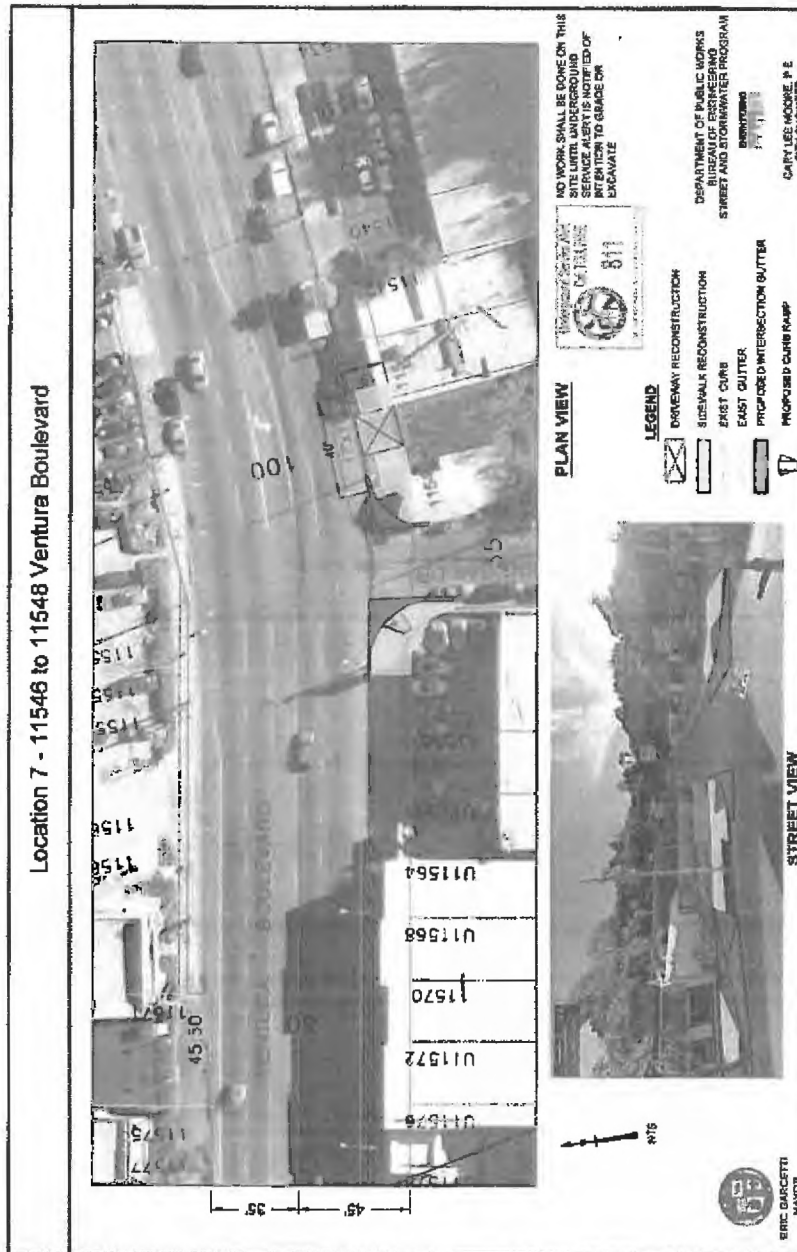
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FIGURE 8 - 11546-11548 and 11550 Ventura Boulevard



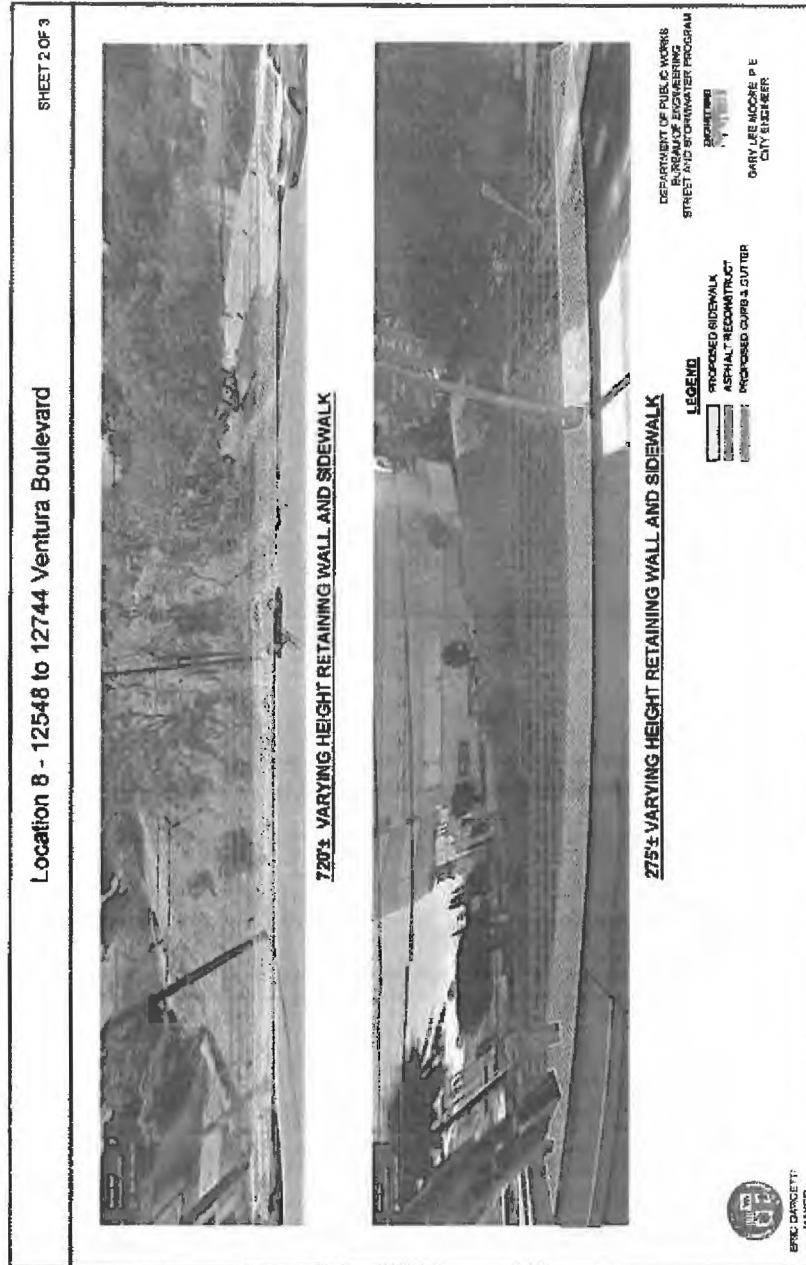
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FIGURE 9 - 11546-11548 and 11550 Ventura Boulevard



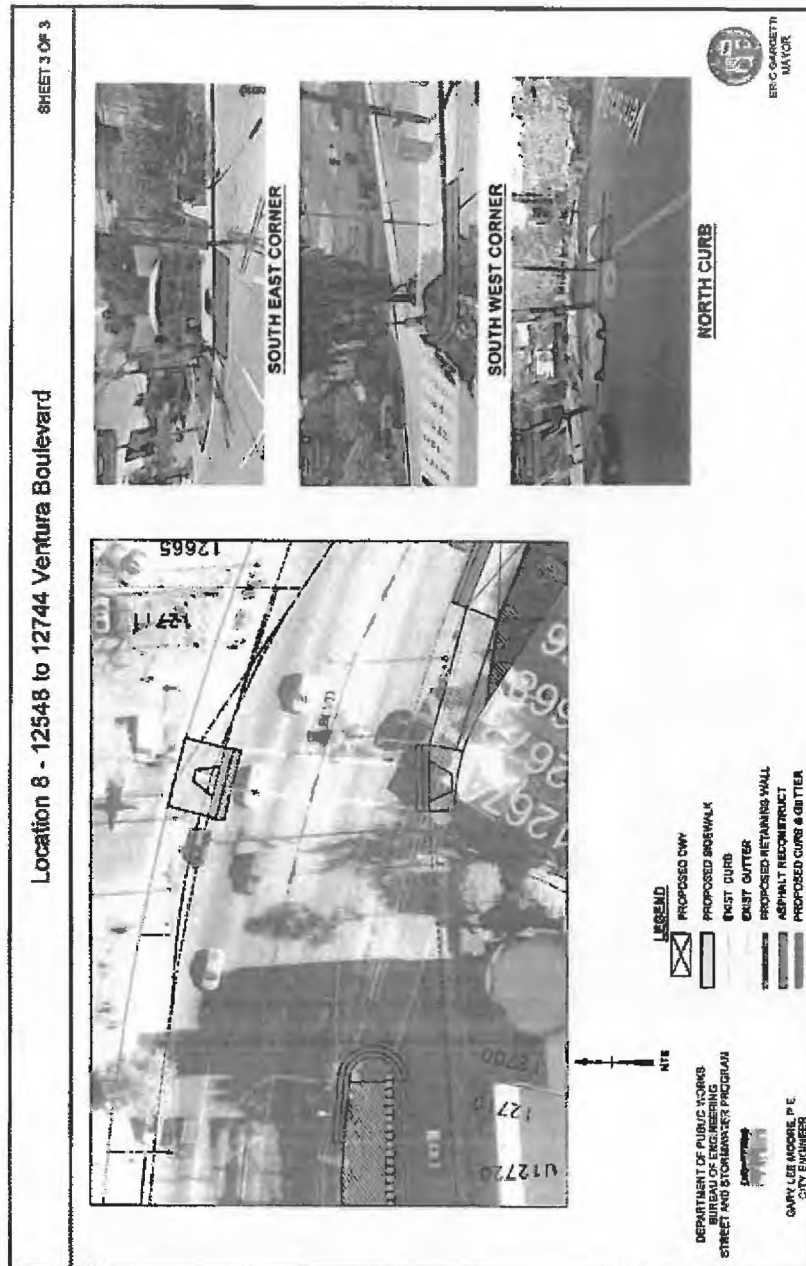
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FIGURE 11 - 11548-12744 Ventura Boulevard



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FIGURE 12 – 11548-12744 Ventura Boulevard



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FIGURE 13 – 6833-6845 Lankershim Boulevard



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FIGURE 14 - 6907-6957 Lankershim Boulevard

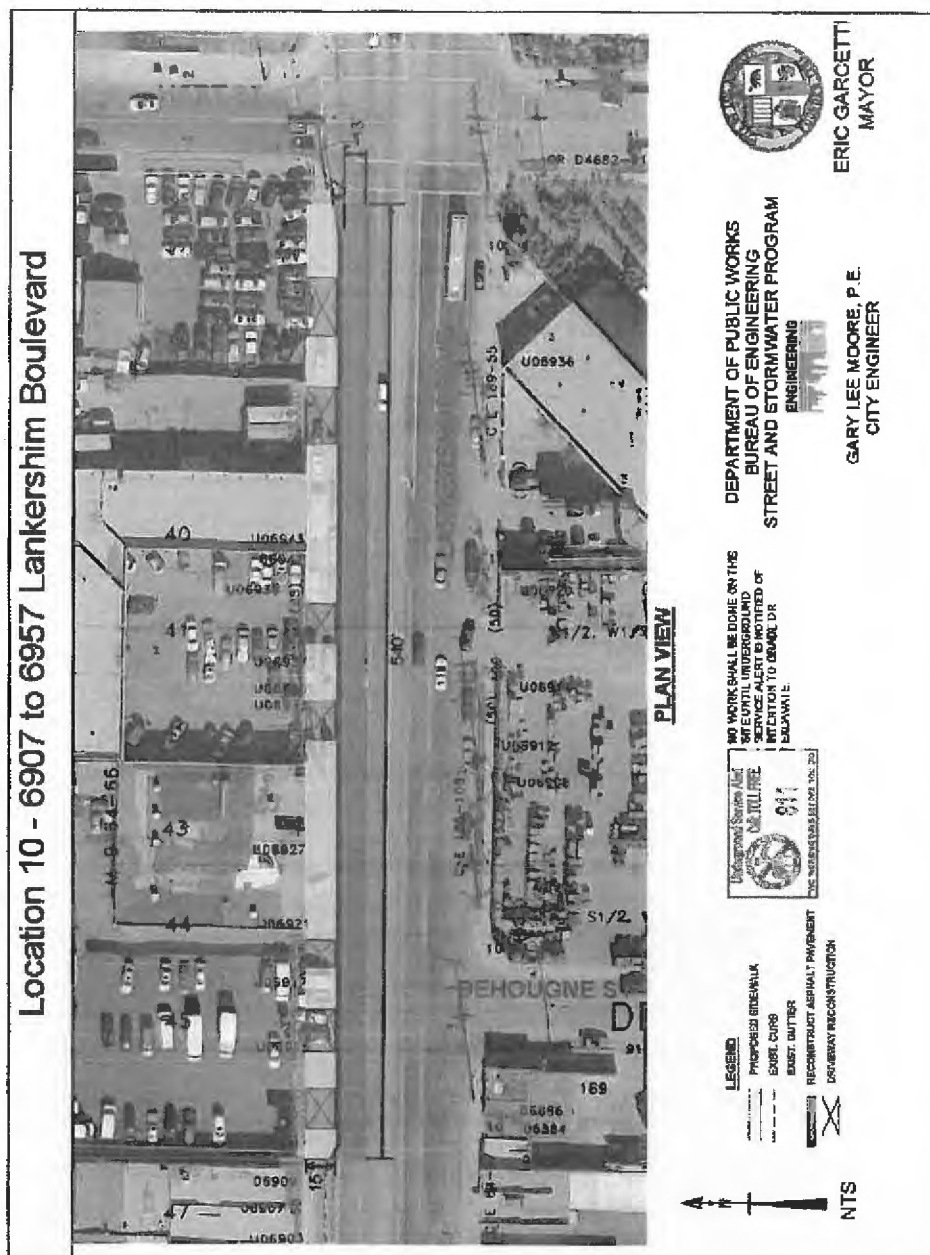


FIGURE 15 - 7007-7033 Lankershim Boulevard

