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Spanning the intersection of Normandie Ave and Olympic Blvd - the site of Olympic Market, one of the first Korean owned grocery markets in Los Angeles - the Koreatown Gateway project will not only welcome visitors to Koreatown but bring attention to the boulevard’s historical significance as a home to some of Koreatown’s first businesses, from VIP Restaurant (now the beloved Guelaguetza Restaurant) and VIP Plaza to Kim Bang Ah Bakery.

Further, as business spending has migrated north to other commercial corridors in Wilshire Center - Koreatown, we believe the Gateway project will help strengthen Olympic Blvd’s economy by bringing more foot traffic and greater spending to the boulevard’s business community, helping small, local businesses.

The construction of Madang Linear Parks will also be an invaluable asset to Wilshire Center - Koreatown stakeholders. As one of Los Angeles County’s most park poor neighborhoods, with .1 park acres per 1000 residents, we welcome the addition of any green space or sites for gathering, no matter how small. Further, by reducing Normandie Ave, between Irolo and San Marino Streets, to one lane, our most vulnerable residents who travel on foot, from families walking to Seoul International Park to seniors visiting the Koreatown Senior and Community Center, will have great protection as they traverse the neighborhood.

Therefore, the Wilshire Center - Koreatown Neighborhood Council supports the Bureau of Economic and Workforce Department’s report to approve up to $1.75 million for the Koreatown Gateway and Madang Linear Park projects.

Sincerely,

Wilshire Center - Koreatown Neighborhood Council
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    Honorable Monica Rodriguez, Councilmember