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**TRANSMITTAL**

TO Council	DATE 10-15-19	COUNCIL FILE NO. 14-1174-S71
FROM CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee		COUNCIL DISTRICT 1

At its Special Meeting on October 10, 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. Council approval of the report recommendations would authorize the appropriation of up to \$300,000 in CRA/LA Excess Non-Housing Bond Proceeds from the Westlake Redevelopment Project Area (Taxable Series 2006-A) for the Westlake Graffiti Abatement Project.

**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 transfers totaling approximately \$88.4 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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Attachment – October 10, 2019 EWDD Report – Westlake Graffiti Abatement Project

# CITY OF LOS ANGELES

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ERIC GARCETTI  
MAYOR

Item 1

ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE  
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

1200 W. 7TH STREET  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90017

JOHN L. REAMER, JR.  
INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER

October 10, 2019

Council File: 14-1174-S71  
Council District No.: 1  
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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, ALLOCATE UP TO \$300,000 IN CRA/LA EXCESS NON-HOUSING BOND PROCEEDS FROM THE WESTLAKE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA (TAXABLE SERIES 2006-A) FOR THE WESTLAKE GRAFFITI ABATEMENT 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 (BOC) recommend that the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor as required:

1. DETERMINE that these recommended actions related to funding and approving the Westlake Graffiti Abatement Project (Project), consisting of graffiti abatement, sidewalk repairs and landscape improvements along 7<sup>th</sup> Street, is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301 (a) and (d) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1, Category 1 and 4 of the City CEQA Guidelines;
2. APPROVE up to \$300,000 in taxable CRA/LA Excess Non-Housing Bond Proceeds (EBP) available to Council District (CD) 1 from the Westlake Redevelopment Project Area (Project Area) be utilized for Project;
3. AUTHORIZE the Department of Public Works (DPW), Office of Community Beautification (OCB) to be the implementing department for activities related to Project;

4. AUTHORIZE OCB to take the necessary actions to effectuate Project, and select from its list of approved contractors a contractor (Contractor) to perform activities related to Project;
5. AUTHORIZE OCB to negotiate and execute any contracts and related documents necessary (Contract) to implement Project with Contractor subject and pursuant to the approval of the Board of Public Works (BPW) to effectuate project and prevailing wage requirements;
6. DIRECT OCB to transmit copies of all executed Contract(s) for Project to EWDD;
7. DIRECT DPW, Bureau of Engineering (BOE) to file a CEQA Notice of Exemption (NOE) on behalf of OCB with the City Clerk and Los Angeles County Clerk upon Council approval;
8. DIRECT OCB to expend the EBP appropriation no later than September 30, 2024;
9. AUTHORIZE the Controller, subject to the availability of funds and a duly executed and encumbered Contract, to expend up to \$300,000 from the EBP Fund No. 57D, Account No. 22L9ST Westlake Taxable Series 2006-A for activities related to Project upon presentation of proper documentation by OCB, and satisfactory review and approval of EWDD in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Bond Expenditure Agreement (BEA);
10. DIRECT OCB to report on its work accomplishments to the Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), and fund expenditures to EWDD, on a quarterly and as-needed basis;
11. AUTHORIZE the Interim General Manager of EWDD, or designee, to make any corrections or clarifications to this report as necessary in order to effectuate the intent of this action; and
12. 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 1 Motion (Cedillo-Huizar) (Attachment 1) which was adopted by Council on June 12, 2019 (C.F. 14-1174-S71).

The Motion seeks \$300,000 in taxable EBP be allocated to OCB to perform graffiti abatement improvements including the removal of existing graffiti, and beautification projects to include sidewalk repairs, landscaping and public art. Graffiti removal near MacArthur Park/Alvarado was identified as a potential project in Project Area's Bond Spending Plan (BSP) that was adopted by Council on June 24, 2015 (C.F. 14-1174).

The original EBP in Project Area available to CD 1 was \$3,973,267, all taxable. After the 16% (\$635,723) administrative EBP, the net remaining EBP was \$3,337,544. This transmittal's \$300,000 request, along with 3 pending and Council adopted projects, will leave CD 1 with no EBP in Project Area.

### **EWDD ANALYSIS**

The BOC team met and consulted with CD 1 and OCB regarding Project and scope of work. Project will consist of graffiti abatement near MacArthur Park and Alvarado Street. OCB will select from its duly procured bench list of contractors to perform the graffiti abatement related assignments.

The total Project cost estimate is \$300,000 which will be 100% funded by CD 1's EBP in Project Area. OCB's proposed scope of work and budget estimates are as follows:

#### Taxable EBP

• Graffiti abatement equipment	\$ 15,000
• Transportation	\$ 55,000
• Materials for graffiti abatement (paint, pole extension, rollers, sleeves, and other sundries)	\$ 72,000
• Salaries and Benefits	<u>\$158,000</u>
<b>Total Taxable EBP Cost Estimates</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>

Project will begin in December of 2019 and will last for one year. Completion is projected for December 2020. All construction work and labor for Project will be subject to prevailing wage requirements.

OCB will negotiate and execute Contract(s) and all related documents with Contractor and encumber funding in a timely fashion. EBP allocation must be fully expended no later than September 30, 2024. Deliverables and/or activity reports showing percentages of completion must accompany OCB'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 adherence to the terms and conditions of the BEA and BSP, and that the actual expenditures adhere to those categories and amounts outlined in this transmittal.

OCB will report on its work accomplishments to CAO, and fund expenditures to EWDD, on a quarterly and as-needed basis for their respective reports to BOC, Mayor and CRA/LA.

### **BENEFITS TO THE AFFECTED TAXING ENTITIES**

The expenditures set forth in this report will provide community benefits in Project Area benefitting the affected taxing entities through the removal of graffiti and increasing the safety and aesthetics of the local area. Graffiti serves to tarnish the environment and contribute to a sense of neglect, and its efficient removal insures that communities do not endure lasting negative impacts associated with this form of blight. The graffiti abatement program in Project Area will enhance the aesthetics and quality of life for all residents in



the Westlake community.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

The City of Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department provided the environmental analysis below while BOE prepared the NOE (Attachment 2).

Project consists of power washing and painting over graffiti, sidewalk repairs and landscape improvements within Project Area along 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301 (a) and (d) of the State CEQA Guidelines; and Article III, Section 1, Class 1, Category 1 and 4 of the City CEQA Guidelines.


A CEQA NOE will be filed by BOE on OCB's behalf with the City Clerk and Los Angeles County Clerk upon Council adoption of Project.

### **CAO COVENANT REVIEW**

CAO has completed its review of the original bond documents, covenants and BSP, and has found that the proposed use of EBP for the purposes outlined in this report is consistent with those documents.

### **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

There is no impact on the City's General Fund from the proposed allocation of CRA/LA EBP. The CRA/LA EBP Fund No. 57D is funded solely from transfers of approximately \$88.4 million in pre-2011 tax allocation bond proceeds from CRA/LA to the City (C.F. 14-1174,14-1174-S36 and 14-1174-S78). 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 (Cedillo-Huizar) C.F. 14-1174-S71  
2: CEQA Notice of Exemption (To be filed by BOE)

MOTION

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

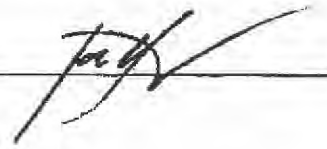
Community beautification and graffiti abatement are important programs in the City of Los Angeles, as evidenced by Council support for public murals and paintings, the Graffiti Apprehension Reward program, and numerous other related projects and programs to beautify our communities. Graffiti abatement improvements, including the removal of existing graffiti, and beautification projects, including repairing sidewalks, landscaping, and public art, have been identified within areas of the Westlake Recovery Redevelopment Project Area in Council District 1. However, funding is needed to implement some of these improvements.

Funds are available to Council District 1 through taxable CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds from the Westlake Recovery Redevelopment Project Area that can help fund the Westlake Graffiti Abatement 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 CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds towards graffiti abatement and 7<sup>th</sup> Street public improvements in the Westlake Recovery Redevelopment Project Area is identified as eligible expenses in the Bond Expenditure Agreement and Bond Spending Plan.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Economic and Workforce Development Department, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, Chief Legislative Analyst, Board of Public Works through the Office of Community Beautification, and any other applicable City department, provide a report with recommendations to the CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee to allocate \$300,000 in taxable CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds available to Council District 1 for graffiti abatement and 7<sup>th</sup> Street public improvements as identified in the Bond Expenditure Agreement and Bond Spending Plan for the Westlake Recovery Redevelopment Project Area.

I FURTHER MOVE that \$300,000 in taxable CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds available to Council District 1 from the Westlake Recovery Redevelopment Project Area be utilized by the Office of Community Beautification to fund the Westlake Graffiti Abatement Project upon City Council approval of the forthcoming Economic and Workforce Development Department report.

PRESENTED BY   
GILBERT A. CEDILLO  
Councilmember, 1st District

SECONDED BY 

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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.

<b>LEAD CITY AGENCY AND ADDRESS:</b> City of Los Angeles c/o Bureau of Engineering 1149 S. Broadway, MS 839 Los Angeles, CA 90015	<b>COUNCIL DISTRICT</b> 1
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<b>PROJECT TITLE:</b> S71 Graffiti Abatement and 7 <sup>th</sup> Street Improvement (aka Westlake Graffiti Abatement Project)  W.O. ECEQASTR	<b>LOG REFERENCE</b> C.F. 14-1174-S71
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**PROJECT LOCATION:** Multiple locations within the former Community Redevelopment Agency Westlake Recovery Redevelopment Project Area. The target areas are the perimeter of MacArthur Park, Alvarado Street, James M. Wood Street, Union Avenue, and Rampart Boulevard. See Figure 1: Project Vicinity.  
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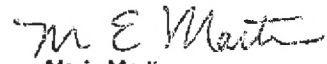
**DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:** The City of Los Angeles (the City) Board of Public Works Office of Community Beautification (BPW-OCB), in partnership with the Coalition for Responsible Community Development (CRCD), are proposing a public right-of-way improvement project consisting of graffiti removal. CRCD crews will provide the graffiti removal. The project is intended to provide improvements which will enhance pedestrian safety and beautify the neighborhood. See attached narrative.

CONTACT PERSON	TELEPHONE NUMBER	
Lauren Rhodes	(213) 485-5733	
<b>EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)</b>	<u>CITY CEQA GUIDELINES</u>	<u>STATE CEQA GUIDELINES</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> MINISTERIAL	Art. II, Sec. 2.b	Sec. 15268
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\* See Public Resources Code Sec. 21080 and set forth state and city guidelines provisions.

**JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION:** The project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1 Existing Facilities (a) and (d). The project is also exempt from CEQA pursuant to the City CEQA Guidelines Article III, Section 1, Class 1, Existing Facilities, Category 1 and 4. *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**

<b>SIGNATURE:</b>  Maria Martin	<b>TITLE:</b> Environmental Affairs Officer Environmental Management Group	<b>DATE:</b> 9/11/19
<b>FEE:</b> \$75.00 _____	<b>RECEIPT NO.</b>	<b>RECD BY</b>
		<b>DATE</b>

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

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**CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION NARRATIVE****I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION, CONTINUED**

The City of Los Angeles (the City) Board of Public Works Office of Community Beautification (BPW-OCB), in partnership with the Coalition for Responsible Community Development (CRCDC), are proposing a public right-of-way improvement project consisting of graffiti removal. The scope of work includes graffiti removal from the public right-of-way consisting of painting over and power washing existing graffiti on various surfaces such as walls, utility boxes, light poles, and sidewalks within the Westlake Recovery Redevelopment Project Area. The target areas are the perimeter of MacArthur Park, Alvarado Street, James M. Wood Street, Union Avenue, and Rampart Boulevard. Painting and power washing of utilities will not disrupt service. CRCDC crews will provide the graffiti removal.

Unless otherwise stated, the project would be designed, constructed and operated following all applicable laws, regulations, ordinances and formally adopted City standards including but not limited to:

- Los Angeles Municipal Code
- Bureau of Engineering Standard Plans
- Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction
- Work Area Traffic Control Handbook
- Additions and Amendments to the Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction

**II. PROJECT HISTORY**

Community beautification and graffiti abatement are important programs in the City of Los Angeles, as evidenced by Council support for public murals and paintings, the Graffiti Apprehension Reward program, and numerous other related projects and programs to beautify our communities. Graffiti abatement improvements, including the removal of existing graffiti, and beautification projects, including repairing sidewalks, landscaping, and public art, have been identified within areas of the Westlake Recovery Redevelopment Project Area in Council District 1. Funds are available to Council District 1 through taxable CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds from the Westlake Recovery Redevelopment Project Area that can help fund the Westlake Graffiti Abatement Project.

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

The project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1 (a) and (d) *Existing Facilities* for operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use because the project consists of:

- interior or exterior alterations involving such things as interior partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyances;
- restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety, unless it is determined that the damage was substantial and resulted from an environmental hazard such as earthquake, landslide, or flood.

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Additionally, the Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to City CEQA Guidelines Article III, Section 1, Class 1 (1) and (4) *Existing Facilities* for minor alteration of existing public or private structures involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing because the project consists of:

- interior or exterior alterations involving remodeling or minor construction where there be negligible or no expansion of use;
- restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment and systems to meet the current standard of public health, safety and environmental protection.

**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 is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1 (a) and (d) *Existing Facilities*. The project will occur on sidewalks and walls within the public right-of-way. Based on the Community Plans and NavigateLA, 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. As such, the project will not impact sensitive environments or locations and 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.

The project is not anticipated to result in significant cumulative impacts. As graffiti removal project, it is anticipated that projects such as this will occur in the future because it is a necessary and recurring project type to maintain community health and safety as well as community beauty. However, there are currently no known successive projects of the same type planned for this area. While other projects of the same type are occurring elsewhere in the City, they have been determined to be happening in different neighborhoods and at different times. Given the nature of the project, it will not result in cumulative impacts 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.

**Aesthetics**

The project will result in visual improvements in the community by removing graffiti. This activity has positive benefits for community beautification and commercial environment enhancement. Using pressure washing and paint to remove or cover the visible graffiti, work will take place on surfaces within the public right-of-way which may improve the appearance of the area. CRCD typically uses paint that closely matches the wall or surface. Graffiti removal projects are common projects that occur throughout the City and involve minor work to enhance community beauty and public health and safety. As such, this

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project is not an unusual circumstance and there is no reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect.

**Hazardous Waste and Materials**

The project is anticipated to use exterior paint to cover the graffiti. Based on the type of paint used, any applicable Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) and/or the hazardous material label would be used in the handling, storage and disposal of the paint. It is not uncommon for paint to be used in graffiti abatement project, and as such this project is not an unusual circumstance and there is no reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect.

The project will remove graffiti in the public right-of-way on existing walls and sidewalks. Additionally, no excavation is anticipated for this project. According to State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) (Envirostor at [www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov)) and California Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) (Geotracker at <https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>), there are no sidewalks or walls within the public right-of-way located on a site listed as a hazardous waste site under Government Code Section 65962.5. Graffiti removal is not uncommon as many projects of this type take place throughout the City. As such, this project is not an unusual circumstance and there is no reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect.

**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.

The location of the project was referenced against the database of scenic highways at ([http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LandArch/16\\_livability/scenic\\_highways](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LandArch/16_livability/scenic_highways)) and no scenic highway is located within the immediate vicinity of the project or within the project site.

Since the proposed project is not within a state designated scenic highway or within sight of any state designated scenic highway, this exception has no application.

**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 stated above in 3. *Significant Effect*, the project will remove graffiti from the public right-of-way and no excavation is anticipated. According to the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) (Envirostor at [www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov)) and California Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) (Geotracker at <https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>), there are no existing sidewalks or walls within the public right-of-way located on a site listed as a hazardous waste site under Government Code Section 65962.5, as of September 9, 2019.

**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 the public right-of-way on sidewalks and walls. Given the nature of the project, excavation is not anticipated. The project will not involve historical resources and thus will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

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 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



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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 15064.5 (f)); Public Resources Code or PRC Section 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.

**IV. REFERENCES**

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State of California Health and Safety Code. Section 7050.5.

**Figure 1: Project Vicinity (Westlake Recovery Redevelopment Project Area)**

