October 13, 2017

Public Hearing: CEQA Appeal of Notice of Exemption For Safe Streets For Playa Del Rey Traffic Safety Initiative (Bicycle Lanes; DCP Case No. ENV-2016-1099-SE)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The bicycle lane part of the Playa Del Rey Traffic Safety Initiative project improves the safety and comfort of people walking and bicycling along streets in Playa del Rey, including Culver Boulevard, Vista Del Mar, and Pershing Drive. The part of the project consists of the following actions:

- Repurposing the street within the existing right-of-way along 0.4 mile length of Culver Boulevard between Pacific Avenue and Nicholson Street to install standard and buffered bicycle lanes, a protected turn lane, curb extensions, new and upgraded pedestrian crossings, signal timing changes, and speed feedback signs.

- Adding bicycle lanes along Culver Boulevard required LADOT to reallocate travel lanes to remove one travel lane in each direction along Culver Boulevard from Nicholson Street to Pacific Avenue; remove one southbound travel lane along Vista Del Mar from Culver Boulevard to Waterview Street; and remove one northbound travel lane along Vista Del Mar from Napoleon Street to Culver Boulevard.

- Repurposing the street within the existing right-of-way along 0.9 mile length of Pershing Drive between Culver Boulevard and Westchester Parkway to extend a channel turn lane, and installing standard and buffered bike lanes, flashing beacons, and speed feedback signs.

- Reconfiguring the northbound approach of Vista Del Mar at the Culver Boulevard intersection to a right-turn only, removing a through-left movement at the intersection in order to reduce travel delay. All other access was redirected to Pacific Avenue through a left-turn pocket along Vista Del Mar.

The part of the project is implemented to achieve calmer traffic on the corridor, reduced speeds and increased safety for people walking and bicycling. The Project Description captures recent modifications that were the result of the Community Task Force recommendations.

Public Hearing: Since this part of the project involves changing roadway striping of an existing urban street to allow for bicycle lanes included in an adopted bicycle transportation plan, it is subject to Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 21080.20.5 that exempts this activity from CEQA. In order to be eligible for the exemption, the City must hold a noticed public hearing in areas affected by the project.

The Public Hearing will be agendized at the regular schedule meeting of the Transportation Committee of City Council as follows:

October 25, 2017, 1 PM
City Hall, Room 1010
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

The public hearing will also consider two appeals filed under PRC Section 21151(c) regarding the Playa del Rey Traffic Safety Initiative in its entirety and actions taken in 2017 on Vista del Mar.

Copies of the relevant documents may be examined in the Office of the City Clerk, Room 395, City Hall, 200 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles, 90012, as well as online at http://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=15-0719-S18.

Written comments may also be submitted to the City Clerk prior to the hearing. Please reference Council file No. 15-0719-S18 in all correspondence forwarded to this office regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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