

Your

PUBLIC WORKS

Committee

reports as follows:

MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION and PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the vacation of Laurel Canyon Boulevard southerly of Willow Glen Road and easterly of Laurel Canyon Boulevard and a Variable Width Slope and Drainage Easement (VAC E1401161).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that the initial study prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) that the vacation of Laurel Canyon Boulevard southerly of Willow Glen Road and easterly of Laurel Canyon Boulevard will not have a significant effect on the environment; that on the basis of the whole record that there is no substantial evidence that the vacation will have a significant effect on the environment; that the Mitigated Negative Declaration (ENV-2010-1682-MND-REC-1) reflects the City's independent judgment and analysis; and ADOPT the Mitigated Negative Declaration (ENV-2010-1682-MND-REC-1).
2. ADOPT the FINDINGS of the City Engineer dated February 27, 2012, as the Findings of the Council.
3. FIND that the street vacation proceedings pursuant to the Public Streets, Highways and Service Easements Vacation Law be instituted for the vacation of the public right-of-way indicated below and shown colored blue on Exhibit B of the February 27, 2012 City Engineer report and attached to the Council file:
 - a. Laurel Canyon Boulevard southerly of Willow Glen Road and easterly of Laurel Canyon Boulevard.
 - b. The variable width slope and drainage easement on Arb 1 of Lot A of Tract 4086.
4. ADOPT the accompanying City Engineer report dated February 27, 2012 to approve the vacation.
5. FIND that there is a public benefit to this vacation and that upon vacation of the street, the City is relieved of its ongoing obligation to maintain the street and that the City is relieved of any potential liability that might result from continued ownership of the involved street easements as detailed in the February 27, 2012 City Engineer report and attached to the Council file.
6. AMEND the City Engineer report dated February 27, 2012 to remove Condition 5(a).
7. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to set a public hearing date for **AUGUST 1, 2012**.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that the petitioner has paid a fee of \$10,700 for the investigation of this request pursuant to Section 7.42 of the Administrative Code. Any deficit fee to recover the cost pursuant to Section 7.44 of the Administrative Code may be required of the petitioner.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At its regular meeting held on June 27, 2012, the Public Works Committee considered the recommendations of the City Engineer as contained in its February 27, 2012 report. The City Engineer reports that the area sought to be vacated is a portion of Laurel Canyon Boulevard southerly of Willow Glen Road and easterly of Laurel Canyon Boulevard (a map of the area is included as Exhibit B in the February 27, 2012 City Engineer report and is attached to the Council file). The purpose of the vacation request is to consolidate the vacated area with the residential property to the east to allow for an existing driveway, retaining walls and landscaping currently located in the right-of-way. This vacation procedure is being processed under procedures established by Council on March 5, 2002 as detailed in Council file No. 01-1459.

Council District Four staff requested to remove Condition 5(a) from the City Engineer report. After having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approving the recommendations as amended and detailed above in Recommendation Nos. 1-7. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BUSCAINO:	YES
KREKORIAN:	YES
GARCETTI:	YES

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