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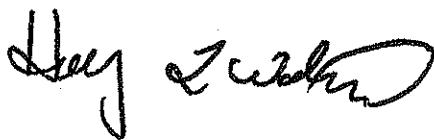
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Council File No.

September 17, 2013

To All Interested Parties:

The City Council adopted the action(s), as attached, under Council File No. 12-0533,
at its meeting held September 17, 2013.



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MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION and ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, AGING AND RIVER COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the North Atwater Crossing Project.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that, on the basis of whole record, there is no substantial evidence that the North Atwater Crossing Project will have a significant effect on the environment; that the Mitigated Negative Declaration (SCH No. 2012111091; WO No. E1907492) reflects the City's independent judgment and analysis; is in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); that the documents constituting the record of proceedings in this matter are located in Council File No. 12-0533 in the custody of the City Clerk; and ADOPT the CEQA Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration.
2. ADOPT the Mitigated Negative Declaration (SCH No. 2012111091) as described in the July 10, 2013 Board of Public Works (Board) report and attached to the Council file.
3. APPROVE the North Atwater Crossing Project as described in the Initial Study/July 10, 2013 Board report and attached to the Council file.
4. ADOPT the Mitigation Monitoring Program as described in the July 10, 2013 Board report and attached to the Council file.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Board reports that the North Atwater Crossing Project's design and construction is being funded by the Los Angeles River Revitalization Corporation, an independent non-profit corporation. Council Districts Four and 13 have provided discretionary funding (AB1290) to support the project's environmental review, permitting, and inspection. The Bureau of Engineering has also allocated Los Angeles River funds to support the project.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On September 9, 2013, your Committee considered a July 10, 2013 Board report, Mitigated Negative Declaration (SCH No, 2012111091), and Initial Study relative to the North Atwater Crossing Project. According to the Board, the bridge would be approximately 302 feet long and 38 feet wide with two separate paths, one designated for equestrian use and the other shared by pedestrians and bicyclists. No motorized vehicles would be allowed on the bridge. Bollards would be placed to keep all vehicles off the walking and riding surfaces.

The main bearing point would be the single pier, which would be located in the Los Angeles River approximately 114 feet from the western bank. This pier would be designed to be as hydraulically-neutral as possible thereby minimizing the impact on the flow. This concrete pier would land in the present "long island" found at the bottom of the Los Angeles River in this area.

The pier would sit on piles that would be sunk to bedrock approximately 30 feet below the Los Angeles River bottom. This island presently includes some vegetation. After construction of the pier, the island would be restored with native grasses and plants. Two abutments would be constructed at each end of the bridge to anchor the structure on the banks and outside the riverbed. These

elements would be constructed of concrete and would sit on piles and footings. The sloping concrete slurry bank would be restored around them. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the Board report and detailed in the above recommendations. This matter is submitted for Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,



ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, AGING AND RIVER COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
O'FARRELL:	YES
LABONGE:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES
CEDILLO:	ABSENT
PRICE:	ABSENT

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