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The Los Angeles Department of Transportation's (LADOT) DASH and Commuter Express buses are currently maintained, inspected and stored at several contracted transit operations facilities. In response to the growing demand for its services, LADOT obtained \$33 million in grants from the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for the development of a state-of-the-art Bus Maintenance and CNG Fueling Facility (the "Facility"). LADOT has completed the purchase of 3.6 acres of land located at 454 - 462, and 506 East Commercial Street, and 459 - 461 and 503 - 511 East Ducommun Street (the "Property") for the Facility.

The Property is currently bisected by Hewitt Street, a designated Collector Street. The circulation improvements associated with the construction of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension, including relocation of the freeway off-ramp and the closure of Ducommun Street at Alameda Street, eliminated the importance and use of Hewitt Street adjacent to the Property. Furthermore, the changes to the area's vehicular circulation pattern have reduced the importance and relevance of Commercial, Garey and Ducommun Streets.

In order to develop the most effective Facility and meet the technical specifications associated with the funding sources, Hewitt Street from Commercial Street to Ducommun Street must be merged with the adjacent properties that will house the Facility. To accomplish this merger, Hewitt Street must first be downgraded from a Collector Street to a Local Street. Additionally, as there will be no future need to widen Commercial, Garey, or Ducommun Streets, no additional street dedications should be required with the entitlements that will be obtained for the Facility.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Planning Department, in coordination with the Department of Transportation, be directed to prepare and present the necessary documents and plan amendments to the "Streets and Highways Designation Map" of the General Plan Transportation Element and to the Central City North Community Plan to redesignate and downgrade Hewitt Street between Commercial Street and Ducommun Street from a Collector Street to a Local Street.

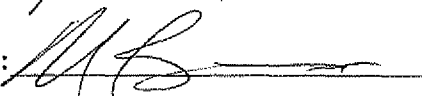
I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Public Works impose no setback, street dedication, widening or landscaping requirements on Commercial, Garey, or Ducommun Streets adjacent to the Property in order to meet the needs and requirements of the planned Bus Maintenance and CNG Fueling Facility.

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