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this matter, please refer to the
Council File No.

June 27, 2014

To All Interested Parties:

The City Council adopted the action(s), as attached, under Council File No. 14-0267-S1, at its meeting held June 25, 2014.



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File No. 14-0267-S1

ADDENDUM TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR), MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM, STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS, PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT, and RESOLUTION relative to redesignating the street classifications for the areas in the vicinity of the University of Southern California Health Sciences Campus as part of a streetscape beautification program.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) section 21166 and State CEQA Guidelines 15162, based on substantial evidence in the record as a whole, that since the certification of EIR No. ENV-2004-1950-EIR on July 18, 2006 and the consideration and adoption of an addendum to the EIR on April 9, 2014, there have been no changes to the project, changes with respect to the circumstances under which the project is being undertaken, or new information of substantial importance concerning the project, which cause new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects, and therefore no additional environmental review is required for this action.
2. ADOPT the FINDINGS of the Los Angeles City Planning Commission (LACPC) as the Findings of the Council.
3. ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION as recommended by the Mayor, the Director of Planning and the LACPC APPROVING the proposed General Plan Amendment to the Transportation Element of the General Plan and the Northeast Los Angeles Community Plan to redesignate the street classifications for the areas below in the vicinity of the University of Southern California Health Sciences Campus as part of a streetscape beautification program.
 - a. San Pablo Street, between Zonal Avenue and Valley Boulevard, from a Secondary Highway to Modified Collector Street designation.
 - b. Alcazar Street, between Eastlake Avenue and Soto Street, from a Collector Street to Modified Collector Street designation.
 - c. Eastlake Avenue, between Alcazar Street and San Pablo Street, from a Collector Street to Modified Collector Street designation.
 - d. Norfolk Street, between San Pablo Street and Soto Street, from a Local Street to Modified Collector Street designation.
 - e. Playground Street, between Norfolk Street and Alcazar Street, from a Local Street to Modified Local Street designation.
 - f. Biggy Street, between Zonal Avenue and Eastlake Avenue, from a Local Street to Modified Local Street designation.
4. INSTRUCT the Department of City Planning to update the General Plan and appropriate maps pursuant to this action.

5. ADVISE the applicant that, pursuant to California State Public Resources Code Section 21081.6, the City shall monitor or require evidence that mitigation conditions are implemented and maintained throughout the life of the project and the City may require any necessary fees to cover the cost of such monitoring.
6. ADVISE the applicant that, pursuant to State Fish and Game Code Section 711.4, a Fish and Game Fee and/or Certificate of Fee Exemption is now required to be submitted to the County Clerk prior to or concurrent with the Environmental Notice of Determination filing.

Applicant: City of Los Angeles

Case No. CPC-2011-3043-GPA

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LACPC reports that there is no General Fund impact, as administrative costs are recovered through fees.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

TIME LIMIT FILE - AUGUST 17, 2014

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - AUGUST 15, 2014)

Summary


At the public hearing held on June 17, 2014, the Planning and Land Use Management Committee considered a General Plan Amendment to redesignate the street classifications for the areas in the vicinity of the University of Southern California Health Sciences Campus as part of a streetscape beautification program.

After an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended that Council approve the recommendations contained in the reports from the Mayor, Director of Planning and the LACPC. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MEMBER	VOTE
HUIZAR:	YES
CEDILLO:	YES
ENGLANDER:	ABSENT



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ADOPTED
JUN 25 2014
LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the subject streets, San Pablo Street, Alcazar Street, Eastlake Avenue, Norfolk Street, Playground Street, and Biggy Street, along Hazard Park and the University of Southern California Health Sciences Campus, are located within the Northeast Los Angeles Community Plan, updated and adopted by the City Council on June 15, 1999, as part of the Land Use Element of the General Plan; and

WHEREAS, these streets are also identified in the Transportation Element of the General Plan, updated and adopted by the City Council on September 8, 1999, and designated as Secondary Highway, Collector Street, or Local Streets; and

WHEREAS, the General Plan Framework plan denotes the general area of Hazard Park and the University of Southern California Health Sciences Campus as a "Community Center" and a "Pedestrian-Priority District", and the Plan encourages the implementation of streetscape amenities and traffic-calming measures that enhance pedestrian activity; and

WHEREAS, the subject streets currently carry vehicle capacities below those identified as typical for Secondary Highway purposes and standards; and

WHEREAS, modifications to the subject street classifications and standards will allow for narrowed roadway widths and widened sidewalk widths; and

WHEREAS, these modifications will foster a safer and more accessible pedestrian-oriented street design, while still maintaining adequate traffic flow on the vehicular circulation system; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the street redesignation, a street beautification program could be implemented, providing a significant investment in public streets and pedestrian amenities; and

WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission, at its meeting of April 10, 2014, approved and recommended that the City Council adopt the General Plan Amendment request to change the street designations of the subject streets to Modified Collector Street and Modified Local Street capacities, with modified street and sidewalk widths; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Los Angeles City Charter, the Mayor and the City Planning Commission have transmitted their recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the requested General Plan Amendment is consistent with the intent and purpose of the General Plan Framework and associated Elements; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northeast Los Angeles Community Plan and the Transportation Element be amended as shown on the attached General Plan Amendment map; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Engineer be directed to update NavigateLA and incorporate the new street standards as approved by the City Planning Commission and as shown on the attached exhibits; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Addendum and certified Environmental Impact Report (ENV-2004-1950-EIR), and related Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, Statement of Overriding Considerations, and required Findings, previously adopted by the City Council on April 9, 2014, are adequate environmental clearance for this action.

I CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING
RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
AT ITS MEETING OF JUN 25 2014
BY A MAJORITY OF ALL ITS MEMBERS.



HOLLY L. WOLCOTT
INTERIM CITY CLERK

BY Sharon Bruce
DEPUTY.