

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION, PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to the rejection of a future sidewalk as a public sidewalk lying on San Pedro Street at 1st Street (Right of Way No. 36000-1962).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that the rejection of a future sidewalk as a public sidewalk lying on San Pedro Street at 1st Street is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, pursuant to Article III, Class 5(22) of the City's Environmental Guidelines.
2. ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION rejecting the future sidewalk as public sidewalk lying on San Pedro Street at 1st Street, as shown colored red on Exhibit A, subject to the following condition:

That petitioner make satisfactory arrangement with the Real Estate Group of the Bureau of Engineering with respect to the payment of document recording fee.

3. FIND that this rejection of future sidewalk as public sidewalk is in substantial conformance with the purpose, intent and provisions of the General Plan, pursuant to Section 556 of the City Charter.
4. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to forward a copy of the Council action and Resolution rejecting the future sidewalk as public sidewalk to the Real Estate Group of the Bureau of Engineering for processing.
5. INSTRUCT the Real Estate Group of the Bureau of Engineering to record the Resolution with the Los Angeles County Recorder when the condition in Recommendation A has been complied with.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that a fee of \$6,869.40 was paid for processing this request pursuant to Section 7.40 of the Administrative Code.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

#### SUMMARY

On May 21, 2014, your Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee considered a Bureau of Engineering report relative to the rejection of a future sidewalk as a public sidewalk lying on San Pedro Street at 1st Street (Right of Way No. 36000-1962). The report from the Office of the City Engineer, dated April 30, 2014, attached to the Council file, recommended that the rejection of a future sidewalk as a public sidewalk lying on San Pedro Street at 1st Street be denied. Staff from the Bureau of Engineering presented the reasons for their recommendations. However, staff from Council District 14 asked that the Committee consider approving the request for a rejection of a future sidewalk as a public sidewalk. This was due to the fact that the easement in question was put on place presumably to give the City the right to widen the street along San Pedro more than 10 years ago. The City does not have any plans to widen this street and it currently inhibits the property owner from leasing to the types of tenants he'd like to fill the space. Bureau of Engineering staff testified that, while their report states opposition, they would be amenable if the Committee decided to approve the rejection of a future sidewalk as a public sidewalk.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the the rejection of a future sidewalk as a public sidewalk, as detailed above in Recommendation Nos. 1-5. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BUSCAINO:	YES
PRICE:	YES
CEDILLO:	YES

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