


CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

Date: December 4, 2017

To: Honorable City Council
c/o Office of the City Clerk, Room 395, City Hall
Attention: Honorable Mike Bonin, Chair, Transportation Committee

From: Seleta J. Reynolds,  General Manager
Department of Transportation

Subject: **ACTION TO RESCIND THE SAFE STREETS FOR PLAYA DEL REY TRAFFIC SAFETY INITIATIVE (COUNCIL FILE 15-0719-S18, DCP CASE NUMBER ENV-2016-1099-SE)**

On December 13, 2017, the Transportation Committee is scheduled to act on two appeals of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation's (LADOT) determination that the Safe Streets for Playa del Rey Traffic Safety Initiative (the Playa del Rey Project) and LADOT's actions on Vista del Mar in 2017 (the Vista Del Mar Actions) are exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This letter memorializes LADOT's action to rescind the Playa del Rey Project in its entirety, as recommended by the Mayor's Office and Councilmember Mike Bonin, and revises the staff recommendations. The rescission was complete and the traffic signal operation and all travel lanes were restored as existed before the original May 31, 2017, LADOT approval of the Playa del Rey Project on November 21, 2017.

Pursuant to the recent action to rescind the Playa del Rey Project, staff makes the following revised recommendations:

DETERMINE that the CEQA Section 21151 (c) appeals with respect to the Playa del Rey Traffic Safety Initiative is moot and are DENIED on that basis.

Pursuant to the related Vista del Mar Actions, which has not been substantively modified since the original submittal of the September 11, 2017, LADOT staff report, staff confirms the following recommendations:

- 1) DENY the CEQA Section 21151 (c) appeals with respect to the Vista Del Mar Actions;
- 2) DETERMINE that the Vista Del Mar Actions are both statutorily and categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) after considering the response included in staff report submitted on September 11, 2017;
- 3) ADOPT AND CONCUR in the approvals of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation as to the Vista Del Mar Actions, as set forth in the staff report submitted on September 11, 2017; and
- 4) DIRECT Department staff to file a Notice of Exemption with the Los Angeles City Clerk and the Los Angeles County Clerk.