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On August 4, 2015, the Planning and Land Use Committee and the Transportation Committee of the Los Angeles City Council will review and act on Mobility Plan 2035, the Planning Department's proposed update of the Transportation Element of the General Plan. Mobility Plan 2035 recognizes that the policy of the current Transportation Element, which calls for significant widening of many of the City's major arterials is impracticable and in many cases undesirable and in conflict with other policy objectives.

Mobility Plan 2035 recommends reclassifying arterials throughout the City to better fit the particular neighborhood circumstances. In the core of Hollywood, many streets have high pedestrian volumes and are bounded by historical buildings recognized on both local and national historical registers. In order to widen these streets, these protected buildings would need to be demolished or sidewalk widths reduced, which is not in line with neighborhood objectives.

Hollywood has a number of projects currently proposed for development along these streets, for which the City is currently requiring full compliance with the existing Transportation Element street standards. If these projects dedicate land and widen streets based on current standards, the neighborhood will have jagged, "saw-tooth" streets, with uneven widths for perpetuity. This will have a negative impact on pedestrian mobility and parking availability, as well as neighborhood aesthetics. The current dedication requirements also make it impossible to maintain a consistent street wall on our commercial corridors, a stated goal in the Citywide Urban Design Guidelines and CRA Hollywood Urban Design Guidelines.

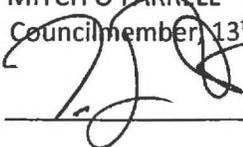
It is anticipated that the new Mobility Plan 2035 street standards will soon be adopted and future projects will develop their properties in accordance with those standards. In the interest of promoting urban design consistency, current projects should dedicate land and make street improvements in accordance with the Mobility Plan 2035 street standards. The plan would classify the following street segments in central Hollywood as Avenue III, with a 72' right-of-way and 46' roadway:

- Franklin Ave. (between La Brea and Cahuenga)
- Wilcox Ave. (between Franklin and Fountain)
- Gower St. (between Franklin and Fountain)

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Planning Department, in coordination with the Department of Transportation and the Bureau of Engineering, analyze, prepare and present the necessary Plan Amendments to the Transportation Element of the General Plan and to the Hollywood Community Plan, to re-designate the segments of Franklin Ave., Wilcox Ave. and Gower St., to Modified Secondary Highway standards, in accordance with the proposed Mobility Plan standards, as outlined above.

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