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File No. 17-0943

CONSIDERATION OF PROTESTS, PROJECT REVISED INITIAL STUDY / MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (IS/MND) and PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the airspace vacation of a portion of La Cienega Boulevard southerly of Wrightcrest Drive, VAC-E1401318 (Vacation).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. CONSIDER protests relative to the proposed Vacation.
2. REVIEW and CONSIDER the IS/MND, dated November 2016 (Transmittal No. 2 of the City Engineer report dated October 23, 2018, attached to the Council file), which was prepared in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
3. FIND under the California Public Resources Code, Section 21166 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15162, on the basis of substantial evidence contained in the whole record, that since issuance of the IS/MND, there have been no changes to the Project, changes with respect to the circumstances 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. Therefore, no subsequent environmental document is needed and the Project IS/MND is recommended for Council adoption.
4. ADOPT the applicable mitigation measures in the November 2016 Revised IS/MND as it pertains to construction impacts, specifically, the following regulatory requirements and mitigation measures included in the CEQA Review Memo dated July 6, 2018 (Transmittal No. 3 of said City Engineer report): RR 4.6-2, MM 4.8-2, RR 4.12-1, MM 4.1-1, MM 4.1-2, MM 4.4-6, MM 4.5-1, MM 4.5-2, MM 4.8-1, MM 4.8-2, MM 4.8-3, MM 4.8-4, MM 4.12-1, MM 4.12-2, MM 4.12-3, MM 4.12-4, MM 4.12-5, RR 4.16-3, MM 4.16-1.
5. FIND that the street vacation proceedings pursuant to the Public Streets, Highways and Service Easements Vacation Law be instituted for the vacation of the public right-of way indicated below and shown on the map of said City Engineer report, attached to the Council file:

The airspace vacation of a portion of La Cienega Boulevard Southerly of Wrightcrest Drive from approximately 50 feet to approximately 75 feet of the easterly prolongation of the southerly property line of Lot 21, Tract No. 22611, lying approximately 17 feet to 50 feet above the finished street surface.
6. FIND that there is a public benefit to the Vacation. Upon vacation of the airspace, the City is relieved of its ongoing obligation to maintain the street. In addition, the City is relieved of any potential liability that might result from continued ownership of the involved airspace.
7. FIND that the Vacation is in substantial conformance with the purposes, intent and provisions of the General Plan, in conformance with Section 556 of the City Charter.
8. FIND that the Vacation is not necessary for non-motorized transportation facilities, in conformance with Section 892 of the California Streets and Highways Code.

9. FIND that the Vacation is not necessary for present or prospective public use, in conformance with Section 8324 of the California Streets and Highways Code.
10. ADOPT the said City Engineer's report with the conditions contained therein, except for Conditions 7 (a), (c), (d), and (e), which have been deleted.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that the petitioner has paid a fee of \$32,100 for the investigation of this request pursuant to Section 7.42 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC). Any deficit fee to recover the cost pursuant to Section 7.44 of the LAAC will be required of the petitioner. Maintenance of the public easement by City forces will be eliminated.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on June 5, 2019, your Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee considered the recommendations of the City Engineer as contained in its aforementioned report. The City Engineer reports that the airspace sought to be vacated is a portion of La Cienega Boulevard southerly of Wrightcrest Drive (a map of the area is included in the City Engineer report). The purpose of the vacation request is to construct a pedestrian bridge connecting the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation area to the Stoneview Nature Center in Culver City as part of the Park to Playa Trail project. This vacation procedure is being processed under procedures established by Council on March 5, 2002 as detailed in Council file No. 01-1459. After having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations as contained in said City Engineer report as detailed above. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE



MEMBER	VOTE
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
RYU:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES
O'FARRELL	YES
MARTINEZ:	YES

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