

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a comprehensive assessment of streets withdrawn from public use and the reinstatement procedure for such streets.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. INSTRUCT the Board of Public Works (BPW) to assist the City Attorney in identifying past City ordinances and other Council actions that removed streets from public use.
2. REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present an Ordinance repealing such Council actions thereby returning the subject streets to public use.
3. INSTRUCT the Bureau of Street Services (BSS) to report in 120 days with:
  - a. An assessment of the streets identified in the joint report from the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) and BSS dated September 27, 2018, attached to the Council file.
  - b. Requirements for restoring the aforementioned streets to City standards.
  - c. A plan to roll the aforementioned streets into the City's annual work plans.
4. INSTRUCT the BOE to provide a map of the aforementioned streets that are considered substandard hillside streets, detailing those to be reconstructed in concrete and those to be repaired using asphalt.
5. INSTRUCT the BOE and BSS, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to report on the use of private funds to repave the aforementioned streets.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the BOE nor the BSS. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes.

For : Woodland Hills - Warner Center Neighborhood Council

## SUMMARY

At the meeting held on October 3, 2018, your Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee considered a joint report from the BOE and BSS relative to a comprehensive assessment of streets withdrawn from public use and the reinstatement procedure for such streets. The BOE and BSS report that multiple ordinances and other Council actions as far back as the 1930's have withdrawn streets from public use in the City. In general, these ordinances authorize and direct the BPW to return streets to public use when they are found to be safe and passable. The BPW adopted a policy recommended by the BOE and BSS many years ago that, in essence, required streets to be built out to City standards in determining that the street was safe and passable. However, there are many streets in the hillside areas that are not withdrawn from public use that do not meet current City standards, which has led to some frustration over streets that are in a

condition that is as good or better than adjacent streets that are not withdrawn from public use, but are not in a condition that would meet the standards to return them to public use. After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve the BOE and BSS recommendations as amended, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
BUSCAINO:	ABSENT
MARTINEZ:	YES
RYU:	YES
RODRIGUEZ:	YES

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Bob Blum', is written over the table. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Bob' and the last name 'Blum' clearly legible.

ME 10/3/18

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