

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) and PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the vacation of Banning Street, Jackson Street and Ducommun Street, from Center Street to their easterly terminus, VAC-E1401334 (Vacation).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that 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 colored blue on the attached Exhibit “ B” of the City Engineer report dated April 2, 2019:
 - a. Banning Street from Center Street to approximately 160 feet easterly thereof
 - b. Jackson Street from Center Street to approximately 290 feet easterly thereof
 - c. Ducommun Street from Center Street to approximately 315 feet easterly thereof
2. FIND that the vacation of the area shown colored orange on Exhibit “B” of said City Engineer report, be denied.
3. REVIEW and CONSIDER the Project EIR (State Clearinghouse No. 2017101034), dated September 2018 (Transmittal No. II of said City Engineer report), which was prepared in compliance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
4. FIND that changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the street Vacation that mitigate or avoid significant effects on the environment. Those mitigation measures are described in the EIR and Mitigation Monitoring Plan dated September 2018, pages 4-1 through 4-14, are attached to said City Engineer report and incorporated herein. A fully enforceable program for reporting or monitoring the changes required in the street vacation or made a condition of approval to avoid or substantially lessen significant environmental effects has been required by the Bureau of Engineering (BOE). A copy of the BOE findings adopting this program for reporting or monitoring as set forth in the CEQA Review Memo, dated October 30, 2018 is attached and incorporated herein (Transmittal No. III of said City Engineer report)
5. FIND that no new information exists to show that the project or circumstances of the project have been changed to require additional environmental review, as described in State CEQA Guidelines Section 15162, and therefore the existing environmental documents adequately describe the potential impacts for this street vacation.
6. FIND that there is a public benefit to this street vacation. Upon vacation of the streets, 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 street easements.
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 said City Engineer's report with the conditions contained therein, including the additional following condition:

Construct a 10 foot wide sidewalk, plant trees and install street lighting on the west side of Center Street between Jackson Street and Temple Street consistent with plans submitted by the Metro Division 20 Portal Widening Project and subject to the review and approval by the Department of Public Works and Los Angeles Department of Transportation.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that the petitioner has paid a fee of \$96,300 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 March 24, 2021, your Public Works Committee considered the recommendations of the City Engineer as contained in its aforementioned report. The City Engineer reports that the area sought to be vacated is Tavener Avenue between Sawtelle Boulevard and the northerly east-west alley (a map of the area is included in the City Engineer report). The purpose of the vacation request is to combine the vacated street with existing ownership on both sides of Tavener Street. 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 COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
LEE:	YES
DE LEON:	YES
O'FARRELL	YES
KORETZ:	YES

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