

ACCELERATED REVIEW PROCESS - I

Office of the City Engineer  
Los Angeles, California

To the Honorable Council  
Of the City of Los Angeles

December 16, 2020

Honorable Members:

CD No. 2

SUBJECT:

Initiation of Vacation Proceedings - Portion of Keswick Street  
Between Vantage Avenue and Laurel Canyon Boulevard (Walkway and  
Future Street Easement Vacation) - VAC-E1401389

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. That upon adoption of this report, the vacation proceeding to vacate a portion Keswick Street between Vantage Avenue and Laurel Canyon Boulevard, as shown on Exhibit A, be initiated pursuant to California Streets and Highways Code, Division 9, Part 3, Public Streets, Highways and Service Easements Vacation Law.
- B. That the Bureau of Engineering (Engineering) be directed to investigate the feasibility of this vacation request.
- C. That the Engineering present its report regarding the feasibility of vacating the requested area to the Public Works and Gang Reduction (PWGR) Committee.
- D. That upon consideration and approval by the PWGR Committee, the City Clerk be directed to coordinate with the Chair, subject to the concurrence of the Council President and schedule this request for the City Council's consideration at the appropriate time consistent with the public hearing requirement under California Street and Highways Code Section 8320.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

A fee of \$14,980 is typically required from the petitioner at the time of filing for the investigation of the request, as required by Section 7.42 of the Administrative Code. However, the petitioner, the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP), has not paid the fee. Furthermore, any deficit fee to recover the cost pursuant to Section 7.44 of the Administrative Code is required of the petitioner.

Since the petitioner is a City department, it is feasible for Engineering to proceed with the vacation proceedings while funding for the fees is being identified. Approval of this report will result in the need by RAP to identify \$14,980 in funding to pay for services provided by Engineering staff to process the vacation application.

TRANSMITTALS:

1. Application dated July 14, 2020 from RAP.
2. Exhibit A.

DISCUSSION:

On April 23, 2020, Council adopted a Motion under Council File no. 20-0122, instructing Engineering to complete any necessary street vacation for the transfer of a City-owned property from the Department of General Services (GSD) to RAP, at no cost to RAP. It was determined that no street vacation was necessary to complete the property transfer.

Following additional discussions, RAP stated that certain street vacation was needed for the design of a future park at this location. Since the property transfer is still in progress, ownership of title still resides with GSD. As such, RAP, the petitioner, representing GSD, the owner of the property, is requesting the City via an application to vacate a portion of Keswick Street between Vantage Avenue and Laurel Canyon Boulevard.

The adoption of the recommendations does not constitute or imply approval of the vacation.

Respectfully submitted,



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