

DRAFT AND FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT and PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the vacation of portions of Pico Boulevard and LA Live Way (subsurface space, air space, and street vacation), VAC-E1401376 (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 September 11, 2024, attached to the Council file, and that the exact limits of the vacation areas be permitted to be adjusted by the City Engineer based on the final design of the private facilities to be constructed within the proposed vacation areas:
 - a. Pico Boulevard, from LA Live Way to approximately 785 feet southeasterly thereof:
 - i. The limited air space, with a lower limit of 15 feet above street surface and an upper limit of 200 feet above the street surface.
 - ii. On northerly side, the 20-foot-wide limited air and subsurface space, with an upper limit of 15 feet above street surface and a lower limit of 100 feet below street surface.
 - iii. On and along centerline, the 14-foot-wide limited air and subsurface space, with an upper limit of 15 feet above street surface and a lower limit of 1 foot below street surface.
 - iv. On and along centerline, the 41-foot-wide limited subsurface space, with an upper limit of 1 foot below street surface and a lower limit of 100 feet below street surface.
 - v. On southerly side, the 12-foot-wide limited air and subsurface space, with an upper limit of 15 feet above street surface and a lower limit of 100 foot below street surface.
 - b. LA Live Way, from Pico Boulevard to approximately 222 feet southwesterly thereof, the variable width limited air space, with a lower limit of 15 feet above street surface and an upper limit of 40 feet above street surface.
 - c. LA Live Way, from Pico Boulevard to approximately 234 feet northeasterly thereof, the variable width limited air space, with a lower limit of 15 feet above street surface and an upper limit of 40 feet above street surface.
2. FIND that the vacation of the areas described below and shown colored orange on Exhibit B of said City Engineer report, be denied. The applicant has requested that these areas be withdrawn from their request.
 - a. Chick Hearn Court, from approximately 41 feet westerly of Georgia Street to 67 feet westerly thereof,
 - i. The limited air space, with a lower limit of 15 feet above street surface and an upper limit of 70 feet above street surface.
 - ii. The 15-foot-wide limited air and subsurface space, with an upper limit of 15 feet above street surface and a lower limit of 100 foot below street surface.

- b. Bond Street, from Pico Boulevard to easterly terminus at LA Live Way.
 - c. Pico Boulevard, an area approximately 64 feet by 97 feet westerly of LA Live Way, the limited air space, with a lower limit of 15 feet above street surface and an upper limit of 70 feet above street surface.
3. REVIEW and CONSIDER the Draft and Final Environmental Impact Report for the Convention and Event Center Project (FEIR), which were prepared by the City in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and certified by City in October 2012; the December 2021 Addendum to the Convention and Event Center Project Environmental Impact Report; and, the December 2021 Joint Analysis for the Convention Center Expansion and Modernization Project and JW Marriott Hotel and Conference Center Expansion Project (Transmittal Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6 of said City Engineer report).
 4. FIND under CEQA Guidelines Section 15091(a)(1) that changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the subsurface space, air space, and street vacation that reduce or substantially lessen the significant environmental effects as identified in Chapter IV, Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program of the FEIR, pages IV-1 through IV-110, attached to the Council file, and in the City's CEQA review Memo, dated April 13, 2022 (Transmittal 7 of said City Engineer report) which is attached and incorporated herein.
 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 subsurface space, air space, and street vacation.
 6. SPECIFY that the Permit Case Management Division of the Bureau of Engineering (BOE), located at 201 North Figueroa Street, Suite 200, Los Angeles, CA 90012, is the custodian of the documents or other relevant material which constitute the record of the proceedings upon which the Council's decision is based.
 7. FIND that there is a public benefit to this street vacation. Upon vacation of the street, 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.
 8. 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.
 9. FIND that the Vacation is not necessary for non-motorized transportation facilities, in conformance with Section 892 of the California Streets and Highways Code.
 10. 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.
 11. ADOPT the City Engineer's report with the conditions contained therein.
 12. AUTHORIZE the BOE to issue a revocable permit to the petitioner of this vacation request, or its representative, subject to satisfaction of the conditions for issuing such permit, to close, fence, occupy, demolish, excavate, grade, and construct in the public right-of-way of a portion of Pico Boulevard within the conditionally approved vacation area, prior to finalizing and recording the street vacation of a portion of this street.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that on November 10, 2020, under Council File No. 20-0600-S82, the Council adopted the Financial Status Report Fiscal Year 2020-21. The document identifies funding in the amount of \$79,430.72 to be reappropriated by the Controller to Municipal Improvement Corporation of Los Angeles (MICLA) Fund No. 29B, Account No. 50T178 and transferred to Engineering Fund No. 100/78 Account No. 001010, for the investigation of this request pursuant to Section 7.42 of the Administrative Code. Any deficit fee to recover the cost pursuant to Section 7.44 of the Administrative Code will be required of the petitioner.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on October 9, 2024, 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 are of portions of Pico Boulevard and LA Live Way (subsurface space, air space, and street vacation). The purpose of the vacation request is for the construction of the Los Angeles Convention Center (LACC) Expansion Project (Project). The request includes a combination of air space, surface, and subsurface space vacation to accommodate the construction of, and to improve pedestrian and vehicular circulation for the Project. The applicant, with the assistance of AEG Plenary Conventions Los Angeles LLC, proposes to expand and modernize the LACC and surrounding areas by means of a Public-Private Partnership Development. 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>
LEE	YES
BLUMENFIELD	YES
PADILLA	YES

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