

INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (IS/MND) and PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the vacation of Industrial Street between Alameda Street and Central Avenue, VAC-E1401257 (Vacation).

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

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 on the map of the November 18, 2020 City Engineer report, attached to the Council file:

Industrial Street between Alameda Street and Central Avenue

2. REVIEW and CONSIDER the IS/MND MTA Division 1 Land Acquisition and Expansion, dated February 2001 (Transmittal No. 2 of said City Engineer report), which was prepared by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO) in compliance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and adopted by METRO Board of Directors on February 22, 2001, and the Addendum to the IS/MND dated November 19, 2018 (Transmittal 3 of said City Engineer report).
3. FIND under CEQA Guidelines Section 15091 that changes or mitigations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project that mitigate or avoid significant effects on the environment as identified in Attachment B of the IS/MND, a copy of the METRO report adopting these mitigation measures (Transmittal 4 of said City Engineer report) and incorporated herein. Applicable CEQA findings are summarized in the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) Summary of Relevant Findings memo (Transmittal 5 of said City Engineer report).
4. FIND that no new information exists to show that the project or circumstances of the project have 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.
5. SPECIFY the BOE Permit Case Management Division, Land Development Group, located at 201 North Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, 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.
6. FIND that there is a public benefit to the 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.
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 with the following amendment:

Delete Conditions 5, 6, 12, and 13 of said City Engineer report, and Authorize the BOE to receive/accept \$3,500,000 from the METRO for implementation of the 7th Street Streetscape project, deposit said amount into Engineering Special Service Fund No. 682-50, and appropriate therein to a new account entitled, "7th Street Streetscape Improvement Segment 3."

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 October 13, 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 Industrial Street between Alameda Street and Central Avenue (a map of the area is included in the City Engineer report). The purpose of the vacation request is for the expansion of METRO's Division One Bus Maintenance and Operation facility to allow deployment of 100 additional consent decree buses. 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 amended 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 LEÓN	YES
O'FARRELL	YES
KORETZ	ABSENT

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