

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Please see the attached communication -- OPPOSE approval of MND for STAP program, contract and proposed amendments to LAMC Secs. 67.01 and 67.02. Thank you. Christina Spitz

August 24, 2022

From: Christina Spitz

To: Hon. Eric Garcetti, Mayor, City of Los Angeles; Hon. Bob Blumenfield, Chair, Public Works Cmte (PWC); Hon. Paul Krekorian, Chair, Budget & Finance Cmte (BFC); Hon. members of the PWC and BFC

cc: Matt Szabo, City Administrative Officer; Ted Jordan, Assistant City Attorney; Hon. Mike Bonin, CD11

Re: CF 20-1536, CF 20-1536-S1 and 20-1536-S2 – OPPOSE approval of MND for the STAP program, contract and proposed amendment of LAMC Secs. 67.01 & 67.02; OPPOSE proposed amendment of LAMC Secs. 67.01 & 67.02.

I write in my individual capacity as a citizen of Los Angeles, residing in Pacific Palisades. For identification purposes only, I am Vice-Chair of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), a coalition of all 14 neighborhood and community councils in the Westside of Los Angeles. I am also immediate past Secretary of Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) and a former Chair of PPCC.

I strongly oppose approval of the MND for the STAP program, contract and proposed amendment of LAMC Secs. 67.01 & 67.02 and urge that a full EIR be conducted prior to any approval, as does PPCC. See:

<https://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/PPCC-EC-Letter-STAP-MND.pdf>. I also strongly oppose the proposed amendment of LAMC Secs. 67.01 & 67.02, as does PPCC, without at least a specific exception for Scenic Highways (those as to which Scenic Corridor Plans have not been adopted), including without limitation Sunset Blvd. See: <https://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/PPCC-Letter-CF-20-1536-S1.pdf>.

Moreover, I fully support the positions taken by both WRAC and PPCC, calling for Scenic Highway, Coastal Zone, Community Plan and Specific Plan protections in connection with the STAP program. See: https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-1536_PC_AB_02-05-2021.pdf.

It is imperative to note that the original motion in CF 20-1536, by Councilmembers Blumenfield and Bonin, ***specifically called for parameters of the program “to ensure compatibility with . . . land use zones such as specific plans and scenic highways.”*** The motion itself did not call for amendment of LAMC Secs. 67.01 or 67.02 to allow expanded advertising in the PROW – and in fact, ***none of the WRAC member councils which are listed on the meeting agenda as being in support of the Council File ever submitted a CIS in support of such amendments.***

Indeed, WRAC members Bel Air Beverly Crest NC, Brentwood CC, Del Rey NC, Mar Vista CC, PPCC, West LA-Sawtelle NC, Westside NC and Westwood NC all support the position adopted by WRAC, as set forth above (including, among other things, calling for Scenic Highway, Community Plan, Specific Plan and Coastal Zone Protections, but ***not*** for expanded advertising in the PROW).

As explained more fully in the PPCC letter of May 26, 2022 (linked above), **the proposed amendments to LAMC secs. 67.01 & 67.02 would violate the Mobility Element of the General Plan** (which prohibits commercial advertising in the PROW within 500 ft. of the centerline of Scenic Highways as to which Scenic Corridor Plans have not been adopted). Again, I respectfully urge members of the PWC and BFC to disapprove the proposed amendments without at least an express exception for all such Scenic Highways, including without limitation Sunset Blvd.

Thank you for your consideration.

Christina Spitz

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