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November 20, 2009

To All Interested Parties:

The City Council adopted the action(s), as attached, under Council file
No. 09-2458, at its meeting held November 18, 2009.

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TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Your

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

reports as follows:

NEGATIVE DECLARATION and PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the widening of Burbank Boulevard - Lankershim Boulevard to Cleon Avenue Project.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that the Initial Study/Negative Declaration for the Widening of Burbank Boulevard - Lankershim Boulevard to Cleon Avenue Project (BE 339-09), prepared by the City of Los Angeles/Bureau of Engineering's Environmental Management Group on July 13, 2009 and attached to the Council file, complies with the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, pursuant to the City of Los Angeles Environmental Guidelines.
2. FIND on the basis of the while record that there is no substantial evidence that the Widening of Burbank Boulevard - Lankershim Boulevard to Cleon Avenue Project will have a significant effect on the environment.
3. FIND that the Negative Declaration as detailed above in Recommendation No.1 reflects the City's independent judgment and analysis.
4. ADOPT the Negative Declaration (BE 339-09), as detailed above in Recommendation Nos. 1-3 and attached to the Council file.
5. ADOPT the FINDINGS of the September 30, 2009 Board of Public Works (BPW) report, as attached to the Council file, as the Findings of the Council.
6. APPROVE the Burbank Boulevard - Lankershim Boulevard to Cleon Avenue Project as detailed in the July 13, 2009 Initial Study and attached to the Council file.
7. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to immediately notify Julie Van Wagner of the Bureau of Engineering's Environmental Management Division at (213) 485-5754 of the adoption of the Negative Declaration so that the Notice of Determination can be filed with the Office of the County Clerk within five working days.

Fiscal Impact Statement: According to the BPW, funding for the Burbank Boulevard - Lankershim Boulevard to Cleon Avenue Project is provided by the Federal Regional Surface Transportation Program, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Proposition C and Local Proposition C funds. There is no impact to the General Fund.

Community Impact Statement Submitted: None submitted

SUMMARY

On November 4, 2009, your Committee considered a September 30, 2009 BPW report and Initial Study/Negative Declaration relative to the widening of Burbank Boulevard - Lankershim Boulevard

to Cleon Avenue Project. According to the BPW, the proposed project would involve widening Burbank Boulevard between Lankershim Boulevard and Cleon Avenue to create a roadway width of 80 feet. Approximately 13 feet of widening on each side would be required to accommodate two lanes for through traffic, a left-turn lane, and a parking lane in each direction. Sidewalks would be constructed to a uniform width of ten feet. The widening would bring Burbank Boulevard up to modified Class II Major Highway standards.

Additionally, the proposed Project would require permanent easements on 18 parcels in total to accommodate the expanded right-of-way. An existing building at 11178 Burbank Boulevard (Assessor Parcel No. 2350005030), located on the southeast corner of the intersection of Klump Avenue and Burbank Boulevard, would either be cut and refaced or demolished to accommodate the expanded right-of-way.

Widening and realignment of the roadway would require existing storm drain catch basins, maintenance holes, utility power poles, and traffic signals to be modified or relocated. This project may include "green street" elements, but this is dependent on funding from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. The proposed project would add 74 streetlights to the eight streetlights that already exist along this section of roadway. The Initial Study indicates that 62 additional streetlights would be installed.

The proposed widening would require removal of 19 street trees; however, 38 new trees would be planted along this section of Burbank Boulevard. Therefore, the replacement would be in accordance with City policy requiring a minimum replacement ratio of 2:1. The Initial Study indicated that eight street trees would need to be removed. Although updated information has increased both the number of streetlights to be added and street trees to be removed, the BPW believes that these are minor changes that do not necessitate the recirculation of the document.

Construction is expected to begin in July 2012 and last for 24 months and at least one traffic lane in each direction would be maintained. Construction activities may temporarily reduce available street parking. In addition, after completion of the widening, some street parking spaces would be eliminated, resulting in a net loss of approximately five to seven street parking spaces.

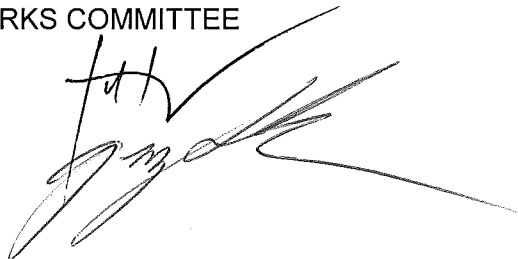
After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations as contained in the September 30, 2009 BPW report and detailed above in Recommendation Nos. 1-7. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
HUIZAR:	YES
ALARCÓN:	ABSENT
SMITH:	YES

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