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The Honorable Ed Reyes, Chair  
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ATTN: Sharon Gin  
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Dear Councilmember Reyes and Honorable Members:

**COUNCIL FILE NO. 12-1155 – DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING RESPONSE TO MOTION**

On July 27, 2012, the City Council adopted a motion directing the Department of City Planning, and various other City departments to review the existing street standards involving street dedications, street improvements, street lights, and street trees consistent with a pending General Plan Amendment and Zone Change application by USC to re-designate various streets in and around the USC Health Sciences campus (CPC-2011-3043-GPA-ZC). If adopted, the proposed General Plan Amendment would downgrade various streets, thus allowing for greater flexibility in how various streetscape elements such as sidewalk widths and street trees may be implemented. Additionally, if adopted, the dedication and improvement requirements set forth in previous Director's determinations for projects in the vicinity (DIR-2003-2104SPR and DIR 2006-928-SPR-M1) would become outdated and would therefore need to be revised based upon the newly adopted standards. The motion further directed the affected bureaus or departments to report back on the feasibility of the identified conditions.

Before the mandatory public hearing may be scheduled for the General Plan Amendment and Zone Change, an appropriate environmental review must be completed pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). A draft addendum to a previously certified Environmental Impact Report has been prepared by the applicant (USC) and has been reviewed by the Department of City Planning's Environmental Review unit. At this time, the applicant is now finalizing the draft addendum consistent with the changes required by the Department of City Planning. Once the addendum has been finalized, the hearing process for the proposed General Plan Amendment may begin. This process involves a Hearing Officer's public hearing, a vote by the City Planning Commission, consideration by the PLUM Committee and ultimately, adoption by the City Council—a process that takes approximately 75 days.

Once the General Plan Amendment has been effectuated, the Director of Planning can modify the Conditions of Approval involving street dedications and improvements set forth in (DIR-2003-2104SPR and DIR 2006-928-SPR-M1). Modifications to a Director's determination are subject to a 15-day appeal period. In a separate correspondence to the PLUM Committee dated September 24, 2012, the Bureau of Engineering has already identified the Conditions of Approval that would need to be modified.

Sincerely,

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