

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: UN4LA would like to submit the additional comments attached on Item 18 of the June 22, 2021 Council agenda, SRP FEIR.

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Los Angeles City Council
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Re: Comments on June 22 Council Agenda, Item 18
CF 14-0163-S3

Members of the City Council,

UN4LA would like to submit the following to call your attention to a significant flaw in the Sidewalk Repair Program EIR which we believe undermines the validity of the EIR.

The SRP DEIR claims that the replacement ratio for trees removed over the life of the program will range from 2:1 to 3:1, and projects a net gain in overall tree canopy based on this assumption.

But on page 521 of the FEIR, under Chapter 4: Revisions to the DEIR, the authors make a substantial change to the numbers reported for the year 2017-2018, which reduces the replacement ratio to well below 2:1.

From page 521 of the FEIR:

12. Section 2.5.3.1: The last sentence of the first paragraph has been updated and revised to state:

The actual work completed in 2017-2018 (the first year of the Willits Settlement) was approximately 24.4 miles of sidewalk repair, ~~211~~ 280 street tree removals, ~~484~~ 526 new street trees replanted (at a 2:1 ratio) and no overhead utility relocation.

This revision calls into question both the calculations about increases in tree canopy, impacts related to additional warming, energy usage and the carbon emissions capture. Based on this change, it appears that calculations/projections made in the DEIR are not based on reliable data.

Sincerely,
Casey Maddren, President
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