

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to Motion (Harris-Dawson for Raman, Bonin, Blumenfield - Price) relative to reforming the City's street dedication process.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Cedillo - Price):

INSTRUCT the Bureau of Engineering, in consultation with the Department of City Planning (DCP), the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), DCP's Urban Design Studio, and any other relevant departments, to report back within 60 days with:

- a. Recommendations to reform the waiver of dedication and/or improvement process as well as the initial requirement process to achieve the following objectives:
 - i. Preserve consistent roadway widths and curb lines on each block (eliminate spot road widenings).
 - ii. Prioritize consistent pedestrian experience with no or minimal sidewalk meandering, context-appropriate sidewalk and parkway width, and consistent interfaces with street-facing building entrances on each block face.
 - iii. Prioritize pedestrian safety and visibility by minimizing crossing distance at intersections and other crosswalks; ensuring alignment between pedestrian paths of travel, crosswalks, and curb ramps; minimizing curb radii to the greatest extent feasible (including retaining historic curb radii); and promoting curb extensions where feasible and appropriate
 - iv. Protect existing trees and parkways and create opportunities for planting new and larger shade trees.
 - v. Incorporate green infrastructure elements where feasible and appropriate.
 - vi. Ensure accessibility for people with disabilities.
- b. A checklist of public benefit findings that must be made through an administrative process prior to requiring a street dedication and/or improvement that results in a roadway widening, including:
 - i. Specific and articulable traffic safety or mobility benefits, such as closing a bike lane gap or eliminating a pinch point, at the request of LADOT.
 - ii. Specific and articulable pedestrian realm or urban design benefits, at the request of the DCP.
- c. Any revisions to street design standards needed to accomplish the above objectives and allow context-sensitive application of street standards.
- d. Any revisions needed to Los Angeles Municipal Code 12.37 and/or other policies and regulations to accomplish this direction.
- e. Any other recommendations to implement street design best practices in the development process.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on January 25, 2023, your Public Works Committee considered a Motion (Harris-Dawson for Raman, Bonin, Blumenfield - Price) relative to reforming the City's street dedication process.

After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve the recommendation contained in the Motion, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
LEE	YES
BLUMENFIELD	YES
RAMAN	YES

ME 1/25/23

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