

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: See attached letter from The Broad.

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Public Works Committee
Attn: Michel Espinosa, Legislative Assistant
200 North Spring Street, Rm 401
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: **Council File No. 24-1448-S1; Hope Street / 2nd Street / General Thaddeus
Kosciuszko Way / Airspace Vacation**

Dear Members of the Public Works Committee,

The Broad museum is writing to request your support of the proposed Airspace Vacation at the corner of Hope Street with 2nd Street, with some suggested changes and clarifications pertaining to improvements in the right-of-way. We thank City staff for working so closely with The Broad as it embarks on its expansion. This expansion will enable The Broad to make its art accessible to a larger audience, for free.

We request modifications to the following portions of the report:

1. Recommendation F (Page 2):

- F. That the City Council find that there is public benefit to this airspace vacation of public street. Upon vacation of the portion of the street, the City is relieved of its ongoing obligation to maintain the portion of the street. In addition, the City is relieved of any potential liability that might result from continued ownership of the involved street easements.

This recommendation requests that The Broad relieve the City of “ongoing obligation to maintain the portion of the street,” and that the City be “relieved of any potential liability that might result from continued ownership of the involved street easements.” The Broad is seeking an airspace vacation at a height of 32 feet above the street and sidewalk. No construction, physical changes or improvements are proposed to the street or sidewalk; and The Broad does not wish to assume liability for property for which we are not seeking to vacate or control. We respectfully request that this recommendation be removed.

2. Fiscal Impact Statement (Page 2):

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The petitioner has paid a deposit of \$25,021.42 for the investigation of this request pursuant to Section 7.42 of the Administrative Code. Any deficit fee to recover the cost pursuant to Section 7.44 of the Administrative Code will be required of the petitioner.

Maintenance of the public easement by City forces shall be eliminated.

As previously mentioned, The Broad does not propose to build, physically alter, or occupy the public right-of-way at the street level at Hope and 2nd Streets, we request that this sentence be removed.

3. Condition No. 5 (page 3):

5. That the following improvements be constructed adjoining the petitioner's properties in a manner satisfactory to the City Engineer:

Hope Street, 2nd Street, General Thaddeus Kosciuszko Way, and Grand Avenue

- a. Repair and/or replace damaged/cracked, off-grade roadway pavement along the frontage in a manner satisfactory to the City Engineer. (See Note 1)
- b. Close any unused driveways with full height curbs, gutters, and sidewalks. (See Note 1)
- c. Proposed driveway aprons shall conform and be constructed per latest Engineering's Standards (See Note 1).
- d. That all drainage matters be addressed to the satisfaction of the City Engineer

We understand that this condition is standard and intended to cover the inadvertent damage that may occur during the course of construction and request that the language be revised to read as follows:

5. In the event that damage during construction should occur, that the following improvements be repaired and reconstructed adjoining the petitioner's properties in a manner satisfactory to the City Engineer:
- a. Repair and/or replace damaged/cracked, off-grade roadway pavement along the frontage in a manner satisfactory to the City Engineer. (See Note 1)
 - b. Close any unused driveways with full height curbs, gutters, and sidewalks. (See Note 1)
 - c. Proposed driveway aprons shall conform and be constructed per latest Engineering's Standards (See Note 1)
 - d. That all drainage matters be addressed to the satisfaction of the City Engineer

4. Condition No. 8 (p. 4):

8. That street lighting facilities be installed as may be required by the Bureau of Street Lighting (BSL). A clearance letter from BSL will be required.

As the proposed vacation is 32 above the right-of-way, and no construction or alteration of the existing improvements in the right-of-way are proposed, The Broad respectfully requests that this condition be removed.

5. Condition No. 9 (p. 4):

9. That street trees be planted and tree wells to be installed as may be required by the Urban Forestry Division of the Bureau of Street Services.

The Broad has worked with the Urban Forestry Division of the Bureau of Street Services and has an agreement in place under current permits associated with the expansion to remove existing street trees, replant street trees and pay the Bureau of Street Trees to replant trees in alternative locations. To avoid confusion and duplication of improvement conditions, we respectfully request that this condition be removed.

We thank the Committee in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Richard Cherry
Chief Operating Officer

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