

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) and PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Airspace Vacation (elevation of approximately 401'2" to 471'9") at corner of Hope Street with 2nd Street, VAC-E1401457 (Vacation).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. REVIEW and CONSIDER the Grand Avenue Project EIR No. ENV-2020-1935-EIR, SCH No. 2005091041, which was certified by the Los Angeles Grand Avenue Authority on November 20, 2006, and subsequent addenda dated July 2010, April 2014, June 2018, and August 2020 (respectively available at https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2007/07-2306_misc_7-10-08.pdf and <https://planning.lacity.gov/development-services/eir/grand-avenue-project-addendums>) as they relate to the Air Space Vacation in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
2. FIND that based on the independent judgment of the decision-maker, after consideration of the whole of the administrative record, the project was assessed pursuant to CEQA in the Grand Avenue Project EIR No. ENV-2020-1935-EIR, SCH No. 2005091041, certified on November 20, 2006 and as supported by the subsequent addenda; and pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15162 and 15164, no subsequent EIR or addendum is required for approval of the Project. A copy of the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) CEQA Review Findings memo dated August 7, 2025, is attached and incorporated herein (Transmittal No. 3 of the BOE report dated December 17, 2025, attached to the Council file).
3. SPECIFY that the Permit Case Management and the Environmental Management Divisions of the BOE, respectively located at 201 North Figueroa Street and 1149 South Broadway, and other relevant City departments are custodians of the documents or other material which constitute the record of the proceedings upon which the Council's decision is based.
4. INSTITUTE the street vacation proceedings pursuant to the Public Streets, Highways and Service Easements Vacation Law for the vacation of the public right-of-way indicated below and shown colored blue on Exhibit of said BOE report:

Airspace Vacation (elevation of approximately 401'2" to 471'9") at corner of Hope Street with 2nd Street
5. ACKNOWLEDGE that the vacation of the areas shown colored orange on Exhibit B, are no longer part of the request. These areas were withdrawn from the request by the applicant in their letter dated September 12, 2025 (Transmittal No. 4 of said BOE report).
6. FIND that there is public benefit to this airspace vacation of public street. Upon vacation of the airspace portion of the street, the City is relieved of its ongoing obligation to maintain the vacated airspace portion of the street. In addition, the City is relieved of any potential liability that might result from continued ownership of the involved vacated airspace.
7. FIND that, in conformance with Section 556 of the City Charter, the vacation is in substantial conformance with the purposes, intent and provisions of the General Plan.
8. FIND that, in conformance with Section 892 of the California Streets and Highways Code, the vacation area is not necessary for non-motorized transportation facilities.
9. FIND that, in conformance with Section 8324 of the California Streets and Highways Code, the Council determines that the vacation area is not necessary for present or prospective public use.

10. ADOPT the BOE report with the conditions contained therein and with the amendments listed in the Communication from Councilmember Jurado dated June 9, 2026, attached to the Council file.

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 Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC). Any deficit fee to recover the cost pursuant to Section 7.44 of the LAAC will be required of the petitioner. Maintenance of the vacated public easement airspace area by City forces shall be eliminated.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on June 10, 2026, your Public Works Committee considered the recommendations of the City Engineer as contained in its aforementioned report. The City Engineer reports that the area sought to be vacated is airspace (elevation of approximately 401'2" to 471'9") at corner of Hope Street with 2nd Street (a map of the area is included in the BOE report). The purpose of the vacation request is to permit architectural projections above the public right-of-way along 2nd Street, Hope Street, and General Thaddeus Kosciuszko Way. This vacation procedure is being processed under procedures established by Council on March 5, 2002 as detailed in Council file No. 01-1459.

After having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations as contained in said BOE report as detailed above and amended with the following changes, as listed in the Communication from Councilmember Jurado dated June 9, 2026, attached to the Council file:

1. Amend Recommendation F:

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

2. Amend 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 vacated public easement airspace area by City forces shall be eliminated.

3. Amend Condition No. 5

In the event that damage during construction should occur, that the following improvements be repaired or reconstructed 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

4. Amend Condition No. 8

In the event that damage during construction should occur, 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.

This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
HERNANDEZ	YES
PADILLA	ABSENT
HUTT	YES

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