ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR), MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM (MMRP), STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS, and PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the vacation of 96th Street from Sepulveda Boulevard to its westerly terminus, approximately 410-feet variable width strip of land westerly of Sepulveda Boulevard, and the portion of ramp westerly of Sepulveda Boulevard northerly of 96th Street, VAC-E1401445 (Vacation).

## Recommendations for Council action:

- 1. REVIEW and CONSIDER the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Airfield and Terminal Modernization Project (ATMP) Notice of Preparation and Initial Study, dated April 4, 2019, Transmittal No. 1 of the City Engineer report dated October 15, 2025, attached to the Council file, EIR (consisting of the Draft and Final EIR), dated October 2020 and August 2021, Transmittal No. 1 of said City Engineer report, and Addendum to the ATMP EIR, dated December 2024 (State Clearinghouse No. 2019049020), Transmittal No. 2 of said City Engineer report, which was prepared by Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- 2. FIND under CEQA Guidelines Section 15091, that changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the street vacation (Project) that mitigate or avoid significant effects on the environment as identified in the Final EIR and the ATMP MMRP, Transmittal No. 3 of said City Engineer report, dated August 2021, and as set forth in the CEQA Review Memo, dated October 2, 2025, Transmittal No. 4 of said City Engineer report. A Copy of Notice of Determination, Transmittal No. 5 of said City Engineer report, which documents LAWA's certification of the ATMP EIR and adoption of the ATMP MMRP is attached and incorporated herein.
- 3. CONCUR with the Board of Airport Commissioners' findings that the unavoidable significant adverse impacts associated with the proposed Project are acceptable in light of the economic, legal, social, technological, and other benefits the proposed Project will bring to the surrounding community and LAWA. These specific overriding considerations are described in the Statement of Overriding Considerations for the LAX ATMP, dated September 2021, Transmittal No. 6 of said City Engineer report, and is attached and incorporated herein.
- 4. FIND that no new information exists to show that the Project or circumstances of the Project have been changed to require additional environmental review, under the California Public Resources Code, Section 21166, and State CEQA Guidelines Section 15162, and therefore the existing environmental documents adequately describe the potential impacts for this street vacation.
- 5. FIND that street vacation proceedings pursuant to the Public Streets, Highways and Service Easements Vacation Law be instituted for the vacation of the public right-of-way indicated below and shown colored blue on the attached Exhibit A.
  - 96th Street from Sepulveda Boulevard to its westerly terminus, approximately 410-feet variable width strip of land westerly of Sepulveda Boulevard, and the portion of ramp westerly of Sepulveda Boulevard northerly of 96th Street
- 6. FIND that there is a public benefit to this street vacation. Upon vacation of the street, the City is relieved of its ongoing obligation to maintain the street. In addition, the City is relieved of any potential liability that might result from continued ownership of the involved street easements.
- 7. FIND that the Vacation is in substantial conformance with the purposes, intent and provisions of the General Plan, in conformance with Section 556 of the City Charter.
- 8. FIND that the Vacation is not necessary for non-motorized transportation facilities, in conformance with Section 892 of the California Streets and Highways Code.

- 9. FIND that the Vacation is not necessary for present or prospective public use, in conformance with Section 8324 of the California Streets and Highways Code.
- 10. ADOPT said City Engineer's report with the conditions contained therein.
- 11. AUTHORIZE the Bureau of Engineering to issue a revocable permit to the petitioner of this vacation request, or its representative, subject to satisfaction of the conditions for issuing such permit, to close, fence, occupy, demolish, excavate, grade, and construct in the public right-of-way of 96th Street from Sepulveda Boulevard to its Westerly Terminus, approximately 410-feet variable width strip of land westerly of Sepulveda Boulevard, and the portion of ramp westerly of Sepulveda Boulevard northerly of 96th Street within the conditionally approved vacation area, prior to finalizing and recording the street vacation of a portion of this street.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement</u>: The City Engineer reports that the petitioner has paid a fee of \$47,080 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 public easement by City forces will be eliminated.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

## **SUMMARY**

At the meeting held on November 12, 2025, 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 96th Street from Sepulveda Boulevard to its westerly terminus, approximately 410-feet variable width strip of land westerly of Sepulveda Boulevard, and the portion of ramp westerly of Sepulveda Boulevard northerly of 96th Street (a map of the area is included in the City Engineer report). The purpose of the vacation request is to make the vacation area part of an airfield at LAX as part of the ATMP. The purpose of the project is to enhance safety and operational management at LAX. The overall scope of project includes the following improvements: Taxiway D Extension West; Runway 6L- 24R Exits; Concourse 0; Terminal 9; Removal and replacement of 15 of the 18 West Remote Gates; and Roadway System improvements. 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 City Engineer report as detailed above. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE
HERNANDEZ YES
PADILLA YES
HUTT YES

ME

-NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL COUNCIL ACTS-