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August 3, 2021

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to accept sidewalk grant of easement deeds for sidewalk widening purposes from the various property owners along Market Street, between the Los Angeles River and Cherry Avenue, and,

Accept Categorical Exception No. CE-21-076. (District 8)

DISCUSSION

The Department of Public Works is preparing to construct sidewalk improvements along Market Street between the Los Angeles River and Cherry Avenue (the Market Street Corridor Improvement Project), to be funded by a federal grant. Along the Market Street project corridor, some areas of sidewalk pavements are on record as being private property. Dedicated sidewalk easements for public rights-of-way are required to improve these areas and provide for sidewalks that are ADA-compliant, and meet federal grant scope requirements (Attachment A). Public Works staff have not performed any outreach to impacted property owners specific to this issue, but will do so as a first step upon City Council approval of this item. Staff will also provide an update on the Market Street Corridor Improvement Project, which is in the final stages of the design phase and being prepared for public bidding.

In conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Categorical Exemption No. CE-21-076 was issued on February 26, 2021 (Attachment B). The Department of Public Works seeks authorization to accept the dedication of easements for sidewalk purposes along the Market Street Corridor Improvement Project and acceptance of Categorical Exemption No. CE-21-076.

This item was inadvertently brought forward and approved by the City Council on June 15, 2021, without the required CEQA Categorical Exemption. The present action is meant to supersede the previous action taken by the City Council.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Erin Weesner-McKinley on June 25, 2021 and by Budget Management Officer Rhutu Amin Gharib on May 26, 2021.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is not time critical.

FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient funds to support the rights-of-way dedication processing are budgeted in the General Fund Group in the Public Works Department. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



ERIC LOPEZ
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

APPROVED:

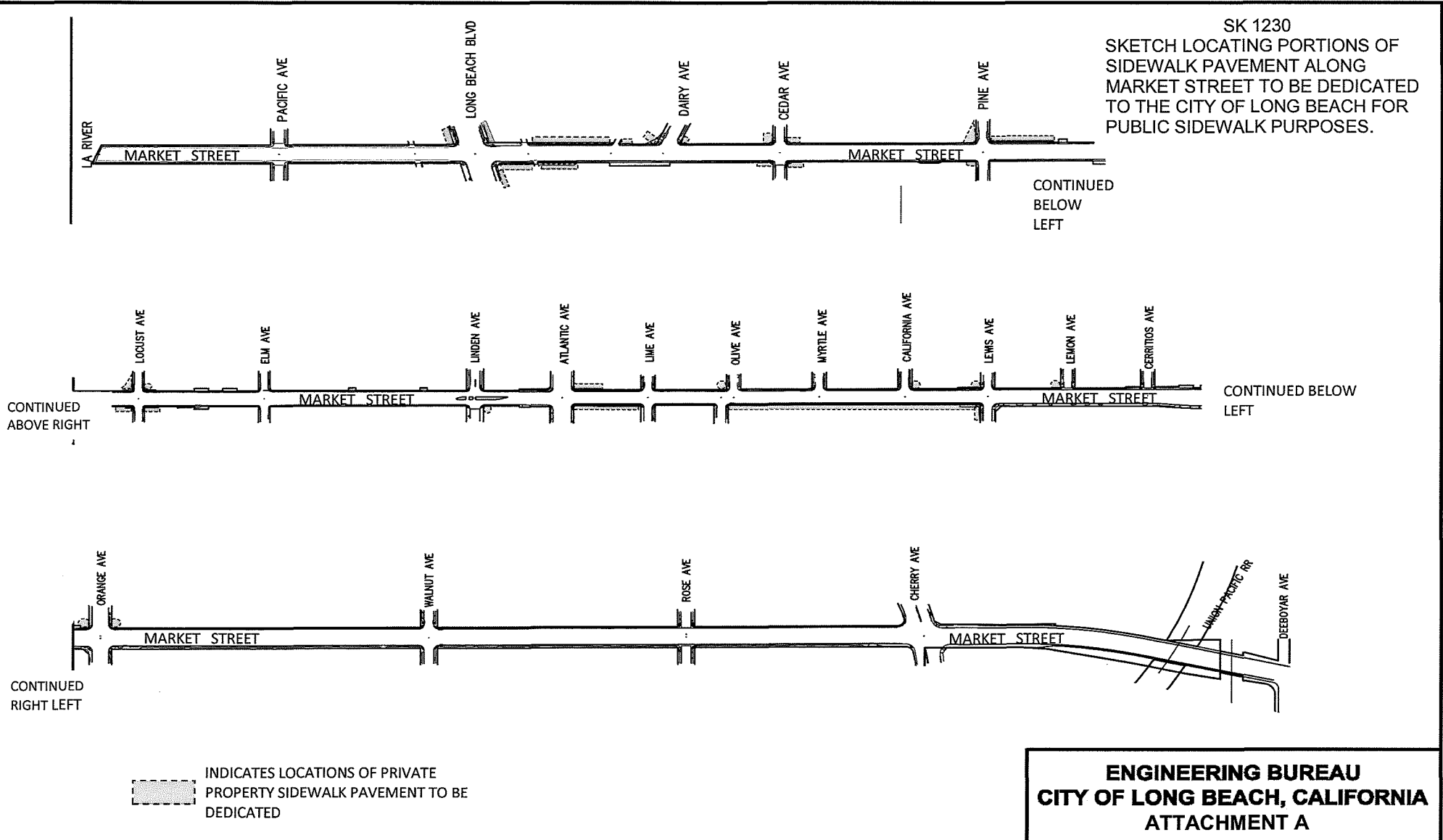


THOMAS B. MODICA
CITY MANAGER

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ATTACHMENTS: A – PROJECT SITE MAP
B – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION No. CE-21-076

SK 1230
 SKETCH LOCATING PORTIONS OF
 SIDEWALK PAVEMENT ALONG
 MARKET STREET TO BE DEDICATED
 TO THE CITY OF LONG BEACH FOR
 PUBLIC SIDEWALK PURPOSES.



INDICATES LOCATIONS OF PRIVATE
 PROPERTY SIDEWALK PAVEMENT TO BE
 DEDICATED

ENGINEERING BUREAU
CITY OF LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA
ATTACHMENT A

CEQA Notice of Exemption

TO: Office of Planning & Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Development Services
411 W. Ocean Blvd, 3rd Floor
Long Beach, CA 90802

L.A. County Clerk
Environmental Fillings
12400 E. Imperial Hwy., Room 1201
Norwalk, CA 90650

Exemption Number: CE-21-076

Project Title (Application Number): Grant of Easements for the Market Street Corridor Improvement Project

Project Location – Specific: Market Street between the Los Angeles River and Cherry Avenue

Project Location – City/County: **City of Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California**

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project consists of the acceptance of sidewalk grant of easement deeds for sidewalk widening purposes along Market Street between the Los Angeles River and Cherry Avenue (the Market Street Corridor Improvement Project). Dedicated sidewalk easements for public rights of way would improve provide for sidewalks that are Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant, and meet federal grant scope requirements.

Public Agency Approving Project: **City of Long Beach, California**

Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Tony An, Department of Public Works

Exempt Status: **(Check One)**

- Ministerial (Sec 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15305, Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project would consist of acceptance of easement deeds for the purpose of public sidewalks along the Market Street right-of-way. The project would not result in any changes in land use or density, but would provide access and limitations to new structures and improvements that can be constructed in the easement.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Maryanne Cronin Contact Phone: (562) 570-5683

Signature:  Date: 6/15/21 Title: Planner