



LONG BEACH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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May 21, 2007

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City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to approve and authorize the Executive Director to convey the property located on the Pacific Electric Right-of-Way extending from Orange Avenue to Walnut Avenue to the City of Long Beach for development of the Pacific Electric Right-of-Way Bike Trail Project. (Central – District 6)

DISCUSSION

On June 26, 2006, the Redevelopment Agency (Agency) approved acquisition of a portion of the former Pacific Electric Right-of-Way, extending from Orange to Walnut Avenues, in the amount of \$1,690,861 from Central Long Beach Project Area 2005 bond proceeds. The acquisition was completed in July of 2006 with the anticipation that ownership would be transferred from the Agency to City for development of the Pacific Electric Right-of-Way Bike Trail Project (Project) (Exhibit A – Site Plan).

The Project is part of a larger trail system spanning across the City from the Los Angeles River Trail to the San Gabriel River Trail. It contributes to both the RiverLink Plan and the Bicycle Master Plan, which have been created to provide the community with a cross-city connection. Approximately 60 percent of the connection will be on the former right-of-way or through existing City parks, while the remainder will consist of on-street bicycle lanes. The subject parcel and parcel to the west, which the City is currently negotiating to purchase, will complete the acquisition of the off-street portion of the trail.

At this time, the City is requesting the Agency transfer of ownership of the parcel to allow the City to apply for grant funds to develop the Bike Trail Project. These grants require the City to have ownership of the property by June 1, 2007. Announcement of the awards is expected in July.

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SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICK H. WEST
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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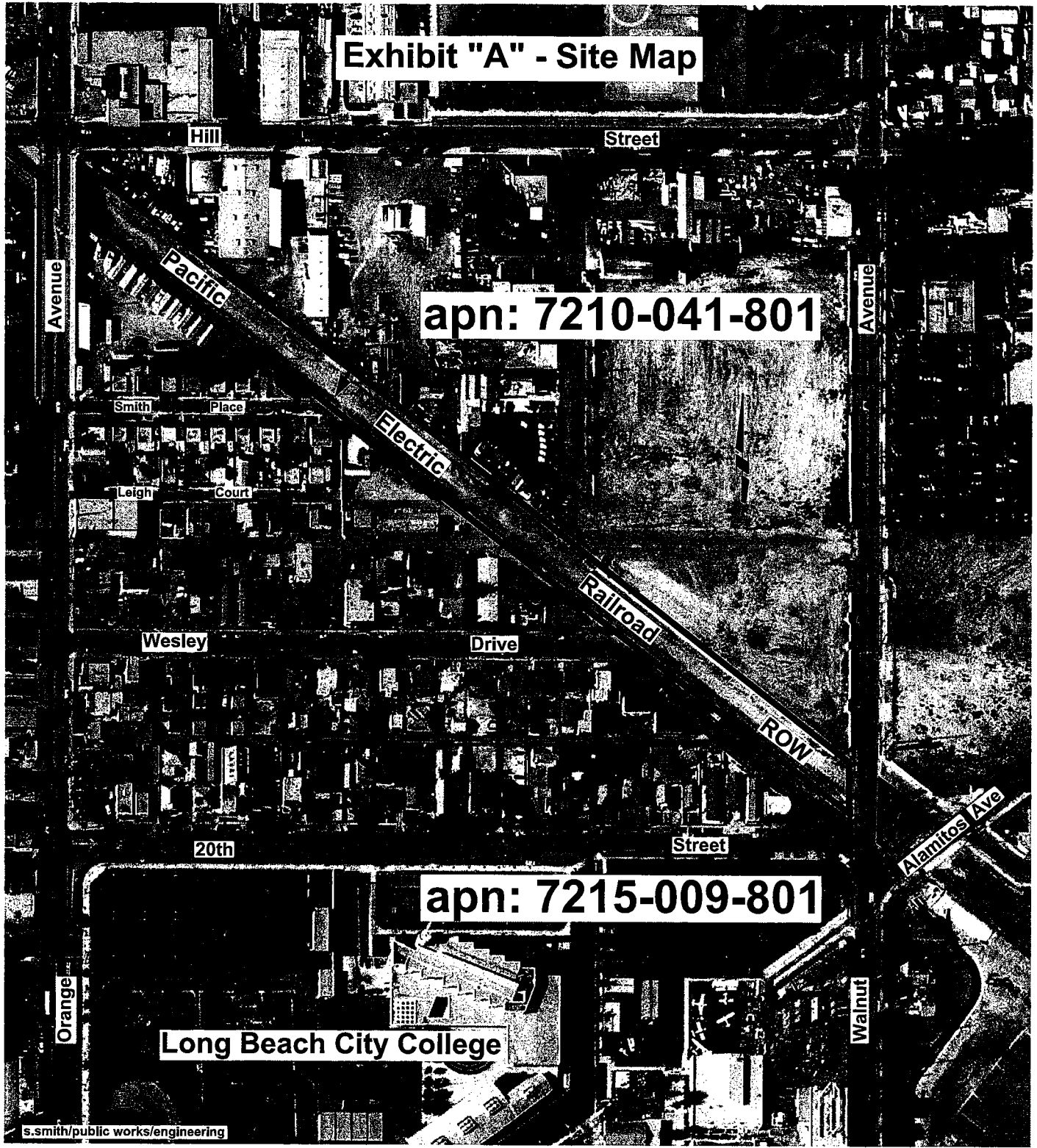
Attachment: Exhibit A - Site Map

APPROVED:


GERALD R. MILLER
CITY MANAGER

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Exhibit "A" - Site Map



apn: 7210-041-801

apn: 7215-009-801

Long Beach City College

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**CITY OF LONG BEACH - CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - CHRISTINE F. ANDERSEN, DIRECTOR**

**Vicinity Map for
Assessor Parcels: 7210-041-801 and 7215-009-801
along former PE Railroad ROW
south of Hill Street between Orange Ave and Walnut Ave**