



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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February 10, 2009

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

### RECOMMENDATION:

Receive supporting documentation into the record, hold a public hearing, and find that a portion of Lakewood Boulevard north of the Traffic Circle adjacent to 1919 Lakewood Boulevard is not needed for present or prospective public use.

(District 4)

### DISCUSSION

The owner of the Circle Audi automobile dealership at 1919 Lakewood Boulevard is in the process of remodeling that facility. It is proposed that the secondary roadway separating Circle Audi from Lakewood Boulevard be eliminated and replaced with a more direct connection to Lakewood Boulevard. This street improvement provides a safer intersection design, returns unnecessary public right-of-way to private use, and is supported by the City Traffic Engineer. It is proposed that the area of the old roadway shown on Exhibit A be vacated. Under California law, vacated street areas typically revert in ownership to the adjoining property.

On January 13, 2009, the City Council adopted Resolution No. RES-09-0001, declaring its intention to vacate the subject right-of-way, and set February 10, 2009 as the date for the public hearing. A copy of the January 13, 2009 City Council letter is attached as Exhibit B.

Upon satisfactory conclusion of the public hearing, the vacation petitioner will be given permission to complete the required roadway improvements. After the roadway improvements are complete to the satisfaction of the City Engineer, a recommendation to adopt a resolution ordering the vacation of the subject portion of Lakewood Boulevard will be brought before the City Council.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Trang on December 8, 2008 and Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on December 23, 2008.

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

Conclusion of the public hearing and a City Council finding that the portion of Lakewood Boulevard north of the Traffic Circle adjacent to 1919 Lakewood Boulevard is not needed for present or prospective public use on February 10, 2009 will allow the reconstruction of the street to proceed along with the redevelopment of Circle Audi.

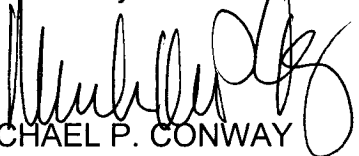
FISCAL IMPACT

A tentative vacation processing fee of \$2,000 was deposited to the General Fund (GP) in the Department of Public Works (PW).


SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

  
MICHAEL P. CONWAY  
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

APPROVED:

  
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PATRICK H. WEST  
CITY MANAGER

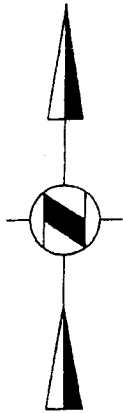
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Attachments

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SHEET 1 OF 1

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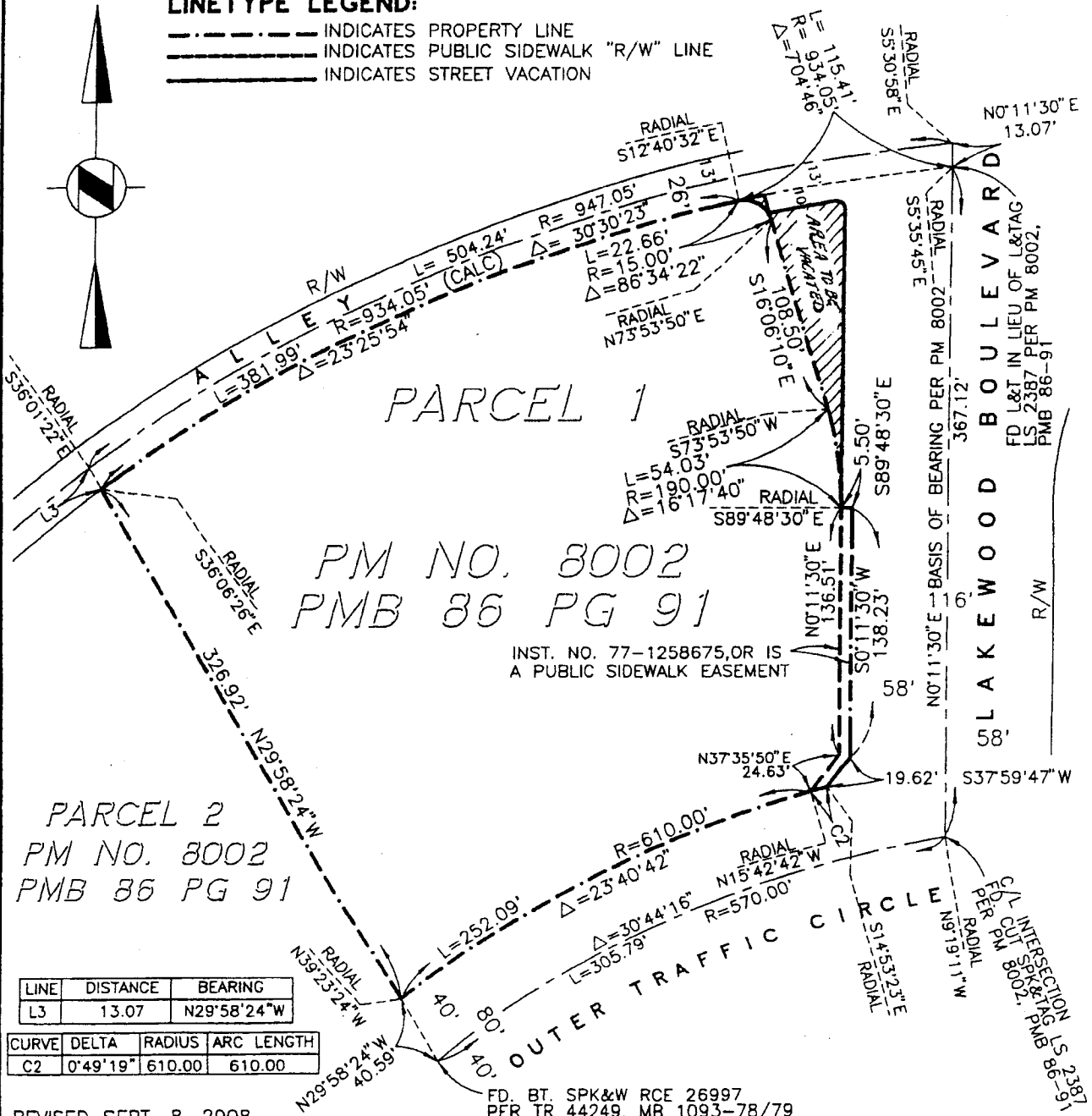
**LINE TYPE LEGEND:**

- INDICATES PROPERTY LINE
- INDICATES PUBLIC SIDEWALK "R/W" LINE
- INDICATES STREET VACATION

**SKETCH NO. 988V**

**SKETCH SHOWING A PORTION OF LAKEWOOD  
BOULEVARD NORTH OF THE TRAFFIC CIRCLE TO  
BE VACATED BY THE CITY OF LONG BEACH.**

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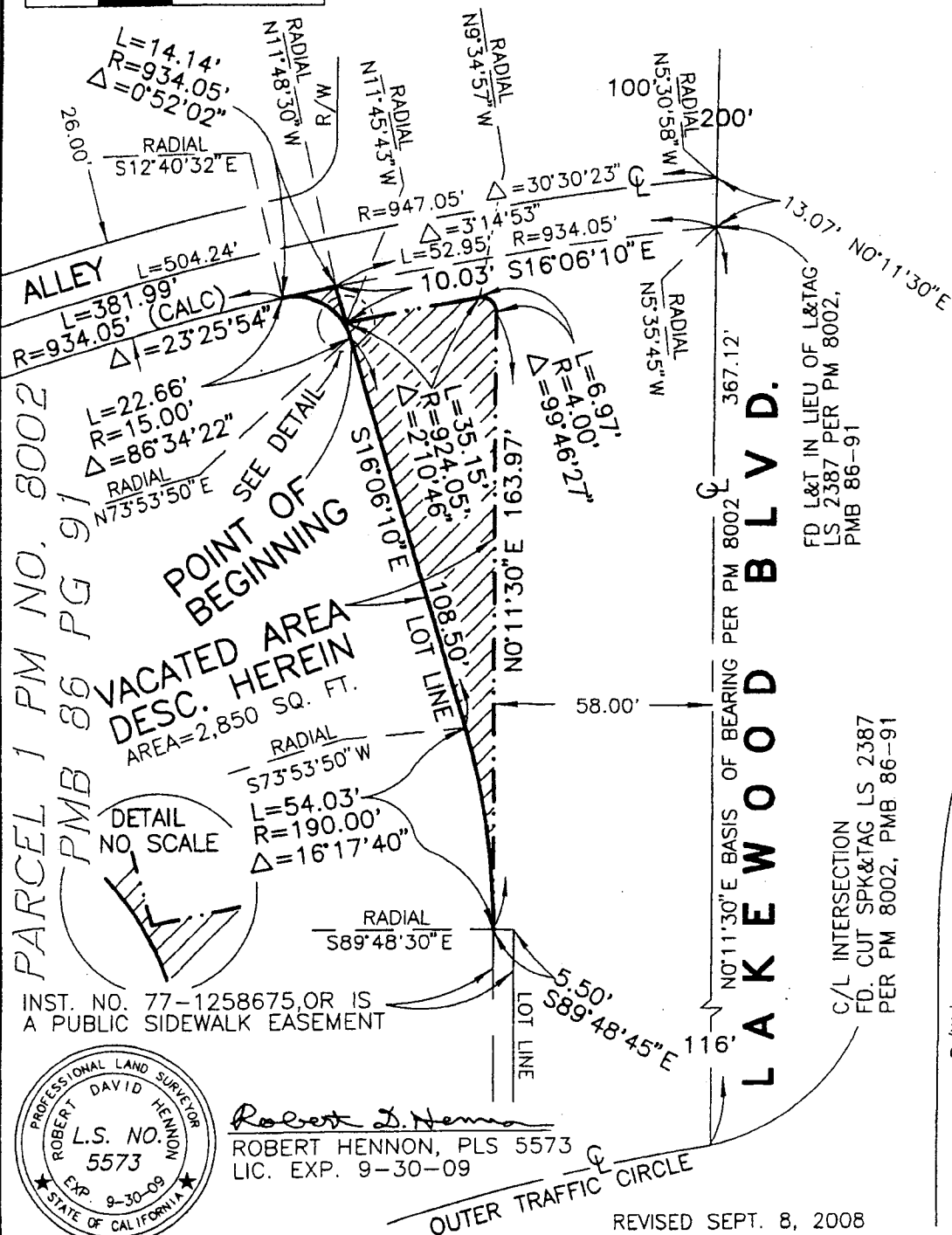
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**EXHIBIT A**

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## LEGEND

VACATED AREA  
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January 13, 2009

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
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## RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution of intention to vacate a portion of Lakewood Boulevard north of the Traffic Circle adjacent to 1919 Lakewood Boulevard and set a date for a public hearing on the vacation for February 10, 2009. (District 4)

## DISCUSSION

The owner of the Circle Audi automobile dealership at 1919 Lakewood Boulevard is in the process of remodeling that facility. It is proposed that the secondary roadway separating Circle Audi from Lakewood Boulevard be eliminated and replaced with a more direct connection to Lakewood Boulevard. This street improvement provides a safer intersection design, returns unnecessary public right-of-way to private use, and is supported by the City Traffic Engineer. It is proposed that the area of the old roadway shown on Exhibit A be vacated. Under California law, vacated street areas typically revert in ownership to the adjoining property.

Proceedings for this vacation are being conducted in accordance with Chapter 3, General Vacation Procedure, of the Public Streets, Highways and Service Easements Vacation Law of the California Streets and Highways Code. Findings must establish that the subject right-of-way is unnecessary for present or prospective public use. The Department of Public Works supports this action based on the following evidence, facts, conditions and findings, establishing that the dedicated right-of-way to be vacated is unnecessary for present or prospective public use.

1. Circle Audi proposes to reconstruct the street adjacent to their facility as shown on the attached Exhibit B. This design has been approved by the City Traffic Engineer.
2. On June 5, 2008, the City of Long Beach Planning Commission approved plans for a new showroom, service garage and outdoor display area, and determined that the subject vacation of 168 square feet of Lakewood Boulevard frontage road is consistent with the General Plan, as required in Section 8313 of the Public Streets, Highways and Service Easements Vacation Law. In conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act, Categorical Exemption Number 08-005 was issued for this project. The Planning Department staff report is included as Exhibit C.

3. Upon satisfactory conclusion of the public hearing, the vacation petitioner will be given permission to complete the roadway improvements shown on Exhibit B. After the roadway improvements are complete to the satisfaction of the City Engineer, a recommendation to adopt a resolution ordering the area proposed to be vacated will be brought before the City Council.
4. The interested City Departments, including Fire and Police, have reviewed the proposed right-of-way vacation and land development, and have no objections to this action. Conditions of approval, satisfying the concerns of the public utility companies, are shown on Exhibit D.

The public hearing on this matter to be held on February 10, 2009, will allow all persons interested in, or objecting to, the proposed vacation to appear and be heard. The proposed resolution of intention to vacate was prepared by Deputy City Attorney Linda Trang on December 8, 2009.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Trang on December 8, 2008 and Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on December 23, 2008.

#### TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on January 13, 2009, to allow the reconstruction of the street to proceed along with the redevelopment of Circle Audi.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

A vacation processing fee of \$2,000 was deposited to the General Fund (GP) in the Department of Public Works (PW).

#### SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

  
MICHAEL P. CONWAY  
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

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APPROVED:

  
PATRICK H. WEST  
CITY MANAGER

Attachments