



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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July 16, 2019

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the conversion of Almond Court and Norman Court, between 10th Street and 11th Street, to one-way streets;

Request the City Attorney to prepare an amendment to Section 10.14.020 of the Long Beach Municipal Code, relating to one-way streets and alleys, for the conversion of Almond Court and Norman Court, between 10th Street and 11th Street, from one-way streets; and,

Accept Categorical Exemption CE-1-178. (District 2)

DISCUSSION

City Council approval is requested to convert Almond Court and Norman Court, between 10th Street and 11th Street, to one-way streets. The Department of Public Works (PW) has received resident concerns about traffic circulation and parking in the area caused by narrow street conditions. PW's evaluation of the area indicated that Almond Court and Norman Court, between 10th Street and 11th Street, are 20 feet in width, making two-way traffic operation difficult. To improve neighborhood traffic and circulation, add parking, and enhance safety by reducing neighborhood cut-through traffic, staff proposes converting the named streets to a one-way traffic operation. The proposed one-way conversion is illustrated in Attachment A.

On March 22, 2019, the Traffic Engineering Division mailed notices for the proposed conversion to residents along the affected streets segments. All resident responses to the mailer have been in support of the proposal.

In conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Categorical Exemption CE-19-178 was issued for this project (Attachment B). The interested City Departments, including Fire, Police, and City Traffic Engineer, have reviewed the conversion and provided no objections to this action.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Amy R. Webber on June 3, 2019 and by Budget Analysis Officer Julissa José-Murry on June 14, 2019.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is not time critical.

FISCAL IMPACT

The cost of labor and materials for the installation of the traffic controls to implement the proposed one-way traffic operation is estimated at \$3,000. Sufficient appropriation to support the work is budgeted in the General Fund Group in the Department of Public Works. 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,



CRAIG A. BECK
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

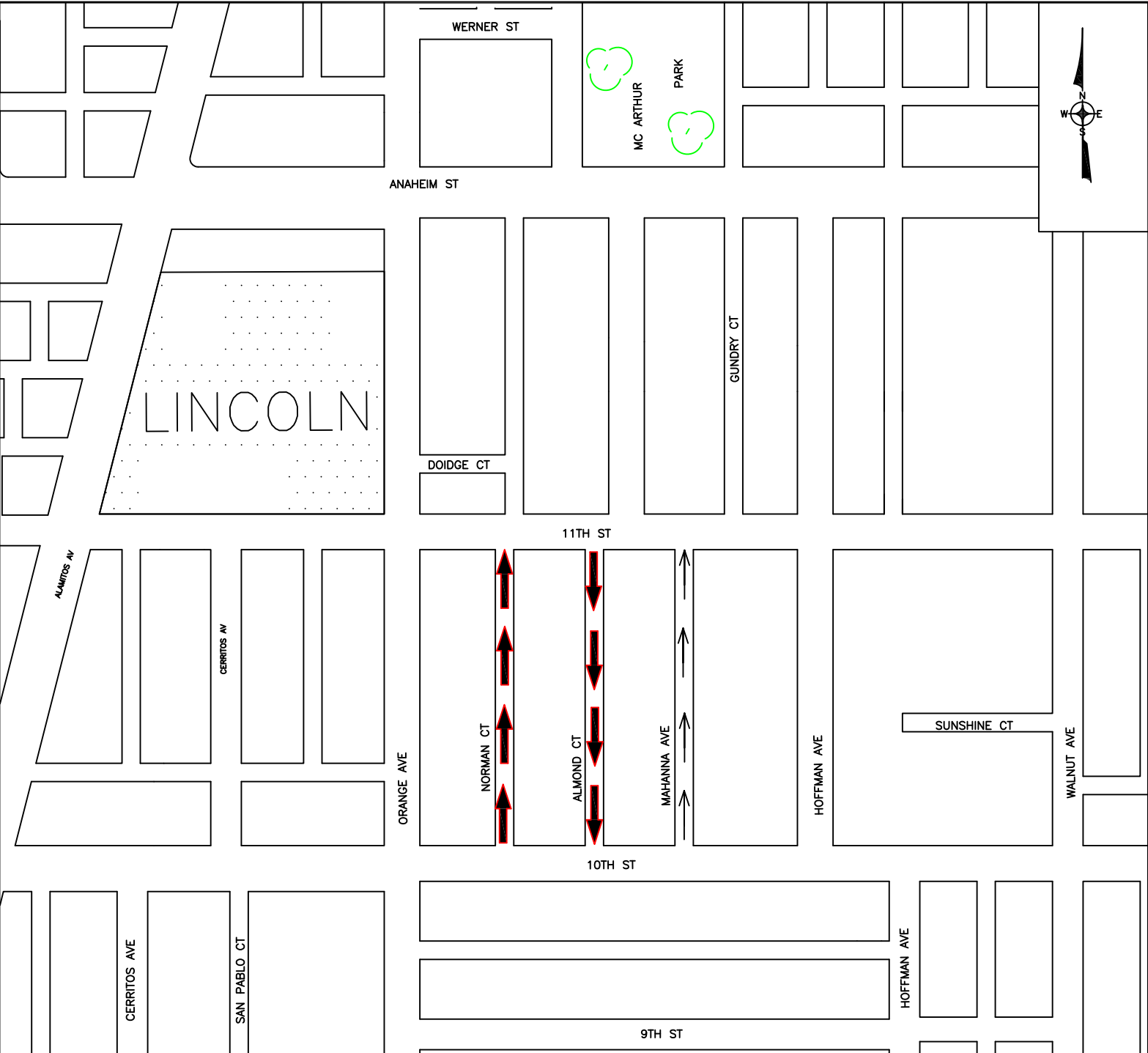
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


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CITY MANAGER

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ATTACHMENTS: A – VICINITY MAP
B – CEQA CE-19-178



<p>LEGEND</p> <p> PROPOSED ONE-WAY TRAFFIC OPERATION WITH PARKING ON ONE SIDE OF STREET</p> <p> EXISTING ONE-WAY TRAFFIC OPERATION WITH PARKING ON BOTH SIDES OF STREET</p>	<p>TRAFFIC ENHANCEMENT PLAN</p> <p>(not to scale)</p>
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CEQA NOTICE of EXEMPTION

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1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

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

Exemption Number: CE-19-178

Project Title (Application Number): One-way conversion of Almond Court and Norman Court

Project Location – Specific: Almond Court and Norman Court between 10th Street and 11th Street

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: Conversion of Almond Court and Norman Court (existing 20-foot-wide public alleys) to one-way traffic operation. Almond Court between 10th Street and 11th Street would be converted to a southbound traffic flow. Norman Court between 10th Street and 11th Street would be converted to a northbound traffic flow. Ground disturbing activities would be limited to 6 inches in depth for the installation of signs and pavement markings.

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

Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Long Beach, Department of Public Works (Hector Rivas)

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: 15301(Existing Facilities)

☐ Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project would involve the conversion of two existing alleys, substandard in width (less than 20-foot-wide), to one-way directional alleys involving no physical expansion of the right-of-way. The existing facility would be reused in its existing dimensions. Under existing conditions, the two-way traffic flow within the 20-foot-wide right-of-way does not function as a code compliant two-way alley. The conversion to one-way traffic would enhance safety with no adverse impact on traffic circulation.

Lead Agency

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Signature: Maryanne Cronin

Date: 6-17-19

Title: Planner