



Building A Better Long Beach

April 18, 2011

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEMBERS

City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Executive Director to execute any and all documents necessary for the conveyance of the property described in Exhibit "A" to the City of Long Beach from the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Long Beach for the purpose of constructing roadway improvements to Cherry Avenue between 19th Street and Pacific Coast Highway. (Central – District 1)

DISCUSSION

In August 2009, The Long Beach Redevelopment Agency (Agency) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Signal Hill to construct street improvements on Cherry Avenue between 19th Street and Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) in the City of Long Beach.

The City of Signal Hill received \$6 million in grant funding from the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the Federal Highway Administration to eliminate the traffic queuing in the southbound lanes on Cherry Avenue.

The Cherry Avenue Widening Project (Project) will provide for two southbound and two northbound through-lanes on Cherry Avenue at PCH with the addition of a right-turn lane for the southbound approach and dedicated left-turn lanes for both northbound and southbound approaches. A continuous two-way left-turn lane will be provided between the intersections for access to existing businesses. Right-of-way acquisition will be required primarily along the west line of Cherry Avenue with a few minor acquisitions along the east line. On-street parking on Cherry Avenue south of PCH will be removed by the proposed improvements.

On March 7, 2011, the Agency approved conveyance of certain Agency-owned/real property to the City of Long Beach (City) and authorized the Executive Director to execute any and all documents necessary for the conveyance of those properties to the City. Several properties within the Project boundaries have recently closed escrow (or will close escrow in the near future) and, therefore, staff is requesting Agency approval to transfer these properties to the City (see Exhibit "A"). Transferring these properties to the City pursuant to Section 33220(g) of the California Health and Safety Code will allow the Project to be completed as planned.

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The City's Environmental Planning Officer has determined that the proposed transfer of properties to the City qualifies for a Categorical Exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



AMY J. BODEK, AICP
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Attachment: Exhibit A – List of Properties

Exhibit A

Redevelopment Agency-Owned Parcels Central Long Beach Industrial Project Area			
	APN	Number	Street Name
(1)	726-100-4020	1922	E. Pacific Coast Highway
(2)	721-603-2012	1869	Cherry Avenue
(3)	721-603-2011	1875	Cherry Avenue

Pending Acquisition			
(1)	721-603-2019	1925	E. Pacific Coast Highway
(2)	721-603-2018	1815	Cherry Avenue