



Building A Better Long Beach

November 2, 2009

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEMBERS
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and authorize the Executive Director to adopt resolutions making certain findings regarding the construction of certain public improvements with redevelopment funds. (Central, Downtown, North – Districts 1, 2, 4, 6, 8)

DISCUSSION

Improving and enhancing public infrastructure has always been an important goal of the Redevelopment Agency (Agency), particularly when those public improvements support private economic investment, result in increased job generation, or support the aesthetic enhancement of a specific area. The Agency has previously adopted resolutions making findings regarding the construction of various public improvements in all redevelopment project areas including park expansion, streetscape improvements, and public art. To continue these enhancements, the Agency has identified the following important public projects planned in the Central, Downtown and North Long Beach Redevelopment Project Areas:

Central Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area

- Ocean Boulevard Median Lighting
- Pine Avenue Streetscape Improvement
- Design District Streetscape Improvements
- Sunrise Historic District Improvements
- 7th Street and Alamitos Avenue Improvements
- Alamitos Avenue

Downtown Redevelopment Project Area

- Ocean Boulevard Median Lighting
- Pine Avenue Streetscape Improvement
- CityPlace Parking Garage Improvements and Upgrades
- American Hotel Sidewalk Repairs

North Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area

- South Waterfront Bike Path
- Orange Twist Landscaping
- Del Amo Railroad Embankment

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These improvements will further serve to support neighborhood and economic revitalization by eliminating blight, supporting private economic investment, enhancing the pedestrian environment, linking existing commercial corridors, and closing a vital gap in the City's bikeway system.

Before the Agency may proceed with the aforementioned projects, California Redevelopment Law requires that the Agency adopt a resolution making the following findings:

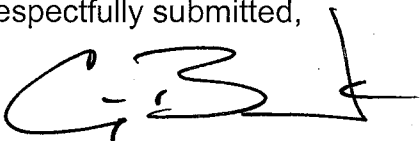
- That the construction of such public improvements is of benefit to the redevelopment project area or the immediate neighborhood in which the public improvement project is located;
- That no other reasonable means of financing the public improvements are available to the community; and
- That the payment of redevelopment agency funds for the construction of the public improvements will assist in the elimination of one or more blighting conditions within the project area.

A resolution making the necessary findings regarding the construction of these public improvements with redevelopment funds from the Central, Downtown and North Long Beach Redevelopment Project Areas is attached. The City Council will be acting on a similar resolution following Agency approval.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



CRAIG BECK
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Attachment: Redevelopment Agency Resolutions

RESOLUTION NO. R. A.

A RESOLUTION OF THE REDEVELOPMENT
AGENCY OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA,
MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS REGARDING THE
CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS
WITH REDEVELOPMENT FUNDS (CENTRAL
IMPROVEMENTS)

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Long Beach adopted and approved a certain Redevelopment Plan (the "Redevelopment Plan") for the Central Redevelopment Project (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the Project and the immediate neighborhood in which the Project is located, the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Long Beach, California (the "Agency"), has recognized the need for certain public improvements, which improvements will be located within and adjacent to the boundaries of the Project, and proposes to use redevelopment funds to finance these improvements; and

WHEREAS, Section 33445 of the California Community Redevelopment Law (Health and Safety Code Section 33000 et seq.) requires the Agency to make certain findings prior to the acquisition of land and construction of public improvements or facilities thereon; and

WHEREAS, Section 33678 of the Community Redevelopment Law provides that under certain conditions tax increment funds shall not be subject to the appropriations limitation of Article XIIB of the California Constitution;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Long Beach, California resolves as follows:

Section 1. The Agency determines that the construction of public improvements, more particularly described in Exhibit "A", are of benefit to the Project and the immediate neighborhood in which the Project is located. This finding is

supported by the following facts:

These improvements will assist in the removal of blight by providing improved pedestrian safety and traffic flow through the Project Area, and promoting business attraction along Ocean Boulevard, Pine Avenue, Anaheim Street, Atlantic Avenue, 7th Street, Alamitos Avenue and nearby streets.

Section 2. The Agency determines that no other reasonable means of financing the above-described improvements are available to the community. This finding is supported by the following facts:

Before the passage of Proposition 13, most of the City's general operating and capital improvements were funded through property taxes. However, the initiative placed severe constraints on the City's ability to use property tax revenues to offset increases in operating and capital costs. It has also been difficult for the City, by itself, to provide sufficient funds to support the construction of major public improvements. In fiscal year 2009-2010, the limited resources of the City's General Fund are committed to previously incurred obligations and planned projects.

Section 3. The Agency further determines that the payment of funds for the construction of the public improvements will assist in the elimination of one or more blighting conditions within the Project, and is consistent with the implementation plan adopted pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 33490.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Long Beach, California, on this _____ day of _____, 2009.

Executive Director/Secretary

APPROVED:

Chair

EXHIBIT "A"

DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Pine Avenue

The improvement of Pine Avenue and adjacent connections including new paving, lighting, landscaping, public art, street furniture and similar improvements within the area described in Exhibit A-1.

Ocean Boulevard Median Lighting

Median lighting, landscaping and public art in the Ocean Boulevard median between Alamitos Avenue and Golden Shore Avenue.

Design District Streetscape Improvements

Paving, lighting, landscaping, public art, street furniture and similar improvements within the area bounded by Anaheim Street, 14th Street, Temple Avenue and Redondo Avenue.

Sunrise Historic District Improvements

Landscaping, gateway art, signage and similar improvements at the southeast corner of East Sunrise Boulevard and Atlantic Avenue.

7th and Alamitos Improvements

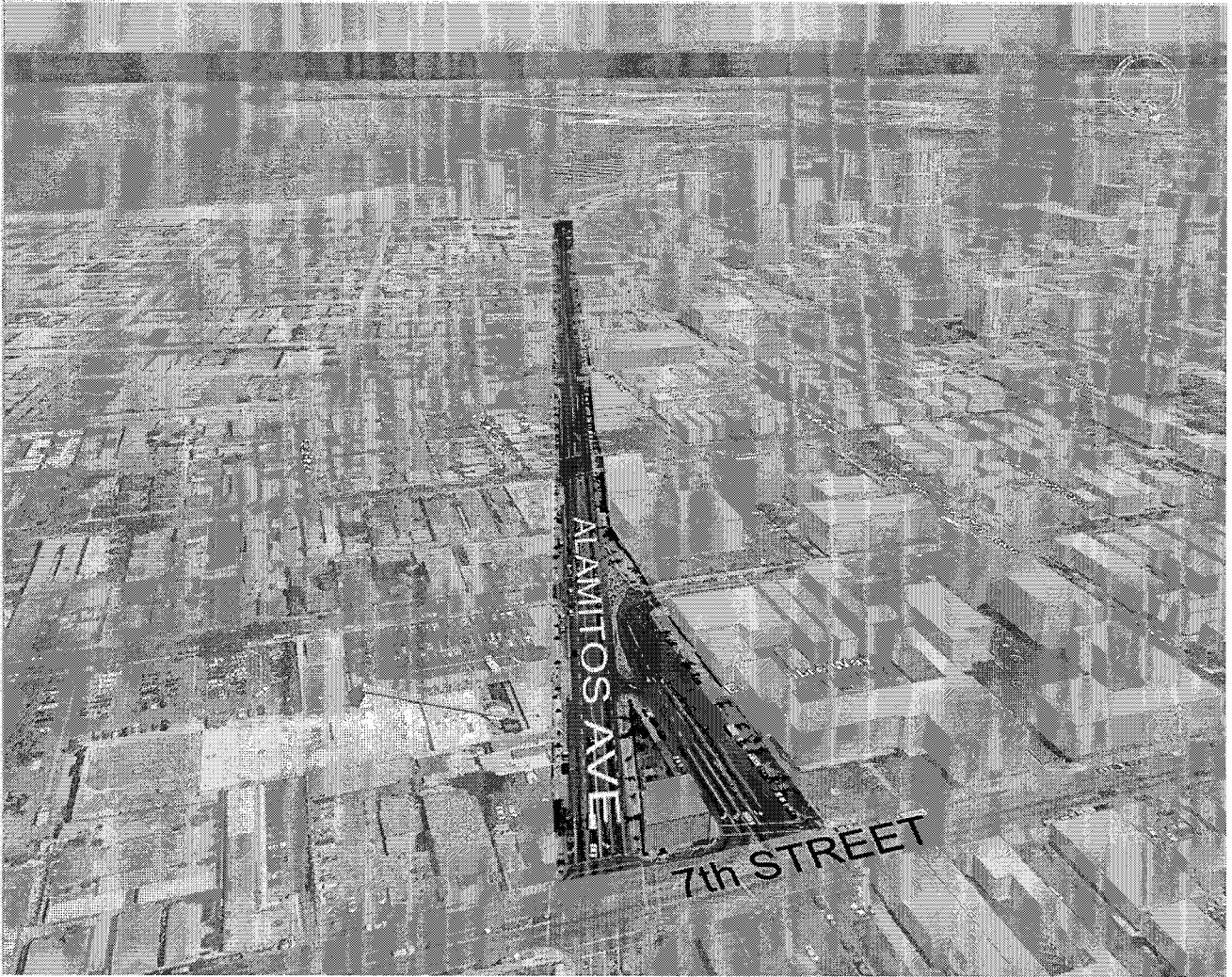
Access ramps, street improvements and pedestrian enhancements adjacent to the corner of 7th Street and Alamitos Avenue.

Alamitos Avenue

The improvement of Alamitos Avenue including new paving, lighting, landscaping, public art, street furniture and similar improvements within the area between 7th Street and Ocean Boulevard as described in Exhibit A-2.

Exhibit "A-2"

Alamitos Avenue



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WITH REDEVELOPMENT FUNDS (DOWNTOWN
IMPROVEMENTS)

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Long Beach adopted and approved a certain Redevelopment Plan (the "Redevelopment Plan") for the Downtown Redevelopment Project (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the Project and the immediate neighborhood in which the Project is located, the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Long Beach, California (the "Agency"), has recognized the need for certain public improvements, which improvements will be located within or adjacent to the boundaries of the Project, and proposes to use redevelopment funds to finance these improvements; and

WHEREAS, Section 33445 of the California Community Redevelopment Law (Health and Safety Code Section 33000 et seq.) requires the Agency to make certain findings prior to the acquisition of land and construction of public improvements or facilities thereon; and

WHEREAS, Section 33678 of the Community Redevelopment Law provides that under certain conditions tax increment funds shall not be subject to the appropriations limitation of Article XIII B of the California Constitution;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Long Beach, California resolves as follows:

Section 1. The Agency determines that the construction of public improvements, more particularly described in Exhibit "A", are of benefit to the Project

and the immediate neighborhood in which the Project is located. This finding is supported by the following facts:

These improvements will assist in the removal of blight by providing easier parking access for employees and residents, improving pedestrian safety and flow through the downtown, and promoting business attraction along Ocean Boulevard, Pine Avenue, Broadway and nearby streets.

Section 2. The Agency determines that no other reasonable means of financing the above-described improvements are available to the community. This finding is supported by the following facts:

Before the passage of Proposition 13, most of the City's general operating and capital improvements were funded through property taxes. However, the initiative placed severe constraints on the City's ability to use property tax revenues to offset increases in operating and capital costs. It has also been difficult for the City, by itself, to provide sufficient funds to support the construction of major public improvements. In fiscal year 2009-2010, the limited resources of the City's General Fund are committed to previously incurred obligations and planned projects.

Section 3. The Agency further determines that the payment of funds for the construction of the public improvements will assist in the elimination of one or more blighting conditions within the Project, and is consistent with the implementation plan adopted pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 33490.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Long Beach, California, on this _____ day of _____, 2009.

Executive Director/Secretary

APPROVED:

Chair

EXHIBIT "A"

DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

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Ocean Boulevard Median Lighting

Median lighting, landscaping and public art in the Ocean Boulevard median between Alamitos Avenue and Golden Shore Avenue.

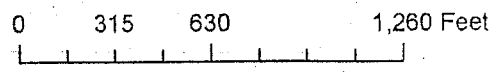
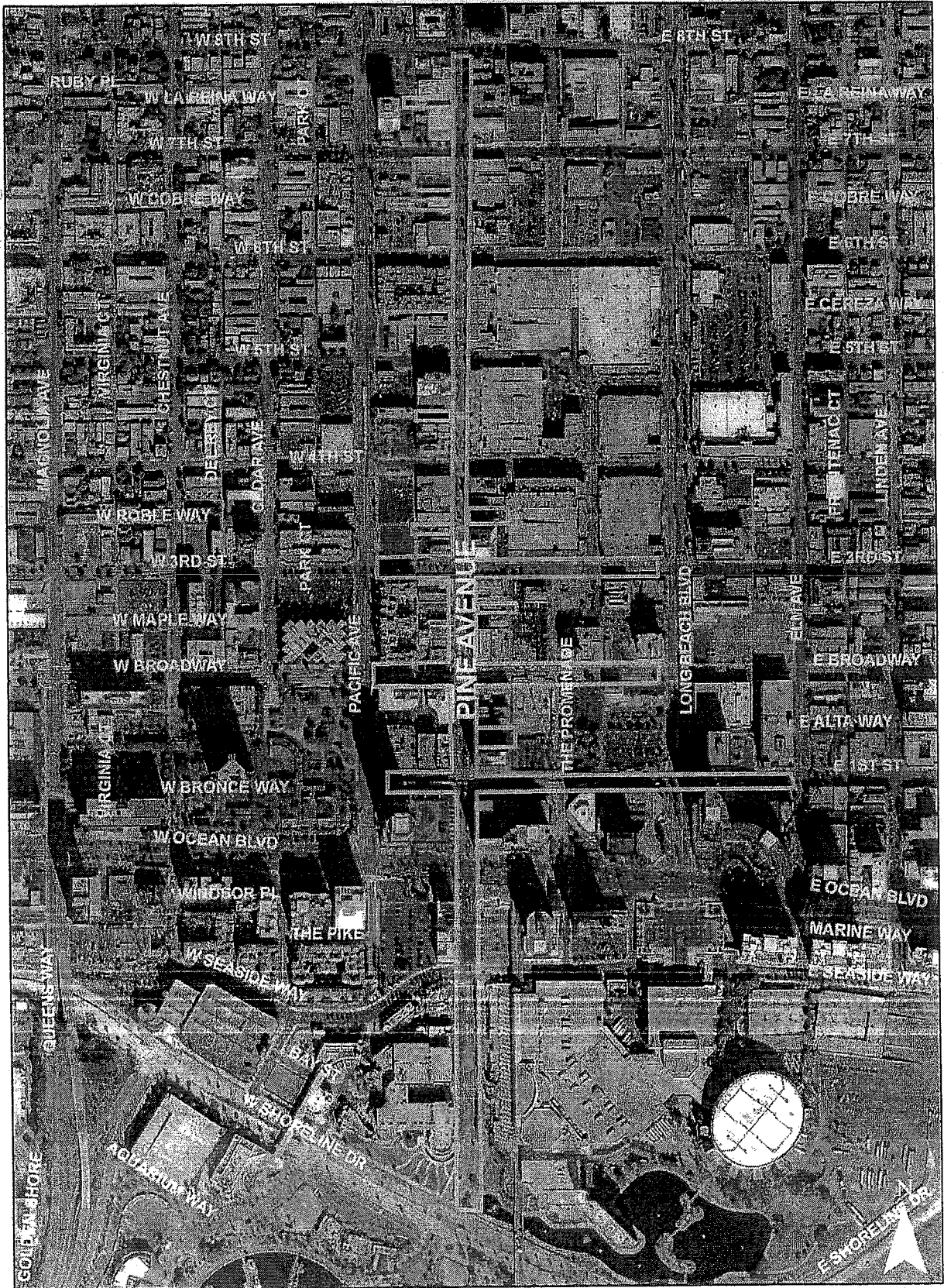
CityPlace Parking Garage Improvements and Upgrades

Installation of automated parking equipment and expansion and upgrade of CityPlace garages.

American Hotel Sidewalk

Sidewalk and street improvements on Broadway between Long Beach Boulevard and Pine Avenue.

Pine Avenue Streetscape Project Map



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WITH NORTH REDEVELOPMENT FUNDS (NORTH
IMPROVEMENTS)

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Long Beach adopted and approved a certain Redevelopment Plan (the "Redevelopment Plan") for the North Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the Project and the immediate neighborhood in which the Project is located, the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Long Beach, California (the "Agency"), has recognized the need for certain public improvements, which improvements will be located within or adjacent to the boundaries of the Project, and proposes to use redevelopment funds to finance these improvements; and

WHEREAS, Section 33445 of the California Community Redevelopment Law (Health and Safety Code Section 33000 et seq.) requires the Agency to make certain findings prior to the acquisition of land and construction of public improvements or facilities thereon; and

WHEREAS, Section 33678 of the Community Redevelopment Law provides that under certain conditions tax increment funds shall not be subject to the appropriations limitation of Article XIIB of the California Constitution;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Long Beach, California resolves as follows:

Section 1. The Agency determines that the construction of public improvements, more particularly described in Exhibit "A", are of benefit to the Project

and the immediate neighborhood in which the Project is located. This finding is supported by the following facts:

The proposed improvements will facilitate the removal of blight by improving pedestrian and bicycle access to the Project Area, and promoting business development by enhancing the landscaping, lighting and public art.

Section 2. The Agency determines that no other reasonable means of financing the above-described improvements are available to the community. This finding is supported by the following facts:

Before the passage of Proposition 13, most of the City's general operating and capital improvements were funded through property taxes. However, the initiative placed severe constraints on the City's ability to use property tax revenues to offset increases in operating and capital costs. It has also been difficult for the City, by itself, to provide sufficient funds to support the construction of major public improvements. In fiscal year 2009-2010, the limited resources of the City's General Fund are committed to previously incurred obligations and planned projects.

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APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Long Beach, California this _____ day of _____, 2009.

Executive Director/Secretary

APPROVED:

Chair

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DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

South Waterfront Bicycle Path

Construction of a Class I bicycle path segment, including mid-block crossings and wayfinding signs. The improvements commence at the north end of Queensway Bridge at the existing terminus of the Class I bicycle path. The improvements will follow Queensway Drive to the Special Events Park existing Class I bicycle path.

Orange Twist Landscaping Improvements

Improvement of medians on Atlantic Avenue between East 45th Street and Del Amo Boulevard, including landscaping, lighting and similar improvements.

Del Amo Railroad Embankment Improvement

Improvements to railroad embankment adjacent to Del Amo Boulevard and Atlantic Avenue including landscaping and similar improvements.