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December 19, 2000

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SUBJECT: 2001 Metropolitan Transportation Authority Call for Projects (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) is currently initiating the 2001 Transportation Improvement Program Call for Projects. The Call for Projects is the primary mechanism through which discretionary federal, state, and county transportation funds are allocated to local agencies and Caltrans for specific major capital improvement projects. The 2001 Call for Projects will allocate discretionary funding for the upcoming three to five years to regionally significant projects in several categories, ranging from freeways to pedestrian improvements.

Descriptions of the projects that are eligible for funding within each category are provided in Attachment 1. The funds available will vary by modal category and will not be released until after the January MTA Board action on the Call for Projects preliminary fund estimates.

Within each category, the MTA will rank project applications using the following major criteria:

1. Regional significance, project benefit, and inter-modal integration
2. Cost effectiveness and local match
3. Land use and environmental compatibility
4. Benefit to the transit system
5. Project need, long-term project development and management of existing systems
6. Project readiness

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In addition to these criteria, MTA is specifying that all applicants meet several important requirements, such as:

1. Applicants must fund a portion of each project, referred to as local match. Local match requirements are a minimum of 20% of total project costs, with the exception of the RSTI category, which requires a 35% local match. Projects providing a higher local match are considered more competitive.
2. A Project Study Report Equivalent (PSRE) is required for all applications. This is documentation of project study, scope and detailed cost breakdown, and is typically a 6-12 month process.
3. If an agency is submitting more than one application within a category, each project must be prioritized. MTA retains, however, the prerogative to vary from the priorities of the submitting agency.

A tentative schedule for the Call for Projects is as follows:

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|--------------------------|--|
| February 2, 2001 | Applications due |
| February 5 – May 4, 2001 | MTA staff evaluation and ranking of applications |
| May – July 2001 | Public review and appeals of MTA staff rankings |
| July 26, 2001 | MTA Board adoption of TIP Call for Projects |

The proposed list of projects to be submitted is provided in Attachment 2, including recommended priorities in categories with more than one City application. These priorities are based on an assessment by staff of each project's competitiveness under the MTA's selection criteria. The total cost and funding request amounts shown are preliminary, as project applications are being refined. For information, also listed are applications that would benefit Long Beach being prepared by other agencies.

This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Lisa Peskay Malmsten on December 12, 2000, and Budget Manager Annette Hough on December 11, 2000.

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

Immediate Council action is requested in order to prepare and submit grant applications to the MTA by the submittal deadline of February 2, 2001.

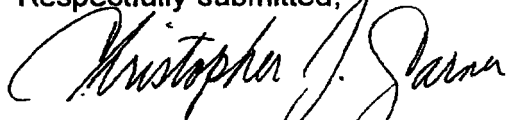
FISCAL IMPACT

The City will be required to provide a minimum 20% match for any project awarded funding. Match amounts for each project indicated on Attachment 2 would be included in future capital budgets subject to funds awarded.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. Approve submittal of the recommended list of grant applications to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority; and,
2. Authorize the City Manager to administer and execute all necessary documents to accept and expend all Metropolitan Transportation Authority grant funds in connection therewith, and to take all other actions necessary to implement the use of such funds.

Respectfully submitted,



CHRISTOPHER J. GARNER
ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Attachments

APPROVED:



HENRY TABOADA
CITY MANAGER



ATTACHMENT 1

Project/Modal Application Index

| Modal Application | Eligible Projects |
|---|---|
| Freeways - HOV Lanes, and Gap Closures | HOV lanes, HOV lane connectors, closure of gaps in the freeway network, freeway to freeway interchanges and other capacity enhancing projects. |
| Regional Surface Transportation Improvements | Major capital improvements and good movement projects on regionally significant arterial highways and such as: arterial widening, interchanges, grade separations, and other system improvements. |
| Signal Synchronization & Bus Speed Improvements | Traffic signal synchronization, transit preferential treatment and priority systems, bottleneck intersection improvements, traffic control and monitoring systems, and Intelligent Transportation System (ITS). |
| Transportation Demand Management (TDM) | Technology based strategies, incentive/disincentive programs as related to commute, commuter service centers, demonstration capacity enhancements, and TMO/TMA organizations |

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ATTACHMENT 1

Project/Modal Application Index

| Modal Application | Eligible Projects |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Regional Bikeways | Regionally significant Class II bicycle lanes and Class I bike paths, and related amenities, such as bike racks and lockers, landscaping, signage, lighting, fencing, and other related amenities essential to the project |
| Pedestrian Improvements | Pedestrian improvements provides funding for projects that promote walking as a viable form of utilitarian travel, and as an integral link within the overall transportation system. Funds could be used for design, environmental clearance, right-of-way acquisition, and construction. |
| Transit Capital | Bus capital projects, improvements or construction of transit stations, transit centers and park and ride lots, commuter rail projects, bus stop improvements and transit vehicle or transit equipment purchases |
| Transportation Enhancements | Acquisition of scenic or historic sites, scenic or historic highway programs, landscaping and scenic beautification, historic preservation, rehabilitation of historic transportation buildings, control and removal of outdoor advertising, archeological planning and research, environmental mitigation to address water pollution due to highway runoff, safety and educational activities for pedestrian and bicyclists, reduction of vehicle caused wildlife mortality and establishment of transportation museums |

**ATTACHMENT 2
RECOMMENDED APPLICATIONS – MTA CALL FOR PROJECTS**

| Priority | Description | Total Project Cost | Preliminary Grant Application | Local Match Required | Department Preparing Application | Notes |
|--|--|--------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Transportation Enhancements | | | | | | |
| 1 | Historic District street name signs | \$100,000 | \$80,000 | \$20,000 | Planning & Building | Program authorized by City Council; District associations to provide match |
| Regional Bikeways | | | | | | |
| 1 | Downtown-Alamitos Bikeway, CSULB Access & Bikeway Signing Program | \$1.2 Million | \$840,000 | \$360,000 | Public Works | Priorities identified in draft Bicycle Master Plan |
| 2 | P.E. Right-of-Way property acquisition | \$5.3 Million | \$3.7 Million | \$1,590,000 | Parks, Recreation and Marine | |
| Pedestrian Improvements | | | | | | |
| 1 | Promenade Streetscape Improvements | \$640,000 | \$500,000 | \$140,000 | Community Development | |
| Transit Capital | | | | | | |
| 1 | 1 st & Long Beach Blvd Parking Structure | \$9.5 Million | \$7.0 Million | \$2.5 Million | Community Development | |
| | Regional Bus Stop Improvements | | | | LB Transit | |
| Transportation Demand Management (TDM) | | | | | | |
| 1 | Downtown Wayfinding Sign Program | \$500,000 | \$400,000 | \$100,000 | Community Development | |
| | On-Bus Bike Racks | | | | LB Transit | |
| Signal Synchronization & Bus Speed Improvements | | | | | | |
| | Traffic Signal Synch on South Street, Willow Street, and Norwalk Boulevard | | | | LA County | |
| | Port Area ITS/ Commercial Vehicle Operations | | | | Harbor | |
| Regional Surface Transportation Improvements (RSTI) | | | | | | |
| | Port Area National Highway System Improvements | | | | Harbor | |
| | Alameda Corridor Terminus Railyard Improvements | | | | Harbor | |
| | Various Pier Intermodal Yard Improvements | | | | Harbor | |

SHADED ITEMS ARE PROVIDED FOR INFORMATION ONLY



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CITY OF LONG BEACH, CALIF.

December 19, 2000

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
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SUBJECT: Development of the Former Pacific Electric Right-of-Way (Districts 3, 4, 6, and 7)

DISCUSSION

On March 28, 2000, the City Council directed the City Manager to identify all portions of the old Pacific Electric Right-of-Way (ROW) that are undeveloped, identify the owner(s) and the assessed value, and investigate the feasibility of using Proposition 12 funds to obtain properties for future open space uses.

The Pacific Electric Railway was a freight and commuter railway, developed by Henry Huntington in the early 1900s, that connected various municipalities in Los Angeles County. The portion of the Pacific Electric Railway line that ran through Long Beach was a diagonal strip stretching from Long Beach Boulevard and 27th Street southeast to Nieto Avenue and 3rd Street, as reflected in the attached maps. Use of the railway started to diminish in the 1950s due to the increased use of automobiles and bus lines, and the Long Beach passenger line made its last run in April 1961. Southern Pacific Railroad, which by this time was merged with Pacific Electric, intermittently conducted freight operations to maintain franchise rights, but in 1983, began selling off portions of the former Pacific Electric ROW.

The City of Long Beach currently owns the former ROW land from Third Street to Loma Avenue, just south of Eleventh Street. This area, south to the Colorado Lagoon, will be subject to excavation, as part of the construction of a new storm drain line by Los Angeles County Public Works, starting in the fall of 2001. Los Angeles County has agreed to provide the City with the funds necessary to repair any damage or restore any landscaping removed during construction. The following is the status of each block of the ROW from Third Street to Loma Avenue:

- The area between Third Street and Nieto Avenue is 1.9 acres. This area is developed as Will Rogers Mini-Park. This is the most southerly City-owned section.
- The area between Nieto Avenue and Park Avenue is developed as Appian Way and as parking for Colorado Lagoon.

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- The area between Park Avenue and Ximeno Avenue is vacant and contains 3.1 acres. This section is leased to Gene, Jan, and Michael Todd for use as a Christmas Tree and Seasonal Sales Lot (Lease Number 22897). The lease term extends to April 30, 2008. Improvements to the site required in the lease include public pathways and lighting. These have been deferred because of the pending excavation for the Los Angeles County Termino Avenue Storm Drain Line excavation.
- The area between Ximeno Avenue and Seventh Street contains 1.6 acres. This was formerly leased to Kitano's Nursery and contains paving and storage structures formerly used by the nursery. The adjoining nursery building is on private property.
- The area between Seventh Street and Eighth Street contains 2.51 acres. This section has been permitted, until December 2000, to the Greenbelt Committee, a local citizens group. The permit allows an extension for an additional year. The Greenbelt Committee has mulched and planted the area with native plants and landscaping.
- The area between Eighth Street and Tenth Street contains 2.21 acres. This was formerly leased to Park Nursery (now Armstrong Nursery) and contains leftover walkways and accessory structures.
- The area between Tenth Street and Loma Avenue contains 1.5 acres. This site was also formerly leased to Park Nursery and contains leftover irrigation.
- The most northwesterly City-owned property is the area between Temple Avenue and Orizaba Avenue, which contains 1 acre. This was granted to the City by a private right-of-way developer and has been improved as an extension of Orizaba Park.

The remaining ROW is privately owned and mostly developed. There are five sections of the ROW that are currently privately owned and vacant:

- The first section and most eastern area of vacant, privately-owned land is the block between Pacific Coast Highway and Junipero Avenue. The block contains about 1.25 acres and has an estimated market value of \$500,000. The owner of this property is Chiao Long Development. Concerns about high-density development, along with an interest in preserving open space, led to a City Council-authorized moratorium on development of this site, along with the City-owned portion of the ROW immediately south of Loma Avenue. The moratorium expires on January 3, 2001.

- The second section extends from the northwest end of the self-storage facility to Alamitos Avenue. This site is adjacent to Chittick Field, and comprises approximately one-half acre. The owner of the property is Long Beach Self-Storage. It has an estimated value of \$110,000.
- The third section extends from Alamitos Avenue to Orange Avenue. This site contains 3.0 acres and has an estimated value of \$655,000. It is owned by the Southern Pacific Transportation Company.
- The fourth section extends from Orange Avenue to Martin Luther King, Jr., Boulevard. The site contains 3.2 acres and has an estimated value of \$820,000. The owner of this property is Bert Dumars.
- The fifth section extends from Martin Luther King, Jr., Boulevard to Willow Street. The site contains 4.96 acres, and has an estimated value of \$2.1 million. This site was approved by the City Council on January 19, 1999, for development as a self-storage facility. The developer, Richard Ferrer, is in the process of preparing construction plans and has offered to donate an area at Willow Street and Pasadena Avenue to the City as a mini-park. The developer will make improvements to the mini-park prior to donating it to the City. The owner of these properties is also Bert Dumars.

Within the Recommended Goals and Strategic Actions of the Long Beach 2010 Strategic Plan, there is a stated interest in preserving and converting existing City-owned open space to green uses, as well as increasing the inventory of open spaces. It is also stated that priority attention should be given to preserving and acquiring open space for those neighborhoods where rapid growth and increased density have significantly reduced available parks and other open spaces. Preserving and acquiring the ROW as park space is consistent with the Long Beach 2010 Strategic Plan. Proposition 12, the State's Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000, may provide funding opportunities for acquisition of the privately held vacant properties. Within the Proposition 12 Bond Act, the Murray-Hayden Grant Program provides \$50 million in competitive grant opportunities to fund parks in areas with a critical lack of park or open space lands. Unfortunately, according to the State Department of Parks and Recreation, the regulations for the competitive grants will not be finalized until late-spring 2001. Subject to direction from the City Council, staff could pursue competitive grants through Proposition 12 at that time.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Donna F. Gwin on September 12, 2000, and by Annette Hough, Budget Manager, on September 25, 2000.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

Council action on this matter is not time critical.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed action will not impact expenditures or the Department's budget appropriation. Should the Department receive grant funds, a budget appropriation adjustment will be requested at that time.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

- 1) Request the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine to actively pursue competitive grant funds from Proposition 12, the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000, in order to purchase the undeveloped portions of the former Pacific Electric Railroad Right-of-Way that are currently privately owned, and
- 2) Receive and file this report.

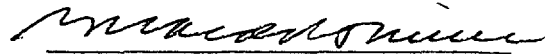
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PHIL T. HESTER
DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE

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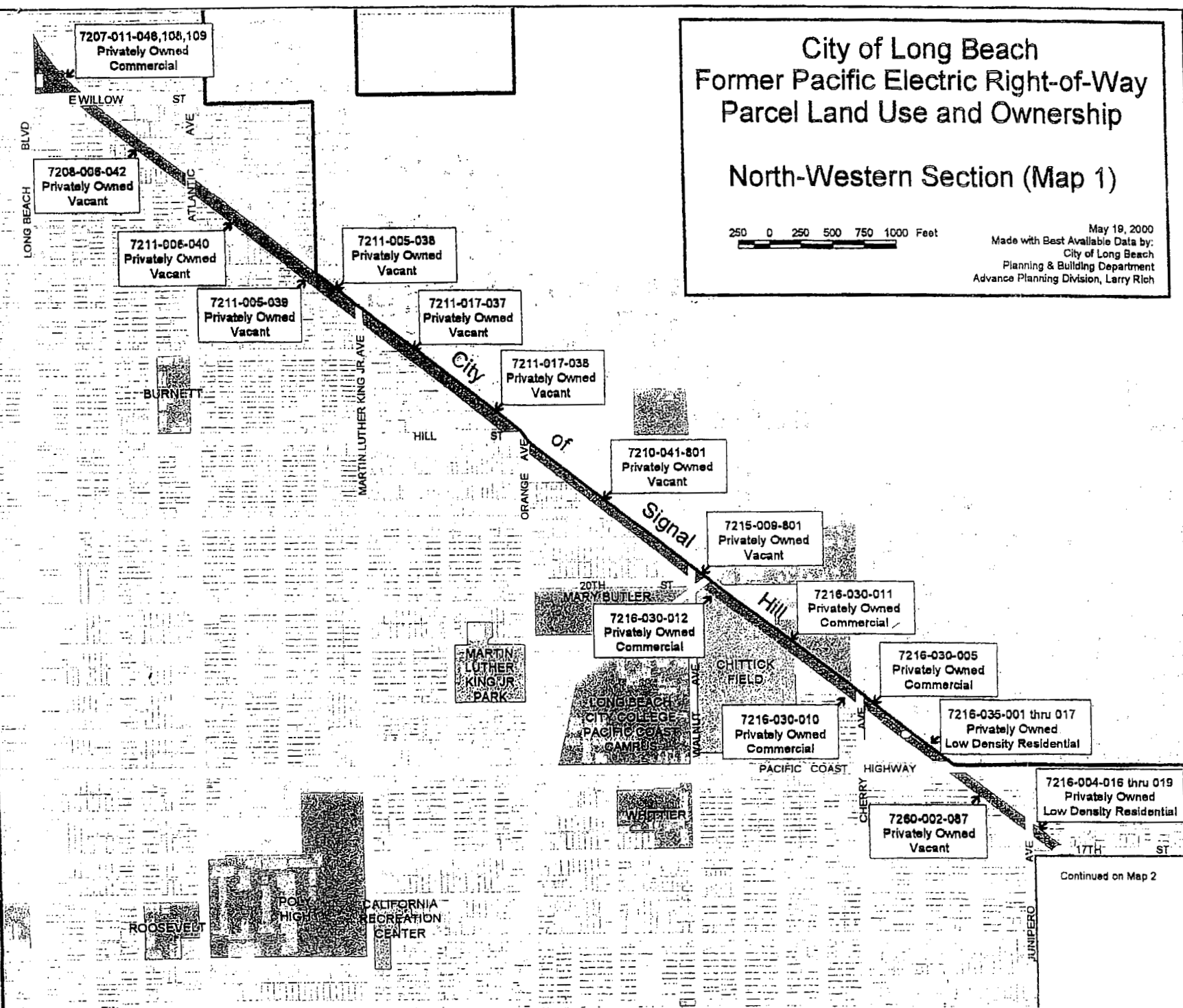

HENRY TABOADA
CITY MANAGER *for*

City of Long Beach Former Pacific Electric Right-of-Way Parcel Land Use and Ownership

North-Western Section (Map 1)

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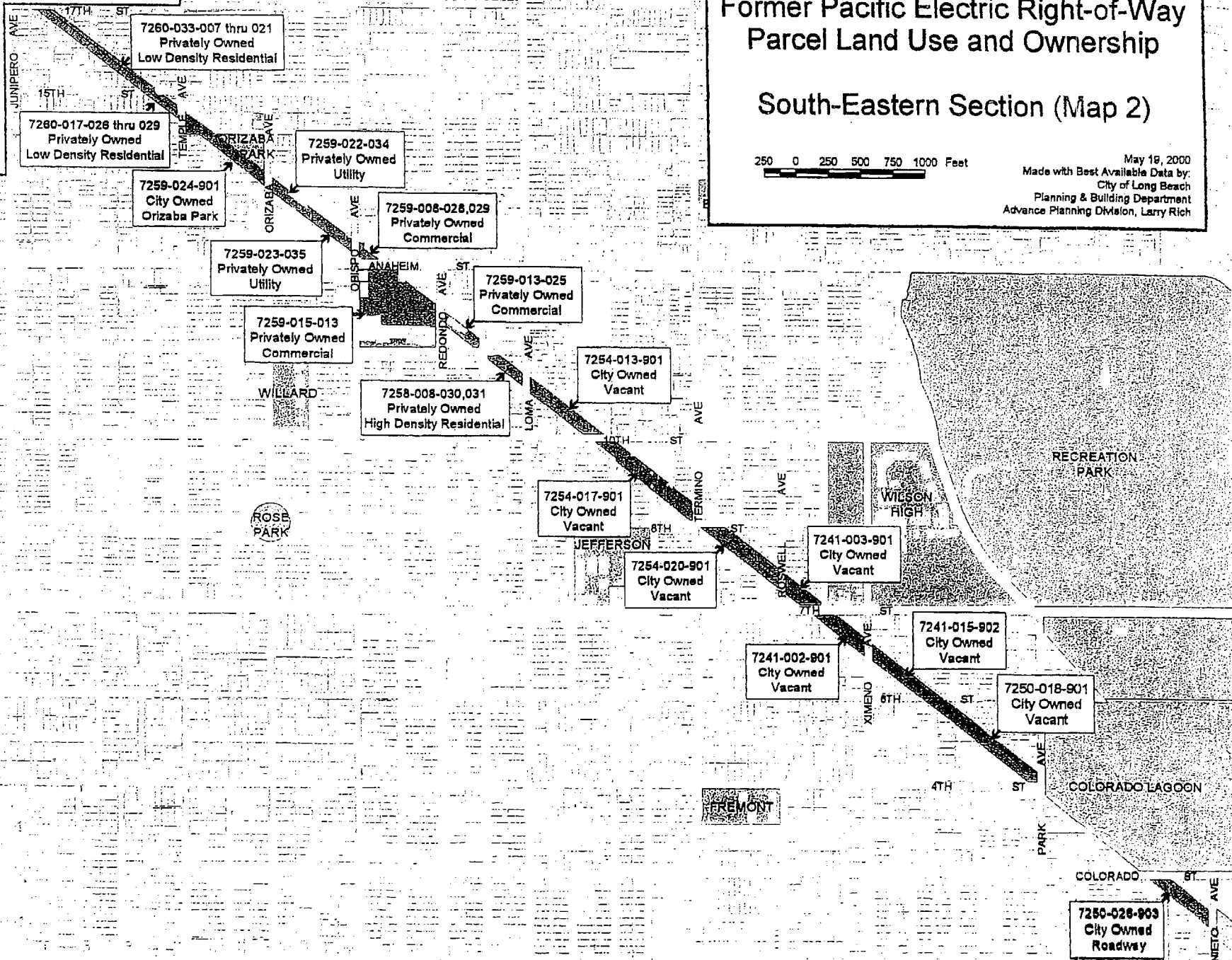
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City of Long Beach Former Pacific Electric Right-of-Way Parcel Land Use and Ownership

South-Eastern Section (Map 2)

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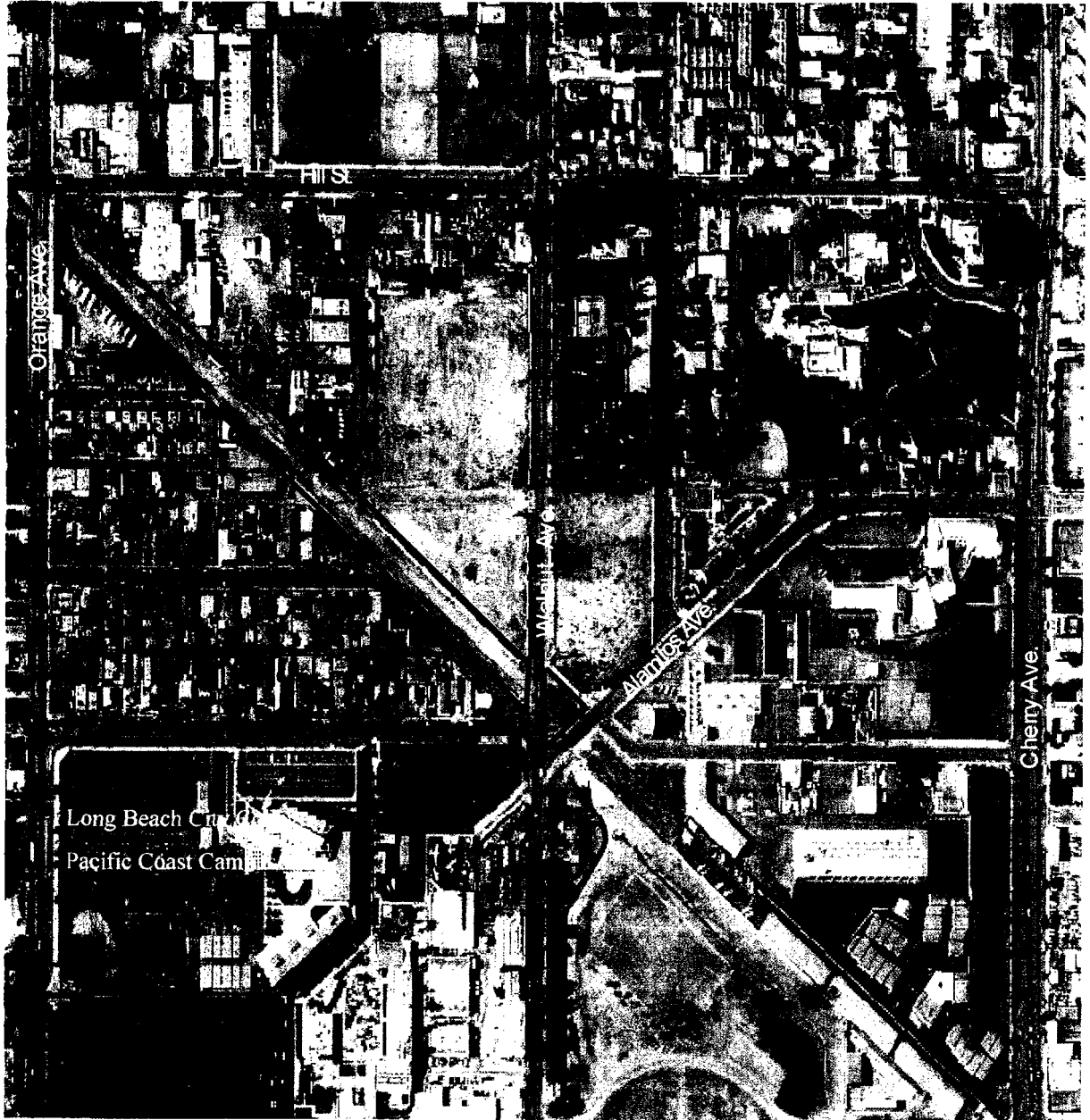
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From: Dennis W. Carroll, Councilmember, 4th District 
Subject: Addendum to Item 21

I would like Item 21 to be modified to include the following words:

And extend the moratorium, which is ending January 3, 2001, to end July 3, 2001.

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EXHIBIT "C"
Subject Property



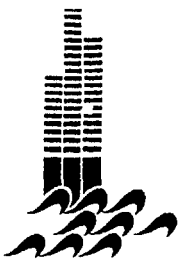


EXHIBIT "D"

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November 18, 2004

Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission:

SUBJECT: Parkland Acquisition

The Department has previously presented the Drake/Chavez Greenbelt (Exhibit "A") and the P.E. R.O.W. Bikeway and Greenbelt projects (Exhibit "B") to the Parks and Recreation Commission in connection with a number of grant applications. As a result of the success of several of these applications, the Department has been working with the Department of Community Development to acquire several parcels that comprise a portion of each of projects.

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| Drake/Chavez Greenbelt | |
| Bhatti Property | |
| Address | 620 San Francisco |
| Assessor's Parcel Number | 7271-024-002, 7271,024-001 |
| Purchase Price | \$1,580,000 |
| Funding Source | Proposition A, Proposition 13 |
| Ceramics Factory | |
| Address | 903 Fairbanks |
| Assessor's Parcel Number | 7271-020-013 |
| Purchase Price | \$1,500,000 |
| Funding Source | Proposition 12 - River Tidal lands grant |
| MTA Property | |
| Address | Not available |
| Assessor's Parcel Number | 7271-023-900 |
| Purchase Price | \$Still under negotiation |
| Funding Source | Proposition 12 - River Tidal lands grant |
| PE ROW | |
| Southern Pacific Transportation Company | |
| Address | Not available – Orange to Alamitos |
| Assessor's Parcel Number | 7210-041-801, 7215-009-801 |
| Purchase Price | \$1,973,500? |
| Funding Source | MTA, CBDA |
| LB Self Storage II LLC | |
| Address | Not available, - South of Alamitos |
| Assessor's Parcel Number | 7216-030-012, 7216-013-013 |
| Purchase Price | \$510,000? |
| Funding Source | PIF FY 2005 |

Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission:

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It is recommended that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend to the City Manager and the City Council that the City acquire the above referenced parcels for parkland purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

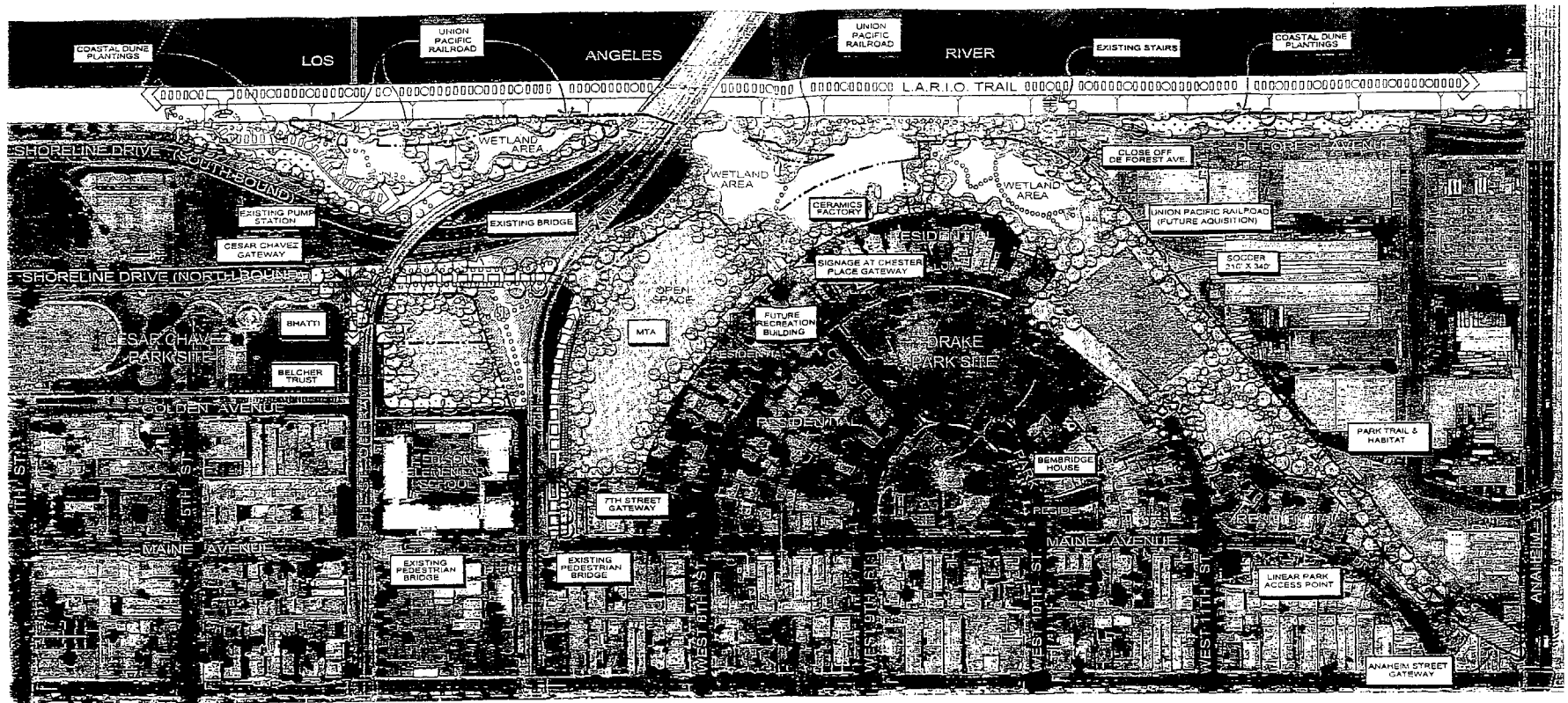
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Manager of Planning and Development

Phil T. Hester,
Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine

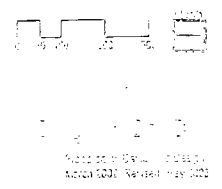
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| | | ACCESS POINTS |
| | | WETLAND AREA AND PATHWAY |
| | | PARK'S EDGE |
| | | WETLAND BUFFER |
| | | OPEN SPACE |

Exhibit A



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HILL ST

P.E. ROW - Orange Ave. to
South of Alamos Ave.

0 50 100 150 200 Feet



Exhibit B

Orange Ave

Southern Pacific Transportation Co. 2.99 ac 130,244 sq ft

Signal Hill

Willow

Orange Ave

WESLEY DR

Walnut Ave

So Pac
Trans Co
0.07 ac
2,940 sq ft

Daisy

Magnolia

Alamos Ave

LB Sell
Storage II LLC

20TH ST

Butler School

LBCC/PCC

Chittick Field

0.57 ac
24,960 sq ft

18.00
8,000 sq ft

20th St