City of Long Beach



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to accept an easement deed from The Intex Properties South Bay Corporation, a California corporation, the owner of the property at 4000 Via Oro Avenue, for street cul-de-sac purposes;

Adopt Resolution of Intention to vacate a portion of Via Alcalde Avenue between Via Plata Street and Carson Street and setting the date of January 19, 2021, for the public hearing on the vacation; and

Accept Notice of Determination State Clearinghouse Number 2009071006. (District 8)

Intex Properties South Bay Corporation (Intex), located at 4000 Via Oro Avenue, owner of the 25-acre vacant land in the West Long Beach Business Park, requests the vacation of Via Alcalde, which is located on the east side of the vacant land they own, west of Interstate 710 (I-710) freeway, between Via Plata Street and Carson Street (Attachment A). Intex has plans to construct and operate a 525,000-square-foot logistics center on the vacant parcels and incorporate the portion of the vacated Via Alcalde Avenue right-of-way into their development.

The adopted I-710 freeway widening plan, known as Alternative 5C, approved by the Los Angeles Metro (Metro) Board, indicates that the additional freeway right-of-way would include some portions of the existing Via Alcalde Street right-of-way, as shown on Attachment B. Other than the area required for the future right-of-way, Metro has no need or use for Via Alcalde Avenue, now or in the future. Metro has agreed that Via Alcalde does not need to be moved or replaced for the planned freeway expansion to occur. The timing for the freeway expansion is indefinite. According to Metro, the expansion may not occur for another 20-30 years or more, if at all. In the interim, the vacated Via Alcalde Avenue right-of-way property would be incorporated into the Intex project and intended to be used for truck and trailer staging and short-term parking.

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 Public Works Department supports this vacation based on findings that this portion of Via Alcalde Avenue is unnecessary as a vehicular or pedestrian thoroughfare. The Department of Public Works requests adoption of a Resolution of Intention to vacate in relation to the vacation described above.

Additionally, to avoid creating dead-end streets where Carson Street and Via Plata ends at

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the vacated portion of Via Alcalde, staff recommend that the vacation be conditioned on the dedication of a cul-de-sac for vehicles to safely turnaround (Attachment C). The Department of Public Works seeks authorization to accept a Dedication of Easement for street cul-de-sac purposes.

The necessary City departments have reviewed the proposed right-of-way vacation and have no objections to this action. In conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act, Notice of Determination State Clearinghouse Number 2009071006 was issued for this project on November 15, 2019, see Planning Commission Staff Report (Attachment D). The Department of Public Works requests acceptance of Notice of Determination State Clearinghouse Number 2009071006.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Erin Weesner-McKinley on November 18, 2020 and by Budget Analysis Officer Julissa José-Murray on November 15, 2020.

City Council action is requested on December 15, 2020, to set the public hearing date on this matter for January 19, 2021.

A tentative vacation processing fee in the amount of \$11,677, was deposited in the General Fund Group in the Public Works Department. Also, it is anticipated that the final fee in the amount of \$3,712 will be paid before the public hearing date. 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.

Approve recommendation.

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