



THE PORT
OF LOS ANGELES
Executive Director's
Report to the

Board of Harbor Commissioners

DATE: FEBRUARY 1, 2017

FROM: CARGO & INDUSTRIAL REAL ESTATE

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ - QUITCLAIM FOR TEMPORARY
CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF
SOUNDWALLS ALONG THE I-110/SR-47 CONNECTOR
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

SUMMARY:

Staff requests approval of the Quitclaim for Temporary Construction Easements (TCE). The City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department), in a joint project with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), constructed soundwalls along the Interstate 110 (I-110) and State Route 47 (SR-47) intersection in San Pedro. The soundwalls were necessary to reduce the sound level of freeway-generated noise.

The project required TCEs to allow for construction of the soundwalls. In 2013, the Board of Harbor Commissioners approved the execution of TCEs, which were acquired from various property owners and recorded with the Los Angeles County Registrar/Recorder's Office.

Construction of the soundwalls has since been completed and the TCEs are no longer necessary. It is now necessary to execute and record the proposed quitclaim of the TCEs to relinquish the Harbor Department's temporary easement rights.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board):

1. Find that the proposed action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Article II Section 2(f) and 2(i) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines as determined by the Director of Environmental Management;
2. Approve the Quitclaim of Temporary Construction Easements;
3. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and the Board Secretary to attest to the Quitclaim of Temporary Construction Easements; and
4. Adopt Resolution No. _____.

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DISCUSSION:

Background – The I-110/SR47 Connector Improvement Project improves mobility in and around the West Basin area of the Port of Los Angeles by adding a traffic lane to the I-110/SR-47 freeway connector. This project is part of the comprehensive traffic improvement project, the John S. Gibson Boulevard/I-110 Freeway Access Ramp Improvements and I-110/SR-47 Connector Improvement Project.

On May 2, 2013, the Board approved Resolution No. 13-7477 for the execution of TCEs necessary to construct soundwalls for the project. The TCEs provided temporary easement rights to the Harbor Department and were recorded with the Los Angeles County Registrar/Recorder's Office. Construction of the soundwalls has now been completed and such easement rights need to be relinquished back to the property owners.

Staff requests execution and recording of the proposed Quitclaim of TCEs. Upon approval, staff will process the execution of the quitclaim and record it with the Los Angeles Registrar/Recorder's Office.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is approval of a quitclaim for TCEs granted to the Harbor Department for construction of soundwalls for the I-110/SR47 Connector Improvement Project. The underlying Project was assessed in a Mitigated Negative Declaration, which was approved by the Board on April 5, 2012. Therefore, as an administrative activity related to a project that has been previously evaluated for environmental significance and processed according to the requirements of CEQA, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is exempt from the requirements of CEQA under Article II Section 2(f) and 2(i) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The proposed Quitclaim for TCEs is an administrative activity, and there is no cost associated with its processing except for Harbor Department staff time.

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CITY ATTORNEY:

The quitclaim of TCEs has been approved as to form and legality by the Office of the City Attorney.


TRANSMITTAL:

1. Quitclaim of Temporary Construction Easements



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FIS Approval:  (initials)
CA Approval:  (initials)



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