



Executive Director's
Report to the
Board of Harbor Commissioners

DATE: JULY 27, 2022

FROM: WATERFRONT & COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ - APPROVAL OF
DEDICATION OF HARBOR BOULEVARD AS A PUBLIC STREET

SUMMARY:

Staff requests approval of a proposed dedication of Harbor Boulevard as a public street. As part of the San Pedro Waterfront Program, the Board of Harbor Commissioner's directed staff at the Board meeting held on June 5, 2014 to move forward with the design of the Sampson Way Roadway Improvements - 7th Street Intersection project. As part of the Sampson Way Improvements Project, Engineering staff submitted an application to the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering (BOE) for a street vacation to allow construction of the Sampson Way Roadway Improvements - 7th Street Intersection project. The City Council approved the request for street vacation with conditions, including the proposed street dedication for the newly constructed intersection at Harbor Boulevard and Miner Street. Dedicating this portion of the street to the City of Los Angeles (City) as a public street is the final condition of the previously approved street vacation.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. Find that the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is administratively exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Article II Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines;
2. Find that the portion of street to be dedicated is outside the high-tide line and the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department could dedicate it to the City of Los Angeles as a public street;
3. Approve the dedication of City of Los Angeles-owned real property lying on Harbor Boulevard and Miner Street between 7th Street and 11th Street and establish it as a public street of the City of Los Angeles;

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4. Authorize the Executive Director to dedicate the newly constructed intersection at Harbor Boulevard and Miner Street to the City of Los Angeles as a public street; and
5. Adopt Resolution No. _____.

DISCUSSION:

Background – As part of the San Pedro Waterfront Program, the Board directed Engineering staff at the June 5, 2014 Board meeting to move forward with the design of the Sampson Way Roadway Improvements - 7th Street Intersection project (Street Project).

As a requirement for obtaining a permit from BOE for work on City property for the Street Project, BOE requested that the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) submit a street vacation application for the portion of Harbor Boulevard between 7th Street and 9th Street. In January 2015, the Harbor Department submitted the street vacation application to BOE. This street vacation was necessary to construct the new intersection between 7th Street and 11th Street and an extension of the City's existing Plaza Park. The construction of the project was completed in August 2018. On March 20, 2019, the City Council approved the street vacation (VAC-E1401276/Council File No. 15-0883) with several conditions. The Harbor Department has met all of the conditions except the public street dedication for the Street Project (Transmittal 1).

The final condition of the Harbor Boulevard street vacation is to dedicate the newly-constructed intersection at Harbor Boulevard (formerly Sampson Way) and Miner Street (formerly Harbor Boulevard) to the City as a public street (Transmittals 2 and 3). The City currently maintains Harbor Boulevard to the north of this intersection/dedication area and Miner Street south of this intersection.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is for the approval of the dedication of Harbor Boulevard as a Public Street, which is an administrative activity. Therefore, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is administratively exempt from the requirements of CEQA in accordance with Article II Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Approval of the proposed dedication of Harbor Boulevard as public street will lessen the financial burden to the Harbor Department, as the maintenance of the street will shift to City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works and the Department of Transportation.

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CITY ATTORNEY:


The Office of the City Attorney has reviewed the proposed action and finds no legal issues at this time.

TRANSMITTALS:

1. Site Plan
2. City Council Conditional Approval letter
3. Proposed City Ordinance

FIS Approval: JS
CA Approval: JS

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