

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

Date: May 22, 2009

From: BIMLA G. RHINEHART
Executive Director

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Action

Ref: Mitigated Negative Declaration – MacArthur Park Station Improvement Project (Resolution E-09-51)

ISSUE: Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Vesting Tentative Tract Map in Los Angeles County and approve the MacArthur Park Station Improvement Project (project) to be considered for future funding?

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Commission accept the MND and approve the project to allow for future consideration of funding.

BACKGROUND: The MND was adopted by the City of Los Angeles (City) on August 1, 2007 for a two phase joint development project located on Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (Metro) property adjacent to and incorporating the Westlake/MacArthur Park Metro Red Line Station. The City recirculated the MND to address an increase in rental units and retail use. The recirculated MND was approved by the City on November 25, 2008.

The MND provides environmental clearance for the MacArthur Park Station Improvement project programmed in the STIP. The station improvements are part of a two phased joint development project which is located on Metro property. This project will provide an enhanced and enlivened public plaza surrounding the Westlake/MacArthur Park Metro Red Line Station with upgraded landscaping and streetscape improvements.

The MND found that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation. Impacts that required mitigation related to aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, noise, public services, recreation, transportation/circulation, and utilities. A mitigation monitoring and reporting plan was adopted by the City for the project.

The project is estimated to cost \$1,544,000. The project is programmed with STIP TE (\$1,146,000) and Local (\$398,000). Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2009/10.

Attachments

- Resolution No. 09-51
- Project Location

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Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding

07-LA

Resolution E-09-51

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Los Angeles has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
- MacArthur Park Station Improvements Project
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the City of Los Angeles has certified that the Mitigated Negative Declaration has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines for its implementation; and
- 1.3 **WHEREAS**, the project would provide an enhanced and enlivened public plaza surrounding the Westlake/MacArthur Park Metro Red Line Station with upgraded landscaping and streetscape improvements; and
- 1.4 **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.5 **WHEREAS**, the City has adopted a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan for the implementation, monitoring, and timing of mitigation measures identified to reduce identified environmental impacts to a less than significant level; and
- 1.6 **WHEREAS**, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- 2.1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby approve the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.



TREE REQUIREMENTS

REQUIRED TREE AMOUNTS (SEE 10% PERMITS)	31
LANDSCAPE FLOOR LEVEL 1 (FLOOR LEVEL 1) PLANTED TREES	2
LANDSCAPE FLOOR LEVEL 2 (FLOOR LEVEL 2) PLANTED TREES	4
STREET LEVEL PLANTED TREES	25
TOTAL PLANTED TREES	31

LANDSCAPE AREA CALCULATIONS

MINIMUM REQUIRED LANDSCAPE AREA	1181 SF
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TOTAL LANDSCAPE AREA	1181 SF

LANDSCAPE PLANTING NOTES:
 ALL PLANTED LANDSCAPE TREES AND SHRUBS SHALL BE PLANTED TO A MINIMUM OF 18" TO 24" DEPTH. PLANTING SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES LANDSCAPE PERFORMANCE WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

IRRIGATION NOTES:
 IRRIGATION SHALL BE PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY OF LOS ANGELES LANDSCAPE PERFORMANCE WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. ALL IRRIGATION SYSTEMS SHALL BE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT IRRIGATION SYSTEM AREAS TO MEET ALL CITY OF LOS ANGELES LANDSCAPE PERFORMANCE WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS.

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