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RE: VACATING WILLOW CREST AVENUE AND BLUFFSIDE DRIVE VACATION DISTRICT IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE METRO RED LINE PROJECT – UNIVERSAL CITY STATION (VAC E 1400495)

At the meeting of the Council held September 26, 2007, the following action was taken:

Report adopted	X
No Protests	
Protest denied	
Findings adopted	X
FORTHWITH	
Ordinance adopted	
Motion adopted to approve attached report	
Motion adopted to approve communication recommendation(s)	

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TO THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Your PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

reports as follows:

FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to vacating Willow Crest Avenue and Bluffside Drive Vacation District in connection with the construction of the Metro Red Line Project- Universal City Station (VAC E1400495).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that the City of Los Angeles has imposed all the mitigation measures that are withing control of the City, as described in the Final Environmental Impact Report (State Clearing House No. 1979061927) that is associated with the impacts of the vacation of Willow Crest Avenue and Bluffside Drive Vacation District and that other mitigation measures that are not within the authority of the City, have been or should be imposed as set forth in the findings of the United States Department of Transportation, Urban Mass Transportation Administration, dated May 29, 1984, a copy of which is attached and incorporated and further FIND that no new information exists to show that the project or circumstances of the project have been changed to require additional environmental review, as described in the State CEQA Guidelines 15162, and therefore the existing environmental documents adequately describe the potential impacts for the vacation of Willow Crest Avenue and Bluffside Drive Vacation District.

2. FIND that the street vacation proceedings pursuant to the Public Streets, Highways and Service Easements Vacation Law be instituted for the vacation of the public right-of-way indicated below and shown colored blue on Exhibit B of the June 6, 2007 City Engineer report and attached to the Council file:

    a. Willow Crest Avenue between Universal Place and Bluffside Drive.

    b. Alley northwesterly of Lankershim Boulevard between Universal Place and Bluffside Drive.

3. ADOPT the FINDINGS of the City Engineer dated June 6, 2007 as the Findings of the Council.

4. ADOPT the accompanying City Engineer report dated June 6, 2007 to approve the vacation.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that to date, an estimated $6,479.31 in charges have been expended in the investigation and processing of this proceeding. Since Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) Section 7.46 exempts all governmental agencies from the payment of fees, the processing of this report will be absorbed by the Bureau of Engineering. Maintenance of the public easement by City Forces will be eliminated.

SUMMARY

The City Engineer reports that the area sought to be vacated is:

a. Willow Crest Avenue between Universal Place and Bluffside Drive.

b. Alley northwesterly of Lankershim Boulevard between Universal Place and Bluffside Drive.

(a map of the area is included as Exhibit B in the June 6, 2007 City Engineer report and is attached to the Council file). The petitioner, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), owner of the properties is requesting the vacation of the public street and alley areas as detailed in Exhibit B. The MTA did construct facilities for the Metro Red Line Universal City Station and the vacation of the subject street and alley is required to make way for the entrance to the subway, an interconnected bus stop and its attendant access ways, temporary automobile parking and access from the parking lots across the 101 freeway. This vacation procedure is being processed under procedures established by Council on March 5, 2002 as detailed in Council file No. 01-1459.

Furthermore, according to the City Engineer, the vacation of the public street areas as shown on the map designated as Exhibit B could be conditionally approved based upon the following: 1) it is unnecessary for present or prospective public use; 2) it is not needed for vehicular circulation or access; and 3) it is not needed for nonmotorized transportation purposes.

At its regular meeting held on September 19, 2007, the Public Works Committee considered the recommendations of the City Engineer as contained in its June 6, 2007 report. After having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations as amended and contained in said City Engineer report and detailed above in Recommendation Nos. 1-4. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

MEMBER	VOTE
ROSENDAHL:	YES
LABONGE:	YES
SMITH:	ABSENT

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Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Subsequent EIR Report