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BUREAU OF STREET SERVICES
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Date: July 24, 2024

Council District No. 12

Commissioners:

18700 BLOCK WEST MAYALL AVENUE AND ADJACENT STREETS (BOE – 68) – CITYWIDE SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM IN COUNCIL DISTRICT TWELVE REQUEST BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS TO CONCUR WITH A SIDEWALK REPAIR PROJECT AND APPROVE THE REMOVAL OF SEVEN CANARY ISLAND PINE (PINUS CANARIENSIS) TREES FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE NON-ADA COMPLIANT PUBLIC SIDEWALK. TREE REPLACEMENTS ARE REQUIRED.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Public Works (Board):

1. DETERMINE that the sidewalk repair project at 18717 WEST MAYALL STREET ON NORTH YOLANDA AVENUE; 10100, 10108, 10122, and 10155 NORTH GLADBECK AVENUE; AND 10132, and 10146 NORTH YOLANDA AVENUE, (“Project”) is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Article 19, Section 15301(c), *Existing Facilities*, and Section 15332, *In-Fill Development Projects*, and Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines, Article III, Section 1, Class 1, *Existing Facilities*, Category 3, and that none of the limitations set forth in State CEQA Guidelines 15300.2 apply.
2. CONCUR with the Bureau of Engineering’s (BOE’s) approval of the Project.
3. APPROVE the removal of Seven Canary Island Pine (*Pinus canariensis*) trees for the reconstruction of an inaccessible sidewalk and tree replacements.
4. DIRECT the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) that a notice of exemption be filed with the State Office of Planning and Research, and the Los Angeles County Clerk.

TRANSMITTALS:

1. Copy of tree removal notification
2. Service Request # 1-2292659371
3. Notice of Exemption and Narrative
4. Plot Plans
5. Photographs of the trees to be removed

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RECITALS:

The Project is being delivered by the Sidewalk Repair Program (SRP), which was initiated by Council File No. 14-0163-S4 and adopted February 3, 2015. The Project is not being implemented under the streamlining SRP ordinance, LAMC 62.104.1, which is subject to a January 2023 legal decision.

The SRP's Access Request Subprogram makes repairs requested by/for people with a mobility disability who encounter physical barriers, such as broken sidewalks, missing/broken curb ramps, or other barriers in the City of Los Angeles (City) right-of-way.

The City Engineer is authorized to approve the sidewalk repairs under the SRP. However, because of legal requirements, including those related to CEQA, City staff is recommending that, as a precautionary measure, the Board concur in the BOE's approval of the sidewalk repairs in the Project.

As set forth in detail below, seven street trees will be severely impacted by the Project, and although alternative methods and options were explored, the trees require removal. Therefore, StreetsLA recommends the Board approve the tree removals. All tree replacements shall comply with the Board's 2:1 tree replacement policy and shall be planted by the contractor. StreetsLA shall begin weekly watering of the tree replacements upon tree planting confirmation from the contractor. Tree watering shall continue for a five-year period.

PROJECT AND STREET TREE ASSESSMENT:

1. Eligible for Credit under the *Willits* Settlement

BOE is the lead city agency in implementing the terms of the Willits Settlement Agreement which includes removing barriers in the City's pedestrian facilities in response to requests by or on behalf of persons with mobility disabilities, as part of the Citywide Sidewalk Repair Program, which was initiated by Council File No. 14-0163-S4 and adopted on February 3, 2015. The BOE intends to hire a contractor to reconstruct the inaccessible sidewalks due to uplift and severe disruption by the roots and root crowns of the subject trees. Accordingly, the Project would be eligible for credit under the *Willits* Settlement.

2. Street Tree Removal Assessment

BOE is working in close collaboration with StreetsLA in addressing potential impacts to street trees adjacent to targeted locations.

BOE contacted StreetsLA in reference to reconstruction of inaccessible sidewalk conditions at fifty-seven addresses of which ten addresses have trees that will be severely impacted, requiring removal.

ADDRESS	CD	NO. OF TREES IMPACTED	TREE SPECIES	TREE CONDITION
18717 West Mayall Street on Yolanda Avenue	12	1	Canary Island Pine	Tree in Fair Condition
10100 North Gladbeck Avenue	12	1	Canary Island Pine	Tree in Fair Condition
10108 North Gladbeck Avenue	12	1	Canary Island Pine	Tree in Fair Condition
10122 North Gladbeck Avenue	12	1	Canary Island Pine	Trees in Fair Condition
10155 North Gladbeck Avenue	12	1	Canary Island Pine	Tree in Fair Condition
10132 North Yolanda Avenue	12	1	Canary Island Pine	Tree in Fair Condition
10140 North Yolanda Avenue	12	1	Canary Island Pine	Tree in Fair Condition

A StreetsLA arborist inspected the subject locations on various times from June 9, 2022, through June 12, 2024, and verified that seven street trees will be severely impacted by the Project and require removal. StreetsLA is proposing to replace the inaccessible sidewalks and driveways due to uplift and severe disruption by the roots and root crowns of the subject trees. The trees have severely outgrown their growing space and inaccessible sidewalks, curb, and gutter are prevalent throughout the area.

a) Street Tree Root Pruning

StreetsLA has determined that root pruning will affect the structural integrity and health of the trees which may cause a street tree to become unstable and therefore a potential liability to the City. The required root pruning to allow the trees to remain would significantly and adversely affect the trees' health and roots' structural integrity leaving the trees potentially unstable. Hence, sidewalk reconstruction will require tree removal.

b) Street Tree Canopy Pruning

Street tree canopy pruning is not applicable for the trees in this Project, as canopy pruning would not remedy the sidewalk accessibility issues.

c) Street Tree Removal Determination

The trees are in fair condition measuring approximately 24 to 36-inches in diameter by approximately 65 to 70-feet in height growing in a 4 foot and 5-foot parkways. The street trees are unable to be retained by root pruning due to concern of trees ability to tolerate root pruning, tree stability, and in the interest of public safety and ADA accessibility.

Alternative methods and options were explored, including enlarging the parkway, ramping, sidewalk minimizing, and meandering sidewalks. However, the size, species, condition, and location of the trees negate the possibility of tree preservation or relocation.

d) Street Tree Planting Specifications

All tree replacements shall comply with the ratio of two replacement trees per removed street tree, and shall be planted, watered, and maintained by StreetsLA.

StreetsLA shall begin watering of the tree replacements upon tree planting. Tree watering shall continue as specified in the Sidewalk Repair Program Street Tree Policy, for a minimum three-year period.

- Two, 24-inch box size Crape Myrtle 'Natchez' (*Lagerstroemia* 'Natchez') trees to be replanted at 10146 North Yolanda Avenue on Lemarsh Street side
- One, 24-inch box size Desert Willow 'Bubba' (*Chilopsis linearis* 'Bubba') tree to be replanted at 10108 North Yolanda Avenue.
- One, 24-inch box size Desert Willow 'Bubba' tree to be replanted at 10132 North Yolanda Avenue.
- One, 24-inch box size Desert Willow 'Bubba' tree to be replanted at 10140 North Yolanda Avenue.
- Two, 24-inch box size Crape Myrtle 'Natchez' trees planted on 10101 North Gladbeck Avenue on Mayall Street side.
- One, 24-inch box size Desert Willow 'Bubba' tree to be replanted at 10122 North Gladbeck Avenue.
- One, 24-inch box size Desert Willow 'Bubba' tree to be replanted at 10155 North Gladbeck Avenue.
- One, 24-inch box size Desert Willow 'Bubba' tree to be replanted at 10100 North Gladbeck Avenue.
- One, 24-inch box size Crape Myrtle 'Natchez' (*Lagerstroemia* 'Natchez') tree to be replanted at 18636 West Lemarsh Street.

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- One, 24-inch box size Crape Myrtle 'Natchez' tree to be replanted at 18630 West Lemarsh Street.
- One, 24-inch box size Desert Willow 'Bubba' tree to be replanted at 18716 West Romar Street on Yolanda Avenue.
- One, 24-inch box size Desert Willow 'Bubba' trees to be replanted at 18717 West Mayall Street on Yolanda Avenue.

e) Public Notification Criteria

Council District Twelve was informed of the tree removal request on May 9, 2024, and will notify StreetsLA of any objections received by their office.

Public comments on this tree removal request will be received and heard, both in-writing and in-person, during the scheduled public meeting with the Board. The following public notice of these tree removal permits were conducted:

- Notice of the proposed tree removals were physically posted on the subject trees on July 2, 2022, and on September 30, 2023.
- Proposed tree removals were included in the Bureau of Street Services Tree Removal Notification System.
- The Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC) and Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) were notified.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA):

StreetsLA recommends that the Board concurrently with the approval of the Project DETERMINE that the Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Class 1 and Section 15332, Class 32, and Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines Article III, Section 1, Class 1, and that none of the limitations set forth in State CEQA Guidelines 15300.2 apply, and DIRECT that a notice of exemption be filed with the Office of Planning and Research and the Los Angeles County Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,



for

KEITH MOZEE

Executive Director and General Manager
Bureau of Street Services

Prepared by:
Urban Forestry Division Ext. 7-3077

KM/ATR/DM/HB: It

TREE REMOVAL NOTIFICATION**TRANSMITTAL NO. 1****Thursday, May 9, 2024****The Urban Forestry Division received the following permit request to remove trees at the following location(s):**

FROM: Urban Forestry Division
1149 S. Broadway, 4th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90015

REQUESTER: City of Los Angeles Bureau of Street Services
1149 S Broadway 4th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90015

PHONE NO: (213) 847-3077

REASON FOR REQUEST: Sidewalk, Driveway, Curb, and/or Gutter Repair

MAIL STOP: #550

PERMIT No-Fee Permit

PROJECT: BOE Pkg 68 Site 6502

TREE REPLACEMENT SIZE: 24-inch box size

SR # 1-2292659371

COUNCIL DISTRICT	ADDRESS	PKWY SIZE / SW SIZE	NO OF TREES PRESERVED	NO OF TREES IMPACTED	TREE SPECIES PROPOSED TO BE REMOVED / TK8 SITE #	REASON FOR TREE REMOVAL	TREE REPLMNT QTY.	TREE REPLACEMENT SPECIES	TREE REPLACEMENT ADDRESS
12	10120,10146, and 10132 Yolanda Ave	4 ft Pkwy / 5ft SW	47 out of 57	3	Canary Island Pine	Elevated roots preventing preventing ADA compliant repair	20	(3) Desert Willow at 10108,10132, and 10146 YOLANDA AVE	
	18717 Romar St			1				(4) Watergum at 18636,18630,18601, and 18571 LEMARSH ST	
	18717 W Mayall St			1				(3) Canary Island Pine 10040 and 10120 YOLANDA AVE	
	10155, 10122, 10108, 10100, and 10101 Gladbeck Av	5 ft Pkwy / 4ft SW		5				(6) Desert Willow at 10155,10100,10101, 10122 GLADBECK AVE	
								(2) Desert Willow at 18717 and 18716 ROMAR AVE	
								(1) Desert Willow at 10119 VIKING AVE	
								(1) Desert Willow at 18717 MAYALL ST	

ALL ALTERNATIVES WERE CONSIDERED TO RETAIN THE TREES, i.e. SIDEWALK REDUCTION, RAMPING, ROOT PRUNING, AND MEANDERING INTO PRIVATE PROPERTY. TREE REMOVAL IS THE LAST OPTION WHEN THE ALTERNATIVES ARE NOT FEASIBLE. THEREFORE, TREES REQUIRE REMOVAL.

FOR BUREAU OF STREET SERVICES USE ONLY☐

The above request has been reviewed and approved.

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The above request is denied.

APPROVED BY: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____



Maricel El-Amin <maricel.el-amin@lacity.org>

CD 12 - Tree Removal Notification: 1800 Blk of W Mayall St and Adj Streets

1 message

Maricel El-Amin <maricel.El-Amin@lacity.org>

Thu, May 9, 2024 at 9:27 AM

To: done ncsupport <ncsupport@lacity.org>, Joanne D'Antonio <cd2cfac@gmail.com>, Lynnette Kampe <lynnette.kampe@gmail.com>, Jonathan Coto <jonathan.coto@lacity.org>

Cc: Luis Torres <luis.torres@lacity.org>

Please see attached.

This is a courtesy tree removal notification. For any concerns regarding the Sidewalk Repair Program tree removals, please email luis.torres@lacity.org copied on this email.

Thank You.



18663 W MAYALL ST - Site 6502.pdf

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Service Request #: 1-2292659371

TRANSMITTAL NO.

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successfully.

** You are not authorized to close this SR.

SR Status: Pending - In Design Phase

Summary

Service Type:	Sidewalk Repair	Submitted By:	Yoobin Kim (BOE) 04/27/2022 08:15 AM
Contact:	Francine Vorhees Edit	Last Updated By:	Enrique Ramirez (BSS) 07/03/2024 10:32 AM
Location:	18663 W MAYALL ST, 91324 Show on Map	Ticket Owner:	BOE
Cross Street	Between VIKING AVE and YOLANDA AVE	Division:	N/A
Council District:	12	Assigned To:	N/A
Thomas Bros:	500-H4	Assignee:	N/A
Maintenance Area:	West Valley	Priority Level:	Normal Edit Priority
Maintenance District:	N/A	Service Date:	N/A
Source of Request:	Letter Edit	Action Taken:	SR Created Edit
Language:	English Edit	Optional Tracking Code:	N/A Edit
Work Order Number:	N/A Edit		
Claim Number:	N/A Edit		

Attachments: [Edit](#)Internal: Enrique Ramirez on
10/03/2023 09:14 AMInternal: Enrique Ramirez on
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07/03/2024 10:32 AMInternal: Enrique Ramirez on
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04/27/2022 08:15 AM

SR Details

Type of Applicant:	I am a person with a Mobility Disability
Communication Method:	Telephone (TTY) - 818-882-3431
Type of Access Barrier:	Fix Cracked/Broken Sidewalk
Location and Brief Description of the Request:	Along Mayall St from Yolanda Ave to Gladbeck, along Yolanda Ave from Lemarsh St to Mayall St, Lemarsh St from Roundabout to Cul-de-sac, Along Gladbeck Ave from Lemarsh St to Mayall St, Along Viking St from Mayall St to Cul-de-sac. Plus all ramps along the mentioned above.

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Additional Location Info: Along Mayall St from Yolanda Ave to Gladbeck, along Yolanda Ave from Lemarsh St to Mayall St, Lemarsh St from Roundabout to Cul-de-sac, Along Gladbeck Ave from Lemarsh St to Mayall St, Along Viking St from Mayall St to Cul-de-sac. Plus all ramps.

Comments

Comment	Internal or External	Created By	Created Date
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FHWA Complaint, SRP (Site#6502) (Revised, Date:07/03/2024) UFD INSPECTION By (ER-001): No Parking Restrictions posted^^ No overhead energized/communication lines present^^ No active bird nests present at time of inspection. 4'ft Parkway, 5ft Sidewalk on Yolanda Ave, Mayall St & Romar St. 5'ft Parkway, 4ft Sidewalk on Gladbeck Ave, Viking Ave & Lamarsh St... There are (55) trees TOTAL & (3) private property trees, (9) Palms within the scope of work. (45) Trees may be preserved by means of canopy-trimming, ramping over tree roots, root-shaving and by redesigning driveways as the trees and palm are in good condition displaying no pronounced lean. (7) Canary island pine trees have an elevated root flare creating severe off grade sidewalk conditions. Large diameter roots are extending under the existing sidewalk. Excessive/ imprudent amount of roots would require pruning to achieve ADA grade requirements & Certificate Of Compliance. Ramping over roots and sidewalk width reduction have been considered as an effort toward tree-preservation yet would not be sufficient due to the extent of repairs surrounding these parkway trees. Root pruning of critical roots will render the trees unstable. Removal is recommended as the best course of action. (3) trees were removed on an emergency basis on 07/16/2022 due to trees not meeting street tree height clearances for sidewalk and street. Private property trees, tree roots impacting sidewalk @ 18562 LeMarch St, @ 10123, 10128 Gladbeck Ave and must be assessed by a privately hired arborist. (F1) 16"x70' Mexican Fan palm tree (*Washingtonia robusta*) @ 18558 Lemarsh St. Will be scheduled for removal on Emergency Basis as the palms head/crown has failed (snapped off). (3) Trees: (F1) 2"x5', (F2/3) 4"x10' Citrus @ 18607 LeMarch Ave, (F1) 10"x10' Phoenix roebelenii - Pygmy Date Palm @ 18732 W LEMARSH ST will not conflict with the sidewalk repairs thus requiring no work. **NOTE- (S1) 24"x70' Canary island pine tree (*Pinus canariensis*) @ 18717 Romar St was repaired with no conflicts therefore no further action is required. —

-////- RECOMMENDATION: REDESIGN the following driveway to a case 3 design: (F2) 28"x70' Canary island pine tree (*Pinus canariensis*) @ 10146 Yolanda Ave, (F1) 26"x70' Canary island pine tree (*Pinus canariensis*) @ 10053 Yolanda Ave, (F2) 34"x70' Canary island pine tree (*Pinus canariensis*) @ 10115, 10123 Gladbeck Ave, (F1) 24"x70' Canary island pine tree (*Pinus canariensis*) @ 10128. **ROOT PRUNE** (19) trees: (F1) 10"x20' Crape Myrtle (*Lagerstroemia indica*) @ 18630 Mayall St, (F1) 10"x20' Crape Myrtle (*Lagerstroemia indica*) @ 18636 Mayall St, (F1) 8"x20' Crape Myrtle (*Lagerstroemia indica*) @ 18642 Mayall St, (F1) 15"x35' Crape myrtle (*Lagerstroemia indica*) @ 18657 Mayall St, (F1) 10"x20' Evergreen pear (*Pyrus kawakami*) @ 10116 Viking Ave, (F1) 20"x30' Evergreen pear (*Pyrus kawakami*) @ 10108 Viking Ave, (F1) 16"x30' Evergreen pear (*Pyrus kawakami*), (S1) 12"x25' Crape Myrtle (*Lagerstroemia indica*) @ 10100 Viking Ave, (F2) 8"x25' Carrotwood tree (*Cupaniopsis anacardioides*) @ 18618 Mayall St, (F1) 60"x35' White mulberry tree (*Morus alba*) @ 10114 Gladbeck Ave, (F1) 8"x30' Bottle brush (*Callistemon citrinus*) @ 18610 Lemarsh St, (F1) 12"x35' Bottle brush (*Callistemon citrinus*) @ 18615 Lemarsh St, (F1) 10"x30' Bottle brush (*Callistemon citrinus*) @ 18621 Lemarsh St, (F1) 12"x35' Bottle brush (*Callistemon citrinus*) @ 18630 Lemarsh St, (F1) 4"x15' Crape myrtle (*Lagerstroemia indica*) @ 18633 Lemarsh St, (F1) 12"x30' Bottle brush (*Callistemon citrinus*) @ 18639 Lemarsh St, (F1) 12"x30' Bottle brush (*Callistemon citrinus*) @ 18645 Lemarsh St, (F1) 12"x30' Bottle brush (*Callistemon citrinus*) @ Next to 18709 Lemarsh St, (F1) 20"x35' Bottle brush (*Callistemon citrinus*) @ 18724 Lemarsh St. **RAMP OVER AND *MINIMALLY* ROOT-SHAVE** (26): (S1) 32"x70' Canary island pine tree (*Pinus canariensis*) @ 18669 Mayall St (parallel to reduced sidewalk), (F1) 34"x65' Canary island pine tree (*Pinus canariensis*) @ 10040 Yolanda Ave (parallel to reduce sidewalk), (F1) 24"x65' Canary island pine tree (*Pinus canariensis*) @ 10100 Yolanda Ave (parallel to reduce sidewalk), (F1) 24"x70' Canary island pine tree (*Pinus canariensis*) @ 10114 Yolanda Ave (parallel to reduce sidewalk), (F1) 32"x70' Canary island pine tree (*Pinus canariensis*) @ 10126 Yolanda Ave (parallel to reduce

sidewalk), (F1) 12"x45' Canary island pine tree (Pinus canariensis) @ 10140 Yolanda Ave (parallel to reduce sidewalk), (F2) 28"x70' Canary island pine tree (Pinus canariensis) @ 10146 Yolanda Ave (parallel to reduce sidewalk and redesign driveway), (S1) 24"x70', (S2) 10"x45' Canary island pine tree (Pinus canariensis) @ 18724 Lemarsh St (parallel to reduce sidewalk), (S1) 28"x70' Canary island pine tree (Pinus canariensis) @ 18610 Lemarsh St (parallel to reduce sidewalk), (S1) 32"x70' Canary island pine tree (Pinus canariensis) @ 18716 Romar St (parallel to reduce sidewalk), (S2) 30"x70' Canary island pine tree (Pinus canariensis) @ 18717 Romar St (parallel to reduce sidewalk), (S1) 24"x70' Canary island pine tree (Pinus canariensis) @ 18717 Mayall St (parallel to reduce sidewalk), (F1) 26"x70' Canary island pine tree (Pinus canariensis) @ 10053 Yolanda Ave (parallel to reduce sidewalk and redesign driveway), (F1) 28"x70' Canary island pine tree (Pinus canariensis) @ 10101 Gladbeck Ave (parallel to reduce sidewalk), (F1) 24"x70', (F2) 34"x70' Canary island pine tree (Pinus canariensis) @ 10115 Gladbeck Ave (parallel to existing sidewalk and redesign driveway), (F1) 32"x70' Canary island pine tree (Pinus canariensis) @ 10123 Gladbeck Ave (parallel to reduce sidewalk), (F1) 16"x70' Canary island pine tree (Pinus canariensis) @ 10129 Gladbeck Ave (parallel to existing sidewalk), (F1) 28"x70' Canary island pine tree (Pinus canariensis) @ 10137 Gladbeck Ave (parallel to existing sidewalk), (F1) 28"x70' Canary island pine tree (Pinus canariensis) @ 10143 Gladbeck Ave (parallel to reduce sidewalk), (S1) 12"x60' Canary island pine tree (Pinus canariensis) @ 18622 Lemarsh St (parallel to reduce sidewalk), (F1) 18"x70' Canary island pine tree (Pinus canariensis) @ 10154 Gladbeck Ave (parallel to existing sidewalk), (F1) 22"x70' Canary island pine tree (Pinus canariensis) @ 10142 Gladbeck Ave (parallel to reduce sidewalk), (F1) 24"x70', (F2) 28"x70' Canary island pine tree (Pinus canariensis) @ 10128 Gladbeck Ave (F1-parallel to existing sidewalk and redesign driveway & F2 - parallel to reduce sidewalk). ****TRIM TREES**** adhering to Bureau's standards. ****IMPLEMENT SIDEWALK WIDTH REDUCTION TRANSITION**** from the existing 4'ft and 5'ft sidewalk down to a 3'ft sidewalk extending 6'ft to both sides (North and South) when measured from the center of (S1) @ 18669 Mayall St, (F1) @ 10040 Yolanda Ave, (F1) @ 10053 Yolanda Ave, (F2) @ 10146 Yolanda Ave, (S1) @ 18622, 18724 Lemarsh St, (F1) @ 10101, 10114, 10123, 10142, 10143 Gladbeck Ave, (F2) @ 10128 Gladbeck Ave, & EXTENDING 7'ft to both sides (North and South) when measured from the center of (S1) @ 18610 Lemarsh St, EXTENDING 10'ft to both sides (North and South) when measured from the center of (F1) @ 10126 Yolanda Ave & EXTENDING 14'ft to both sides (North and South) when measuring from the center of (S1/2) @ 18717 Romar St. REDUCE the existing 5'ft sidewalk down to a 4'ft sidewalk extending 6'ft to both sides (North and South) when measured from the center of (F1) @ 10100, 10114, 10140 Yolanda Ave, (S1/2) @ 18724 Lemarsh St, (S1) @ 18717 Mayall St & extending 8'ft to both sides (North and South) when measured from the center of (S1) @ 18716 Romar St as to distance repairs away from these tree's root-flare and backfill with dirt. ****UFD** is requesting to reduce the sidewalk to 3'ft and 4'ft in order to minimize the impact to the root crown of these trees. ****UFD** is requesting to reduce the sidewalk to 3'ft and 4'ft in order to preserve as much of the side lateral roots of these trees. ****REMOVE and STUMP-GRIND**** (7) trees: (F1) 30"x70' Canary island pine tree (Pinus canariensis) @ 10132 Yolanda Ave, (F1) 30"x70' Canary island pine tree (Pinus canariensis) @ 10146 Yolanda Ave, (S2) 34"x70' Canary island pine tree (Pinus canariensis) @ 18717 Mayall St, (F1) 22"x70' Canary island pine tree (Pinus canariensis) @ 10155 Gladbeck Ave, (F1) 34"x70' Canary island pine tree (Pinus canariensis) @ 10122 Gladbeck Ave, (F1) 30"x70' Canary island pine tree (Pinus canariensis) @ 10108 Gladbeck Ave & (F1) 34"x70' Canary island pine tree (Pinus canariensis) @ 10100 Gladbeck Ave. ****REPLANT**** (14) 24" box at the following addresses: (F1) @ 10108 Yolanda Ave, (S1/2) @ 10040 Yolanda Ave, (F1) @ 10132 Yolanda Ave, (S1/2) @ 10146 Yolanda Ave, (S2) @ 18717 Mayall St, (F1) @ 10155 Gladbeck Ave, (S1) @ 10100 Gladbeck Ave, (S1/2) @ 10101 Gladbeck Ave, (F1) @ 10122 Gladbeck Ave, (F1) @

18636 Lemarsh St, (F1) @ 18630 Lemarsh St, ///
Alternative planting site at the following addresses: (F1) @
10111 Viking Ave, (F1) @ 10125 Viking Ave, (F1) @ 18653
Lemarsh St, (F1) @ 18642 Lemarsh St, (S2) @ 18701
MERRIDY ST, (F1) @ 10119 Viking Ave, (F1) @ 18601
Lemarsh St, (F1) @ 18571 Lemarsh St. Planting species
Canary island pine (*Pinus canariensis*), Desert willow
(*Chilopsis linearis*), Western hackberry (*Celtis reticulata*),
Catalina ironwood (*Lyonothamnus floribundus*), Holly leaf
cherry (*Prunus ilicifolia*), Bailey acacia (*Acacia baileyana*).
****ALL WORK SHALL BE PERFORMED BY TBD****

*****There shall be no tearing or ripping of roots by
heavy machinery at time of demolition. *Trimming shall
precede root-pruning and Trim trees to achieve limb weight
reduction /// *Root-pruning shall not intrude beyond four
inches of repaired sidewalk edge and to a depth that avoids
severing large diameter roots.* All final cuts shall result in a
flat surface with adjacent bark firmly attached. All tree work
associated with this sidewalk repair will be in compliance
with the UFD/SRP Street Tree Policy. UFD does not trim or
root prune nor give recommendations on Private Property
trees. Bureau of Engineering to Refer to SSIED to address
the root pruning of private property trees. Private property
hedge abutting the sidewalk shall be cut back to allow the
free passage of pedestrians (LAMC SEC 56.08, Sidewalks-
Streets-Obstructions). **NOTE- !!!**MINIMAL**!!! Root
Shaving may be performed as the last means of
preservation to allow for a smooth grade transition to meet
ADA grade requirements. ***A UFD ARBORISTS MUST BE
PRESENT AT TIME OF SIDEWALK DEMOLITION IN
ORDER TO FURTHER EVALUATE THE ROOT SYSTEM
AND PROVIDE GUIDANCE. **NOTE TO BOE: Proposed
removal quantities are contingent upon approval of the
Urban Forestry Division manager. **If the driveway adjacent
to (F1) 34"x65' Canary island pine tree (*Pinus canariensis*)
@ 10040 Yolanda Ave is to be replaced a CASE 3
redesigned driveway shall be installed.**

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
BUREAU OF STREET SERVICES
1149 S. BROADWAY, 4th FLOOR
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90015
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
(Articles II and III – City CEQA Guidelines)

Submission of this form is optional. This form shall be filed with the County Clerk, 12400 E. Imperial Highway, Norwalk, California, 90650, and the Office of Planning and Research pursuant to Public Resources Code Sections 21080.27(c) and 21152(b). Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21167(d), the filing of this notice starts a 35-day statute of limitations on court challenges to the approval of the project.

LEAD CITY AGENCY AND ADDRESS: City of Los Angeles c/o Bureau of Street Services 1149 S. Broadway, 4 th Floor, MS 550 Los Angeles, CA 90015	COUNCIL DISTRICT 12
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PROJECT TITLE: Sidewalk Repair Program – Bureau of Engineering Package No. 68	LOG REFERENCE
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PROJECT LOCATION: One Access Request Site in the City of Los Angeles, as listed in *Table 1: Access Request Site Location*

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT: The Sidewalk Repair – Bureau of Street Services (StreetsLA) Package No. 68 project (Project) consists of the repair of existing sidewalks pursuant to the City of Los Angeles' obligations under the Willits Settlement Agreement (U.S. Dist. Court Case No. CV10-05782 CBM [RZX]). The scope of work is limited to the removal of the specific Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access barrier(s) and adjacent work for the purpose of barrier removal, as identified by requestor/resident with a disability, in accordance with the applicable accessibility requirements, including those required by the ADA. The beneficiaries of the Project include the public and local businesses. The Project includes the removal of seven street trees (10132 Yolanda Ave., 10146 Yolanda Ave., 10108 Gladbeck Ave., 10100 Gladbeck Ave., 10122 Gladbeck Ave., 10155 Gladbeck Ave., 18717 W Mayall St on Yolanda Ave.) as part of the sidewalk repair which would require a separate approval by the Board of Public Works. Please see the project description continuation in the narrative for more details. The Bureau of Street Services (StreetsLA) ☐ / The Board of Public Works ☒ determined the project was exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and approved the tree removals on [REDACTED].

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EXEMPT STATUS:	<u>CITY CEQA GUIDELINES</u>	<u>STATE CEQA GUIDELINES</u>
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION*	Art. III, Sec. 1 Class 1 Cat. 3	Sec. 15301(c) Sec. 15332

* See Public Resources Code Sec. 21080 and set forth state and city guidelines provisions.

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION: This Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Article 19, Section 15301(c), *Existing Facilities*, and Section 15332, *In-Fill Development Projects*. Additionally, the Project is exempt pursuant to *Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines* Article III, Section 1, Class 1, *Existing Facilities*, Category 3. *None of the limitations set forth in State CEQA Guidelines 15300.2 apply (see attached narrative).*


IF FILED BY APPLICANT, ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT OF EXEMPTION FINDING

SIGNATURE: David Miranda	TITLE: Urban Forestry Division Manager StreetsLA (Bureau of Street Services)	DATE:	
FEE: \$75.00	RECEIPT NO.	REC'D BY	DATE

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION NARRATIVE

I. DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT, CONTINUED

The Project includes 1 Access Request site location as listed in *Table 1: Access Request Site Location* below:

Table 1: Access Request Site Location		
Site No.	Council District	Project Location
6502	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lemarsh Street from the west cul de sac to Gladbeck Avenue • Gladbeck Avenue from Lemarsh Street to Mayall Street • Mayall Street from Gladbeck Avenue to Yolanda Avenue • Yolanda Avenue from Mayall Street to Lemarsh Street • Viking Ave from Mayall Street to dead end of cul de sac 

Unless otherwise stated, the proposed Project will be designed, constructed and operated following all applicable laws, regulations, ordinances and formally adopted City standards including but not limited to:

- Willits Sidewalk Repairs – Regulatory Compliance Measures and Best Practices (saved on file with the Bureau of Engineering)
- Los Angeles Municipal Code
- Bureau of Engineering Standard Plans
- Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction “Greenbook”
- Work Area Traffic Control Handbook
- Additions and Amendments to the Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction

II. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

A. Basis for Categorical Exemption

Class 1 (CEQA Guidelines 15301), “consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use” and includes “[e]xisting...streets, sidewalks, gutters...and similar facilities.” The Willits sidewalk repairs, which repair existing City sidewalks and may include minor additions to existing sidewalks such as curb ramps that result in negligible or no expansion of use, fit squarely into the CEQA Class 1 category.

Class 32 (CEQA Guidelines 15332) “consists of project characterized as in-fill development meeting the following: (a) the project is consistent with the applicable general plan designation and all applicable

general plan policies as well as with applicable zoning designation and regulations; (b) the proposed development occurs within city limits on a project site of no more than five acres substantially surrounded by urban uses; (c) the project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species; (d) approval of the project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality; and (e) the site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.” The Willits sidewalk repairs qualify for the Class 32 Categorical Exemption as the Project is developed on an infill site (previously developed for qualified urban uses) or adjacent to qualified urban uses, and meets the conditions described in this section (*Willits Sidewalk Repairs, Technical Memorandum No. 4: In-Fill Development Project Analysis for Purposes of CEQA Guidelines 15332*, saved on file with the Bureau of Engineering).

B. Consideration of Potential Exceptions to use of a Categorical Exemption

The State CEQA Guidelines (CCR Sec 15300.2) limit the use of categorical exemptions in the following circumstances:

1. Location. Exemption Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located – a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may be significant in a particularly sensitive environment. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.

Not applicable to Class 1 and Class 32.

2. Cumulative Impact. This exception applies when, although a project may not have a significant impact, the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.

No successive projects of the same type (sidewalk repair) in the same place (specific site) are anticipated (*Willits Sidewalk Repairs, Technical Memorandum No. 3: Supplemental Cumulatively Considerable Analysis for purposes of CEQA Guidelines 15300.2(b)* saved on file with the Bureau of Engineering). Therefore, this exception is not applicable to this Project.

3. Significant Effect. This exception applies when, although the project may otherwise be exempt, there is a reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect due to unusual circumstances.

No unusual circumstances are present (*Willits Sidewalk Repairs, Technical Memorandum No. 1: Finding of No Unusual Circumstances for Purposes of CEQA Guidelines 15300.2(c)* and *Willits Sidewalk Repairs, Technical Memorandum No. 2: Biological Resources Analysis - Package 68*, saved on file with the Bureau of Engineering). Therefore, this exception is not applicable to this Project.

4. Scenic Highway. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway.

The project sites are not located in a state scenic highway. Therefore, this exception is not applicable to this Project.

5. Hazardous Waste Site. This exception applies when a project is located on a site listed as a hazardous waste site under Government Code Section 65962.5.

The Project sites have been checked and are not located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code (Project Checklist, saved on file with the Bureau

of Engineering). Therefore, this exception is not applicable to this Project.

6. Historical Resources. This exception applies when a project may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

The Project sites have been checked and are not located on sites that have historical resources, or will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource (Project Checklist, saved on file with the Bureau of Engineering). Therefore, this exception is not applicable to this Project.

III. REFERENCES

California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3 (State CEQA Guidelines), available from <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>

California Department of Toxic Substances Control. Envirostor. Available from www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov.

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). *California State Scenic Highway System Map*. Available from <https://caltrans.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=465dfd3d807c46cc8e8057116f1aaca>

City of Los Angeles, *City Environmental Quality Act Guidelines* available from https://planning.lacity.org/EIR/CEQA_Guidelines/City_CEQA_Guidelines.pdf

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City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Bureau of Engineering, *Willits Sidewalk Repairs Project Checklist*, revised February 20, 2024.

City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Bureau of Engineering, *Willits Sidewalk Repairs – Regulatory Compliance Measures and Best Practices*, February 2023.

City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Bureau of Engineering, *Willits Sidewalk Repairs, Technical Memorandum No. 1: Finding of No Unusual Circumstances for Purposes of CEQA Guidelines 15300.2(c)*.

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Los Angeles Municipal Code

Public Resources Code, Div. 13, Sections 21000-21189 (CEQA), available from <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>

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LEGEND:

- 7 - TREE REMOVAL & STUMP GRIND
- 14 - REPLANT TREE
- 26 - RAMP OVER & MINIMAL ROOT SHAVE/CANOPY TRIM
- 19 - ROOT PRUNE/CANOPY TRIM
- *45 TREE PRESERVATIONS

PLAN

SCALE 1" = 50'

50' 0 50' 100'

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CITY OF LOS ANGELES

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

BUREAU OF ENGINEERING

WORK ORDER NO.	TED ALLEN, P.E.	CITY ENGINEER	DATE:
DESIGN GROUP			
ENGINEER:	MARLON MEDINA, P.E.		
DESIGNED BY:	LESLIE ALVAREZ		
DRAWN BY:	LESLIE ALVAREZ		
CHECKED BY:	DAVID NGUYEN, P.E.		
APPROVED BY:	DAVID NGUYEN, P.E.		

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SHEET TITLE:	TREE EXHIBIT
PROJECT SITE #- COUNCIL DISTRICT:	SITE 6502 - 18663 MAYALL ST - CD 12
ADDRESS:	18663 MAYALL ST NORTHridge, CA 91324

AS BUILT STAMP



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TRANSMITTAL NO. 5

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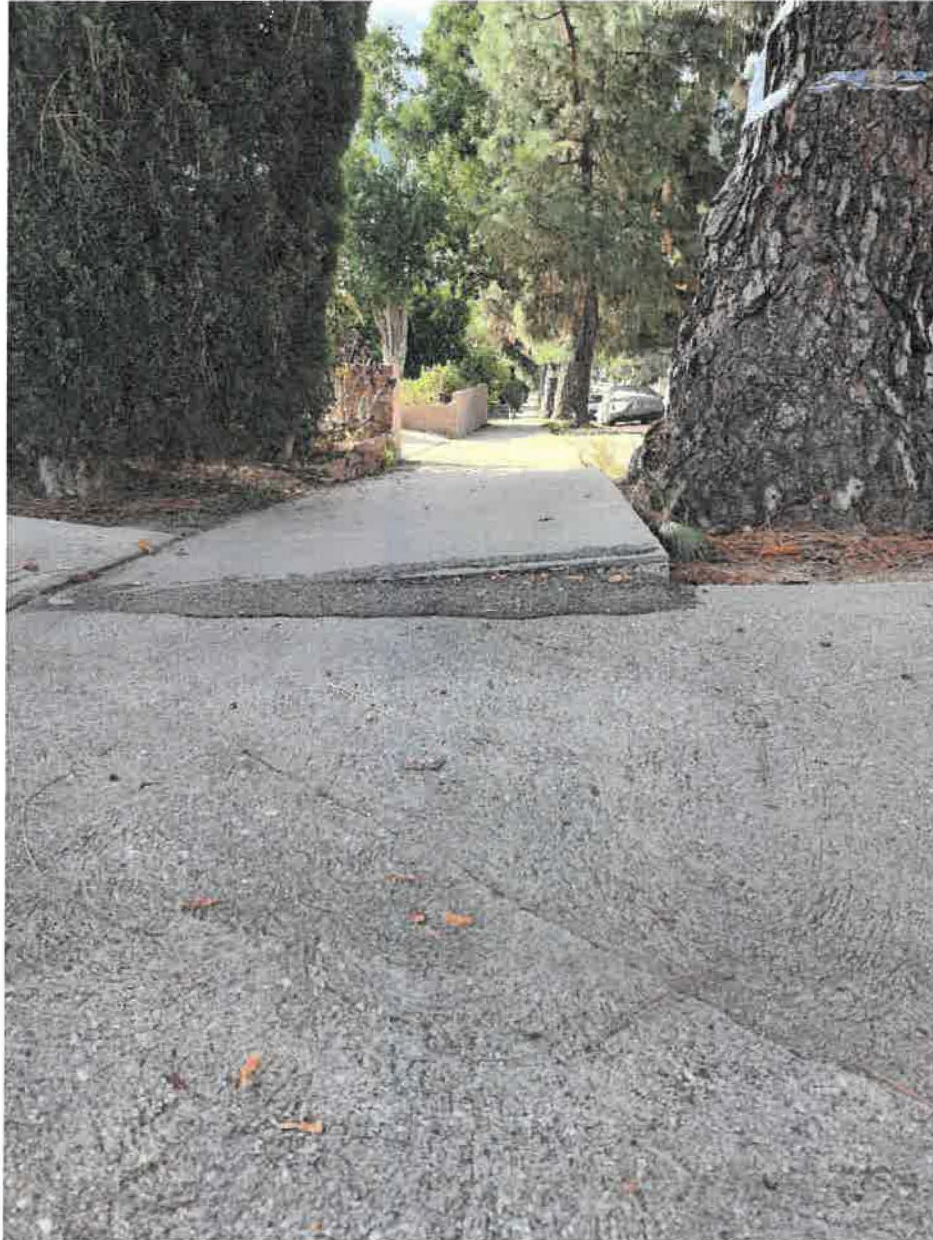


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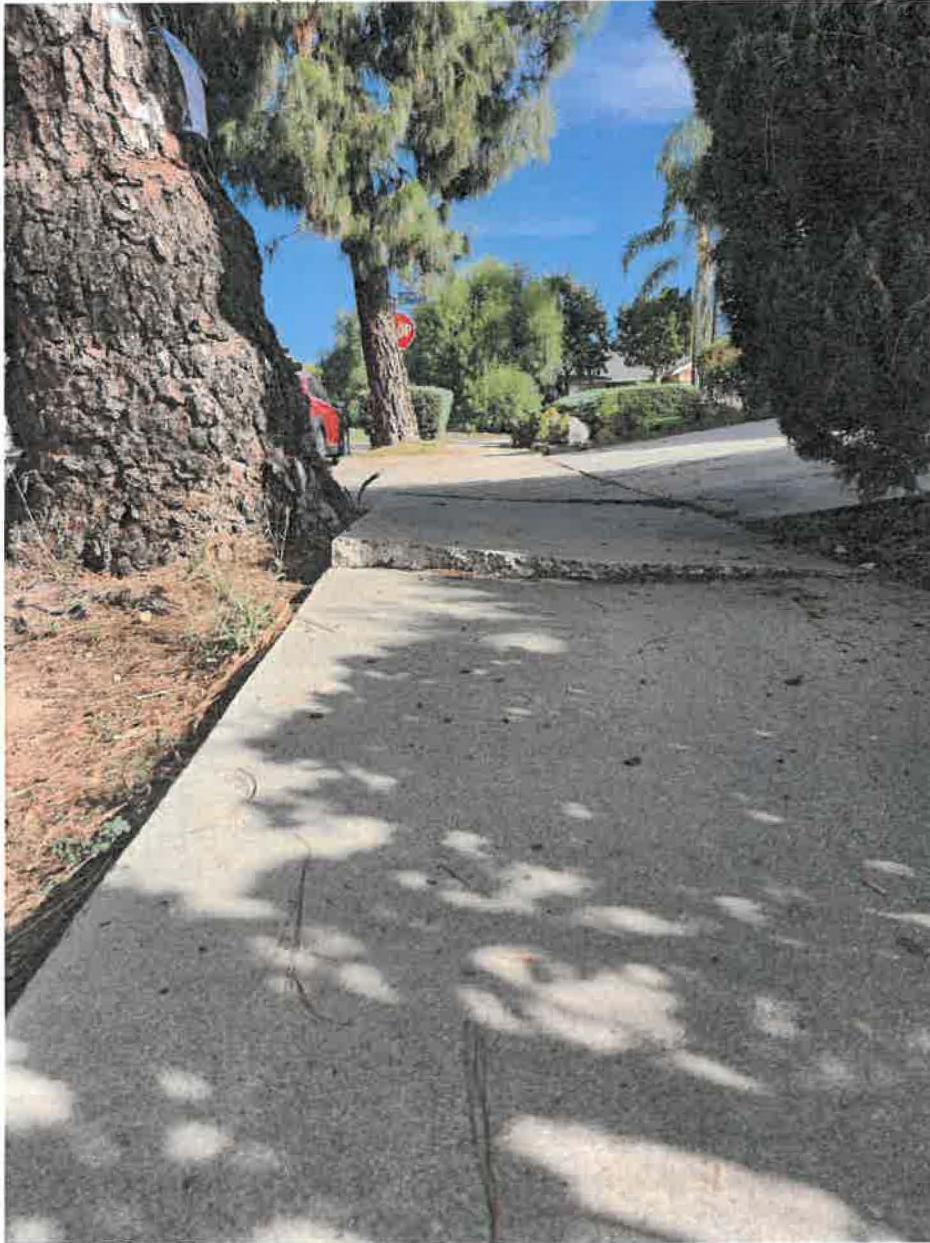


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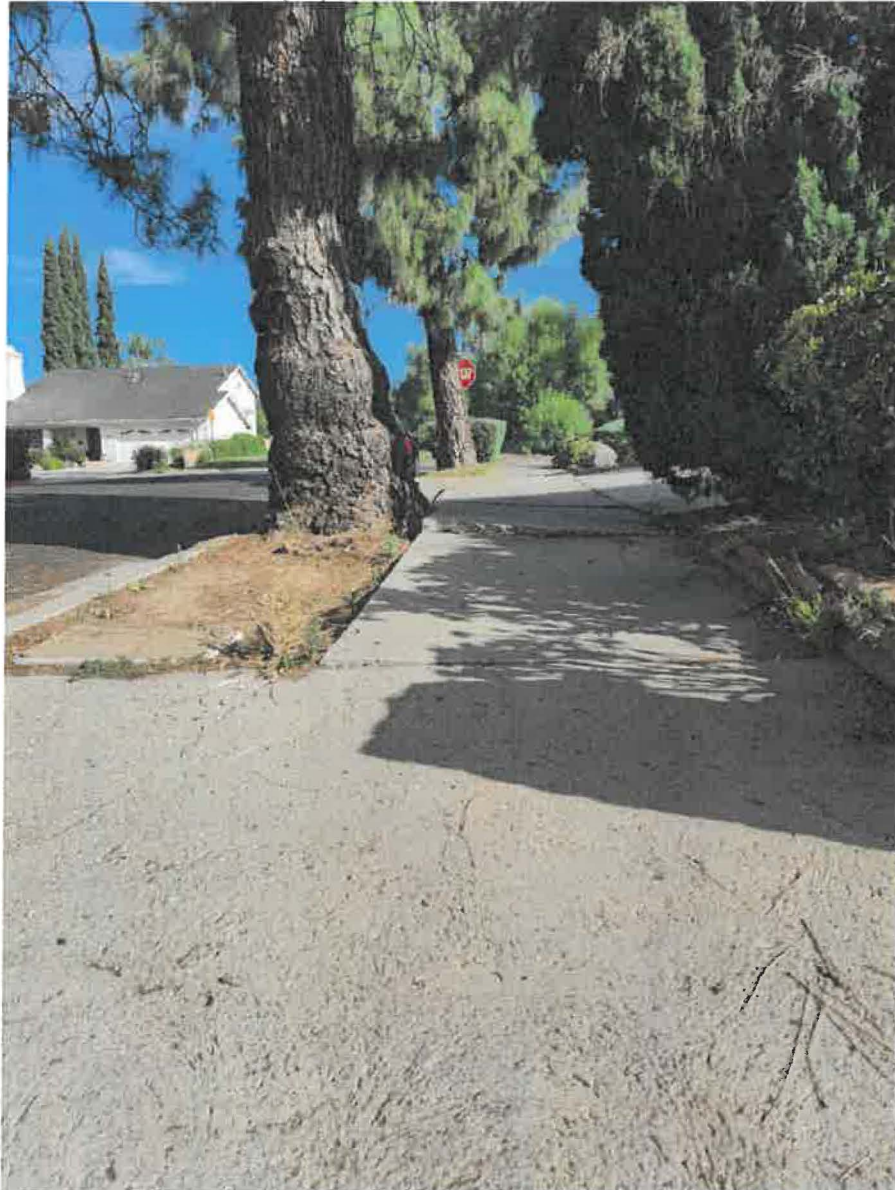


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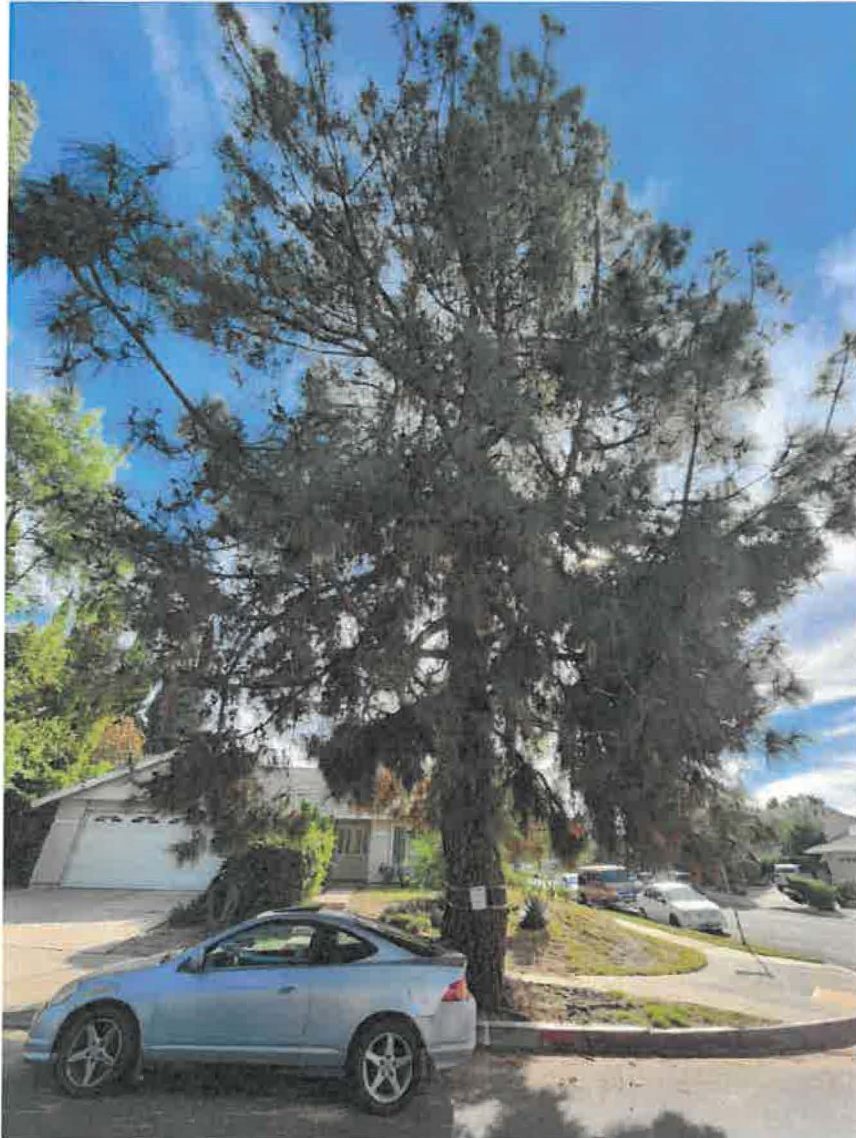


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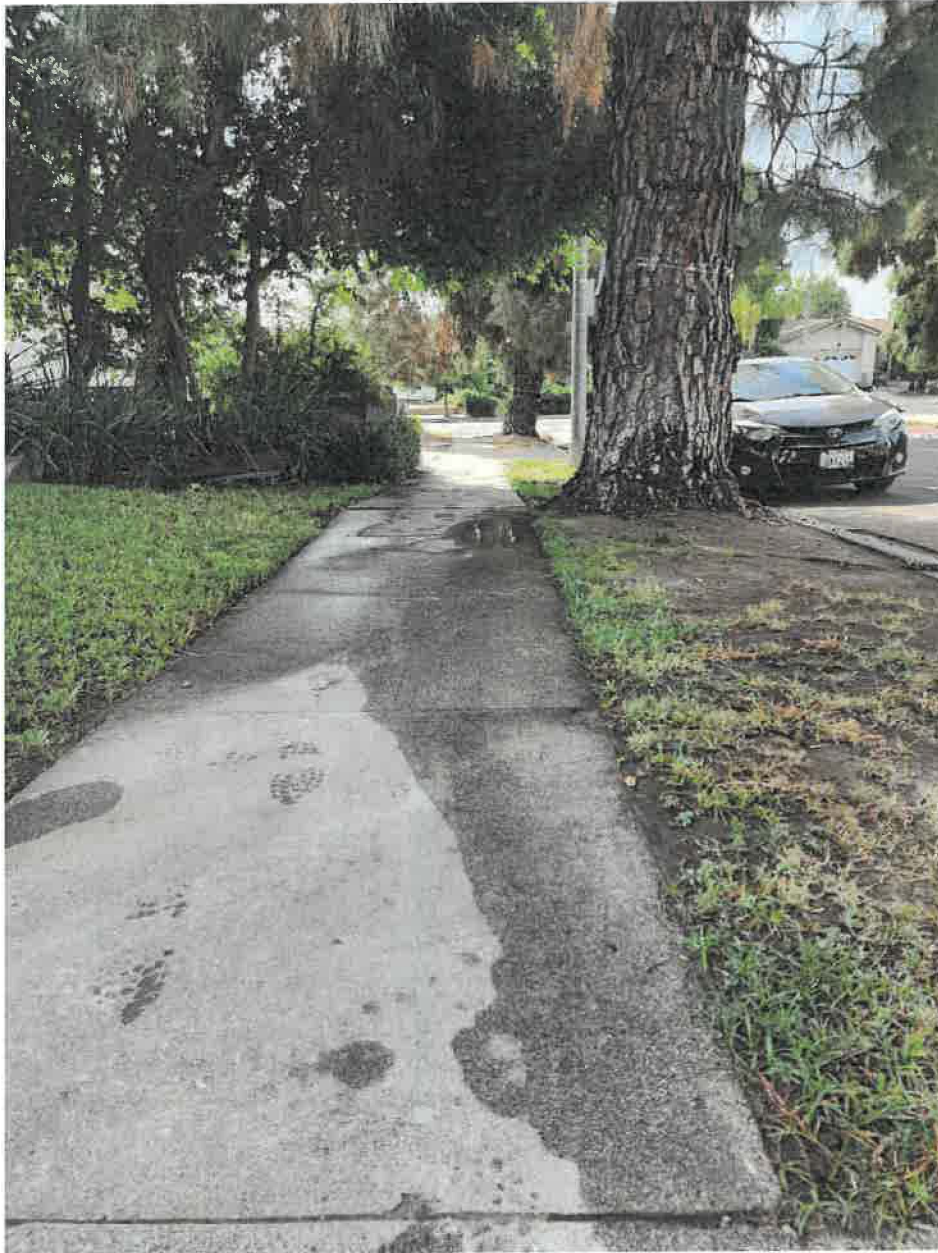
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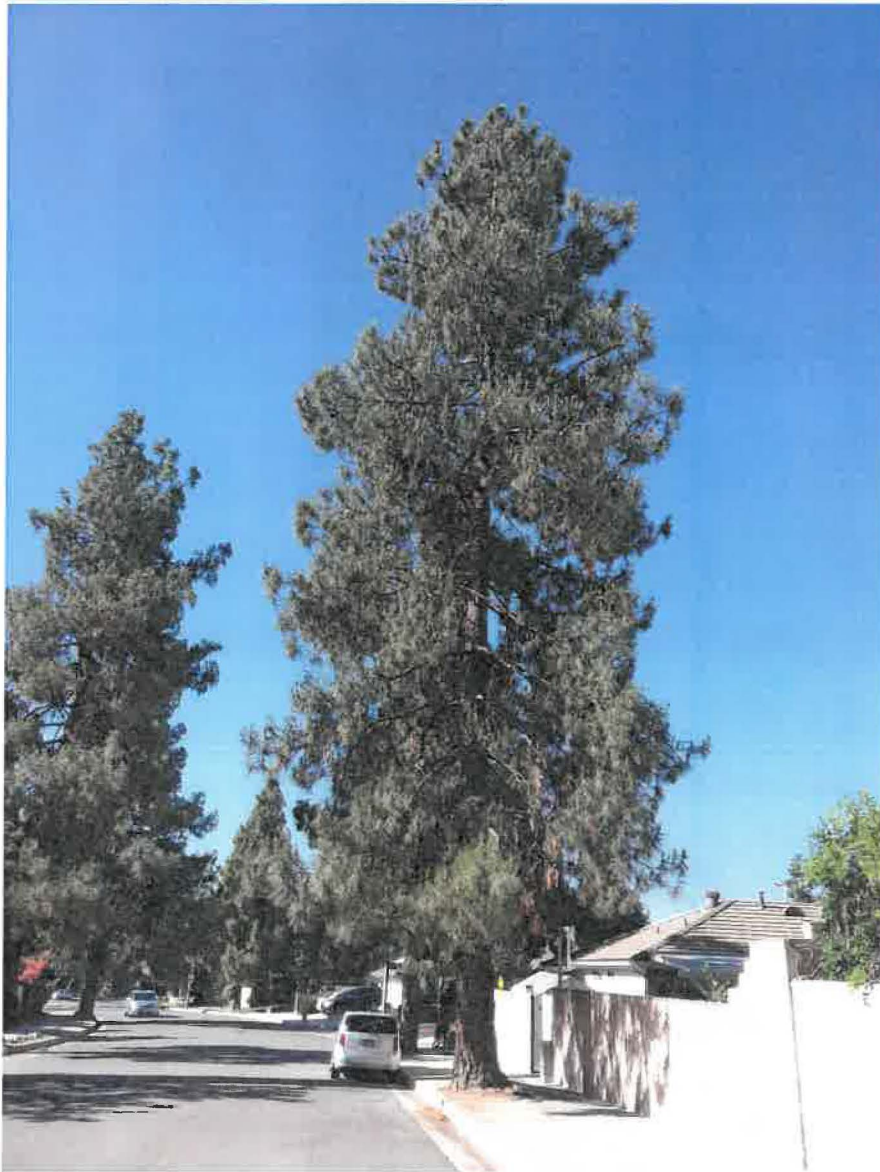


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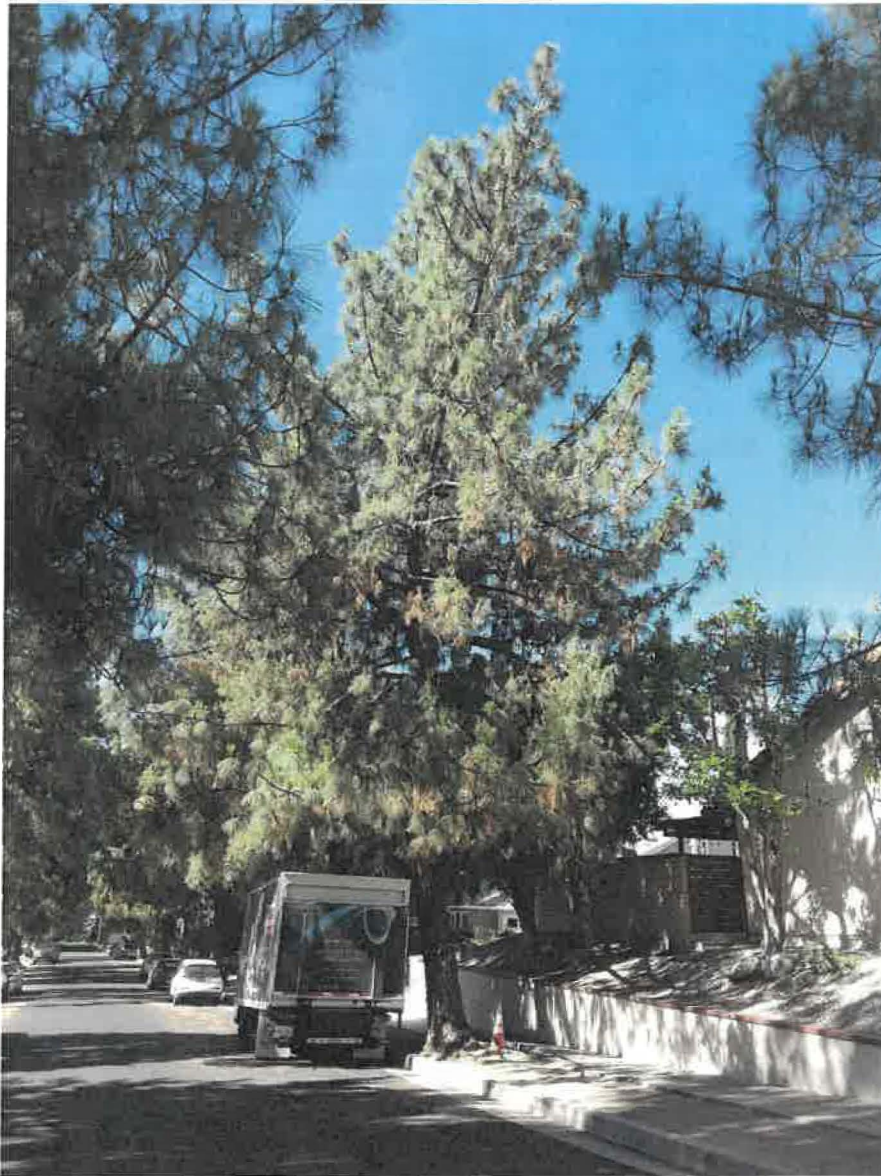
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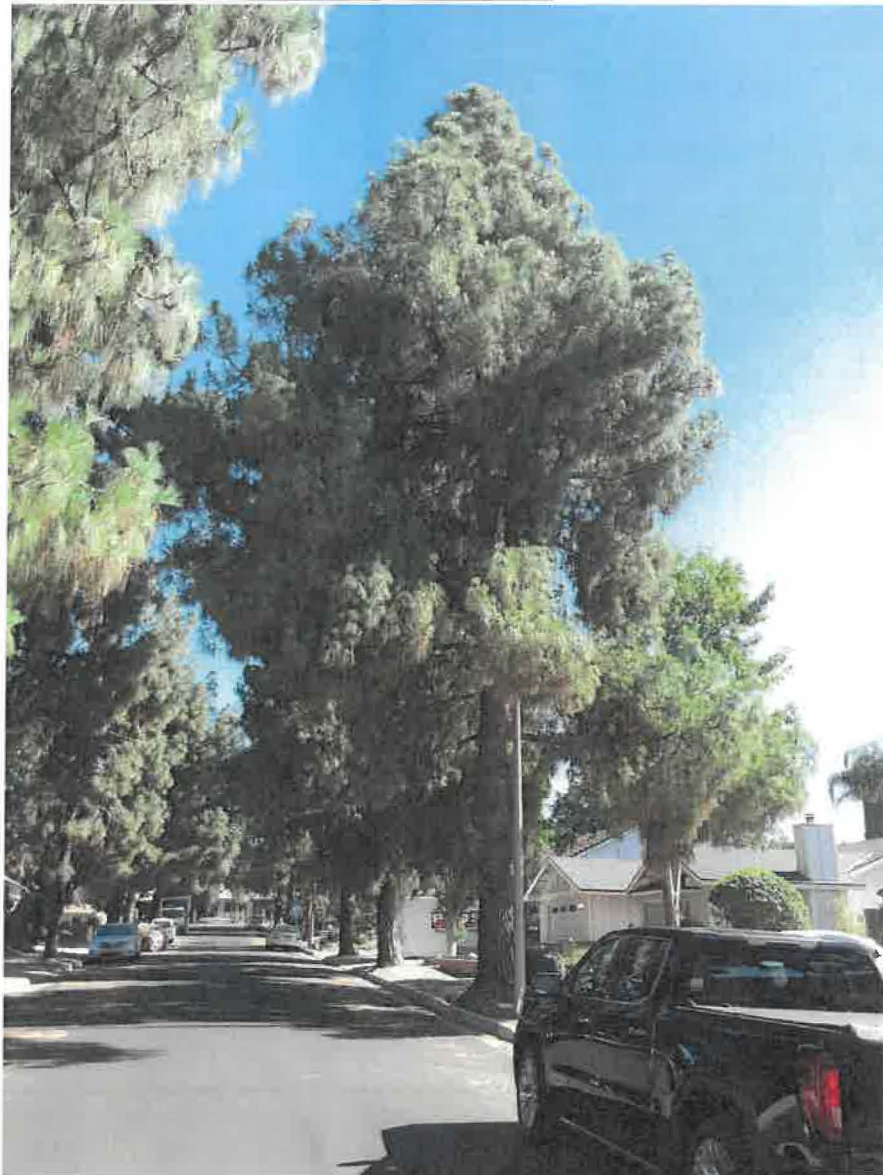


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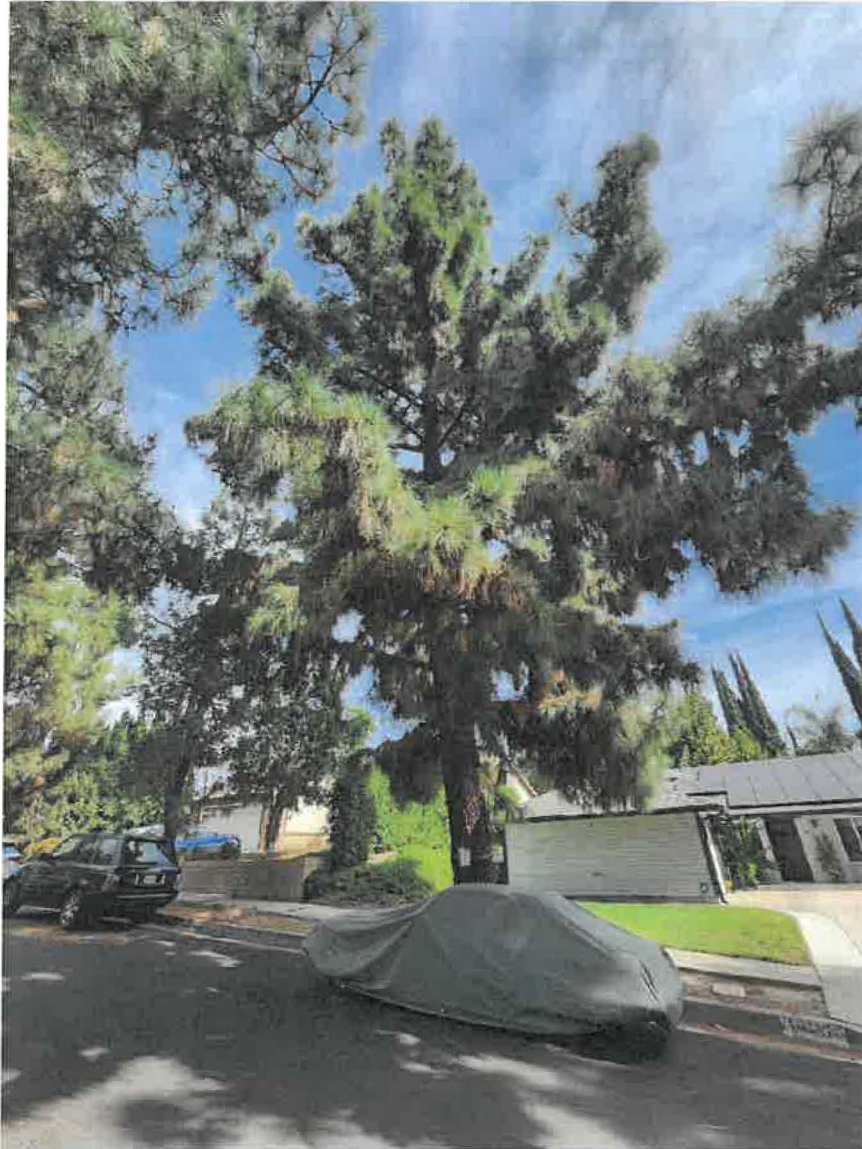


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