

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
OFFICE OF COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION
REPORT NO. 1****FEBRUARY 21, 2025****COUNCIL DISTRICT 14****REQUEST REVOCABLE PERMISSION FOR ENCROACHMENT IN PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY TO OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE TO REAPPLY AN ARTISTIC ASPHALT COATING AT THE INTERSECTION OF YOSEMITE DRIVE AND LA RODA AVENUE IN EAGLE ROCK, COUNCIL DISTRICT 14.****RECOMMEND THE BOARD AUTHORIZE:**

1. The Office of Community Beautification to grant revocable permission for encroachment in the public right-of-way, subject to listed conditions, to: Occidental College (contact: Meldia Yesayan) ENRCROACHMENT: the reapplication of an artistic asphalt coating installed for traffic calming purposes at the intersection of Yosemite Drive and La Roda Avenue in Eagle Rock, Council District 14.
2. The City Engineer to issue no-fee Revocable Permit for work to be performed.
3. The City Engineer to issue no-fee A-Permit for work to be performed.
4. The Office of Community Beautification to request the Bureau of Contract Administration to provide a no-fee inspection of the project.

TRANSMITTALS

1. Adopt-A-Median Partnership Agreement
2. Adopt-A-Median Maintenance Agreement
3. Copy of Occidental College proof of insurance
4. Letter of support from CD 14 Councilmember Ysabel Jurado
5. Plans approved and stamped by the Bureau of Engineering
6. Copy of email from the Department of Cultural Affairs verifying that their review is not needed

DISCUSSION

Occidental College is seeking permission for a reapplication of the artistic asphalt coating installed for traffic calming purposes at the intersection of Yosemite Drive and La Roda Avenue in front of Eagle Rock Junior/Senior High School, previously installed in January of 2024. The existing treatment will be refreshed and extend the duration of the project, which was developed by Occidental College and Eagle Rock High School in close collaboration with the Los Angeles Department of Transportation and several dozen community volunteers from the community. Key community members involved with the project include numerous staff members from Occidental College, the principal and other senior leadership from the high school and the adjacent recreation center, as well as the volunteers that participated in the January 2024 installation. Additionally, more than 370 area residents contributed to various surveys used by the team to shape the project. During the weekend closure, the same materials previously approved by LADOT for the initial treatment. This includes standard non-toxic coatings to encourage drivers to slow down and mind the numerous pedestrians crossing the street at this location. No changes or alterations will be made to the roadway or other City infrastructure. Funding will be provided by Occidental College with the coating and materials estimated to be less than \$10,000. The City of Los Angeles, via the Office of Community Beautification, coordinates the Adopt-A-Median Program, to encourage/coordinate volunteer beautification projects such as this one, throughout all parts of Los Angeles. Occidental College has agreed to adopt and maintain the improvement as well as adhere to the conditions as provided in the approval. The Adopt-A-Median Project Plan has been reviewed and approved by Bureau of Engineering. The Department of Cultural Affairs deemed it unnecessary to review this project.

CONDITIONS

1. All work must conform to City standards as outlined in the approved work plans.
2. That all project participants, before any work being performed (but not necessarily before permit is issued) sign agreements releasing the City of Los Angeles from liability to volunteers working on the project.

Respectfully Submitted,



PAUL RACS, Director
Board of Public Works, Office of Community Beautification

GV:gv



ADOPT-A-MEDIAN PROGRAM NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

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Please check **ONLY** if applicable to your project (Please attach a separate sheet explaining any that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction of a new sidewalk | <input type="checkbox"/> Repair an existing driveway | <input type="checkbox"/> Installing/repairing an ADA access ramp |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Installing curb drains | <input type="checkbox"/> Widening an existing driveway | <input type="checkbox"/> Closing an existing driveway & repair curb |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Repair an existing gutter | <input type="checkbox"/> Replace existing asphalt in roadway/alley | |

This partnership agreement between the City of Los Angeles and Occidental College
defines each participant's role in the improvement, beautification and/or restoration of the City owned property (public right-of-way) located at: 1750 Yosemite Drive

Please respond to the questions below. Be as detailed as necessary in your responses. Your responses will later be used as part of the composition process for the report to be presented to the Board of Public Works, to advocate for its adoption and eventual permitting.

(1) PLEASE PROVIDE A BRIEF HISTORY OF PROJECT / WHY IS THIS PROPOSAL BEING SUBMITTED? Please include those community members who champion this proposal, and any other information regarding support towards this effort.

Occidental College is seeking permits for a reapplication of the asphalt coating installed for traffic calming purposes at the intersection of Yosemite Drive and La Roda Avenue in front of Eagle Rock Junior/Senior High School previously installed on January 27-28, 2024. The purpose is to refresh the existing treatment and extend the duration of the project, which was developed by Occidental College and Eagle Rock High School in close collaboration with LADOT and several dozen community volunteers from the community. Key community members involved with the project include numerous staff members from Occidental College, the principal and other senior leadership from the the high school and the adjacent recreation center, as well as the volunteers that participated in the January 2024 installation. Additionally more than 370 area residents contributed to various surveys used by the team to shape the project.

(2) WHAT IS THE SCOPE OF WORK? Please include the component parts of the project, the means to complete the project, what achievement is sought within the community via its installation, and the desired completion time.

The scope will be a one-time closure of the roadway on February 1-2, 2025 in order to refresh the existing treatment and extend the duration of the project, once again led by the team's traffic calming consultant Andrew Armstrong. During the weekend closure, Mr. Armstrong's team will use the same materials previously approved by LADOT for the initial treatment, including standard non-toxic coatings to encourage drivers to slow down and mind the numerous pedestrians crossing the street at this location. No changes or alterations will be made to the roadway or other city infrastructure.

(3) WHAT IS THE FUNDING SOURCE FOR THIS PROJECT, AND ITS OVERALL COST? The Adopt-a-Median program only accepts projects with a total project cost of \$100,000 or less.

Funding will be provided by Occidental College with the coating and materials estimated to be less than \$10,000.

(4) PLEASE PROVIDE A BRIEF HISTORY OF YOUR ORGANIZATION. Please include the types of community involvement/outreach in which your group participates, any programs that you may operate or foster for the common good of the neighborhoods you serve, and any other projects in which your group has collaborated with the City of Los Angeles.

Occidental College integrates the liberal arts and sciences with the cultural and intellectual resources of a global city. With more than 40 majors and minors, one-of-a-kind programs like the Kahane United Nations Program, Campaign Semester and Lawyering for Social Justice, and our emphasis on research through the Undergraduate Research Center and senior comprehensives, Occidental lays the groundwork for a compelling intellectual adventure. And the academic rigor on campus is enhanced by internships and partnerships across L.A., Southern California and beyond.

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The Undersigned community group agrees to:

- Provide the labor and materials required to improve the adopted area.
- Maintain the project/project site (per Maintenance Agreement) in perpetuity (upkeep, litter removal, watering, etc.).
- Follow the plan as approved by the City with any special conditions or requirements.
- Contact the Office of Community Beautification in the event that:
 - > The project/project site can no longer be maintained by the adopting entity;
 - > The maintenance responsibilities are to be passed onto another entity willing to take over the project;
 - > Any modification is proposed to the permitted project;
 - > The project has sustained any damages;
 - > There are any circumstances that are upsetting the existence of the project at the authorized location.

The City of Los Angeles/Department of Public Works agrees to:

- Navigate the community partner through the process of obtaining approval for this proposal.
- Pay for costs incurred by the City to review this proposal.
- Waive any Public Works permit fees for the Revocable permit and A-permit, ONLY.
- LOAN hand tools to the group working on the beautification project. (Order form is available.)
- Provide liability coverage through the City of L.A.'s SPARTA INSURANCE PROGRAM, ONLY during the period of the project's construction [Commercial General Liability-Hazard 2. Coverage applies to all facets of the project approved by the City of L.A.]
- Consider performing such jobs as the situation may require, to the extent that resources are available.

CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO THE ADOPT-A-MEDIAN PROPOSAL PROCESS:

- (1) An Adopt-a-Median proposal must be maintained as a current application. Should there be 1 year or more of inactivity on a proposal, the Adopt-a-Median Program Manager reserves the right to terminate the application.
- (2) Project proposals involving any animals/livestock will not be accepted.
- (3) Projects involving complex engineering components may be charged a review fee by the Bureau of Engineering.
- (4) Projects involving landscaping are encouraged and may be required (per the Bureau of Street Services) to install drip irrigation in an effort to conserve water. In unique situations, applicants may be required to add the following to their landscaping plans:
"Existing irrigation system has been adopted in "as-is" condition due to applicant's request not to upgrade to the latest City standards requiring water efficient irrigation. For this reason, the City cannot guarantee timely response to any irrigation-related issues that may occur, including, but not limited to, plant material loss or damage."
- (5) Projects whose site location shares a boundary (Council District, homeowner's association, etc...) will need to have WRITTEN letter of support on official letterhead that there no dispute exists regarding the installation of the proposed project.
- (6) Adopt-a-Median staff serve as the 'conduit' between the applicant and City agencies. Intake, plan review, Board adoption, permit application and any additional processes must have oversight by Adopt-a-Median staff. Failure to comply with these conditions may result in termination of the application.

Project Representative's Signature

Position/Title

Date



 Melita Yesayan

College Administrator

December 5, 2024

OCB USE ONLY
 Submitted on:
 AAM #
 By:



MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR COMMUNITY-BASED PROJECTS ON THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY



APPLICANT - PROJECT TO BE ADOPTED / SPONSORED BY:

ADOPTING ORGANIZATION: Occidental College

PRIMARY CONTACT: Meldia Yesayan EMAIL: myesayan@oxy.edu

ADDRESS, CITY, ZIP CODE: 1600 Campus Road Los Angeles, CA 90041

PHONE #: 323-259-1317 SECONDARY CONTACT & PHONE #: 323-259-2500

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 14 COUNCIL OFFICE CONTACT NAME & PHONE #: TBD

PROJECT SITE (Please be as specific as possible. IF THE PROJECT HAS MULTIPLE SITES, only one Maintenance Agreement is necessary, but please attach an extra page listing all locations.)

1750 Yosemite Drive at the intersection of La Roda Avenue, in front of Eagle Rock Junior/Senior High School

SITE IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

- BENCH(ES) MURAL PLANTER(S) COMMUNITY SIGNAGE TRASH RECEPTACLE(S)
 TABLE(S) TREE(S) VEGETATION ART SCULPTURE MOSAIC
 OTHER Asphalt coating for traffic calming purposes

SCOPE OF WORK

Please provide a detailed SCOPE OF WORK on the Neighborhood Partnership Agreement, OR you may attach a separate document providing this information. This narrative will be used as the verbiage for a report recommending your project for adoption by the Board of Public Works.

ENTITY CONDUCTING THE INSTALLATION OF THE PROJECT (if different from above):

BUSINESS NAME: Andrew Armstrong

CONTACT PERSON & POSITION: Andrew Armstrong, Traffic Calming Consultant

PHONE #: 310-383-6407 E-MAIL: aarmstrong@otis.edu

****PLEASE INCLUDE PROPER PROOF OF INSURANCE, IF APPLICABLE—SEE PAGE 2 OF THIS AGREEMENT.**

ENTITY MAINTAINING PROJECT / PROJECT SITE (if different from above):

BUSINESS NAME: Occidental College

CONTACT PERSON & POSITION: Meldia Yesayan, College Administrator

PHONE #: 323-259-1317 E-MAIL: myesayan@oxy.edu

****PLEASE INCLUDE PROPER PROOF OF INSURANCE, IF APPLICABLE—SEE PAGE 2 OF THIS AGREEMENT.**

HOW WILL THE SITE BE MAINTAINED, AND HOW OFTEN?

Single application of traffic calming coating to roadway on February 1-2, 2025. No further maintenance required

December 5, 2024

Signature of Adopting/Sponsoring Group Representative

Date

(PLEASE SEE PAGE 2 OF THIS AGREEMENT)

OCB Office use only:

Intake date: _____ Initials: _____

AAM Application #: _____

PLEASE ADDRESS ALL INQUIRIES TO:

City of Los Angeles, Board of Public Works, Office of Community Beautification
200 North Spring Street, Room 356, Los Angeles, CA 90012 Phone: (213) 820-4859
FORM VERSION: APRIL 2024



MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR COMMUNITY-BASED PROJECTS ON THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY



Name of Adopting Entity: Occidental College
(NAME OF GROUP OR ORGANIZATION ADOPTING/SPONSORING THE PROJECT)

(hereafter referred to as the "GROUP,") agree(s) to maintain the site improvements installed through the Adopt-a-Median Program, in perpetuity, or until the City of Los Angeles (hereafter referred to as the "CITY") requests that said improvements be removed. If the GROUP can no longer maintain the project and/or wishes to relinquish their maintenance responsibility of the project, I understand that the GROUP is responsible for either finding another maintenance entity willing to enter into a new Maintenance Agreement, OR restore the project site to its original state, and will comply with any directives/advisement from the CITY.

If site improvements are damaged, destroyed, or become hazardous, I understand it is the GROUP'S responsibility to immediately remove them, to the satisfaction of the CITY. In the event the project is damaged and the GROUP does not fulfill its responsibility to remove any/all part(s) of the project, City forces will provide removal, and the GROUP will be invoiced to reimburse the CITY for removal costs. I understand the GROUP may replace damaged, destroyed or hazardous items in-kind and the CITY is not responsible for replacement. I understand that permits issued for this project are revocable, and the CITY does not indefinitely guarantee permission to install/maintain these site improvements. I understand the CITY may, without prior notice, request that the permitted items at this location may be removed and/or relocated. The GROUP agrees to immediately comply with any such request by the CITY, when/if asked to do so.

I understand that if a 3rd party commercial business entity is contracted by the GROUP to construct and/or work on, or provide maintenance to the project site, they are not covered under the CITY'S insurance, and the FOLLOWING SECTION SHALL APPLY (appropriate proof of insurance for said entity will be submitted to the Office of Community Beautification):

Pursuant to the Recommendation of the City of L.A.'s Risk Management Office:

"The CITY must be included as an "Additional Insured" in applicable liability policies to cover the CITY'S liability arising out of the acts or omissions of the named insured. The CITY is to be named as an "Additional Named Insured" and a "Loss Payee" as its interests may appear in property insurance in which the CITY has an interest, e.g., as a lien holder."

Please also refer to the provided "Instructions and Information on Complying with City Insurance Requirements," item number 3, second paragraph, first sentence. The certificate holder name and address should appear as follows:

**City of Los Angeles and its Agencies, Boards and Depts.
200 North Main Street, City Hall East, Rm. 1240, Los Angeles, CA 90012**

With this Agreement, the City of Los Angeles/Department of Public Works/Office of Community Beautification agrees to:

- Assist community groups through project review, Board of Public Works adoption, and the permitting process.
- Waive the fees for the A-Permit and Revocable Permit associated with the project.
- Provide liners upon request for the trash receptacles.
- Provide graffiti removal services, free of charge, when possible.
- Provide short term loans on hand tools for use on the beautification project.
- Provide limited liability coverage (for the sponsoring volunteer group named above ONLY) through the City of Los Angeles: Commercial general liability - Hazard (2) Coverage applies to all facets of the project approved by the CITY

I understand that the following conditions are part of Adopt-a-Median Project process:

- Adopt-a-Median projects generally undergo review by StreetsLA / Bureau of Street Services prior to any issuance of permits.
- Projects that may pose a visibility issue undergo review by the Department of Transportation.
- Structural components/anything permanently affixed to the public right-of-way, or usage of any materials deemed as "non-standard," are reviewed by the Bureau of Engineering.
- Any lighting/electrical or any involvement with a street light pole, is reviewed by the Bureau of Street Lighting
- MURALS: Apply for mural registration with the City of L.A. Department of Cultural Affairs. A required anti-graffiti coating (up to 450 sq.'), is provided FREE OF CHARGE, after mural is installed. Please call 3-1-1 to report graffiti.
- TREES: Must comply with guidelines established by the City of L.A. Urban Forestry Division, Department of Public Works. Trees are to be watered on a regular basis, and trimmed as needed.
- VEGETATION: GROUP will maintain the vegetation and keep the site free from weeds, debris, and litter.
- TRASH RECEPTACLE: GROUP will empty trash receptacle as needed and replace the plastic liner.
- BENCHES/TABLES/OTHER STATIONARY OBJECTS: GROUP will provide periodic cleaning.
- PLANTERS: GROUP will water on a regular basis and provide periodic cleaning.
- COMMUNITY SIGNAGE: GROUP will provide periodic cleaning, and maintenance of lighting (if necessary).
- IRRIGATION SYSTEMS: GROUP will conduct repairs and replacement of irrigation components, if necessary.
- LIGHTING/ELECTRICAL: GROUP will maintain and report any issues/difficulties to OCB immediately

Group representative's signature  **Date:** December 5, 2024



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)

BlanketRE: Occidental mural project

YSABEL JURADO

— L.A. CITY COUNCILMEMBER, DISTRICT 14 —



February 4, 2025

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to extend Councilmember Ysabel Jurado's full support for Occidental College's request to refresh the asphalt coating designed to calm traffic and improve street safety at 1750 Yosemite Drive at the intersection of La Roda Avenue, in front of the Eagle Rock Junior/Senior High School. This project is a unique asset for the neighborhood and re-application proposed by the University will ensure it will continue to be a benefit to Eagle Rock going forward.

The original project, installed in January 2024, was a unique collaboration of many community stakeholders. The team brought together senior staff at Occidental, including former president Harry Elam, who provided the funding; Derek Steinorth, principal of Eagle Rock High School; staff from the adjacent rec center; LADOT, who provided design guidance and support during the installation; Bloomberg Philanthropies, which provided technical support through long-standing connections to the University; and most importantly – the neighborhood at large. The project team received a combined 370 responses to a series of surveys on the project from neighbors, students, parents and others, and showed clear support for the project.

Before the installation, 45% of people said they felt unsafe crossing the street at that intersection, 66% of people cited speeding and turning vehicles failing to yield to pedestrians, 52% supported slowing traffic speeds and 45% supported something visual in the roadway to encourage them to hit the brakes. After the installation – designed to encourage safe travel speeds and improve the pedestrian experience – 87% said it improved the intersection, 96% said it brought the community together, and 90% supported maintaining the project going forward. And in addition to the surveys, the installation itself drew dozens of volunteers from both the High School and the University, providing a rare opportunity to participate in a unique, civic experience that the team hopes to replicate with the requested refresh.

Given these many stakeholders and broad demonstration of support, I believe that the community has spoken and clearly wants to maintain this asset. Allowing this reapplication of the treatment to proceed would brighten and enhance the original project and ensure it continues to benefit the area for months to come, while providing a helpful model for other communities to follow.

Thank you for the opportunity to express support and hope that you will promptly approve Occidental's application. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me at kevin.ocubillo@lacity.org

Kevin Ocubillo, Planning Director
Office of Councilmember Ysabel Jurado | Council District 14

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| ENGINEERING CITY OF LOS ANGELES | R-PERMIT CENTRAL DISTRICT Bureau of Engineering |
| PRELIMINARY APPROVAL | |
| BY <u>Tanat Satidkit</u> | DATE <u>1/23/2025</u> |
| REF. # _____ | PERMIT # _____ |

Yosemite AAM Application - Photos

Aerial view via Google Maps:



Ground level photos as of 12/6/24:













Gerry Valido <gerry.valido@lacity.org>

Yosemite Project - Adopt a Median Application

Yami Duarte <yami.duarte@lacity.org>

Thu, Jan 30, 2025 at 11:48 AM

To: Lameese Chang <lameese.chang@lacity.org>

Cc: Gerry Valido <gerry.valido@lacity.org>, Nicholas Mosquera <nmosquera@bloomberg.org>

Thank you. DCA does not need to review since it is a restoration project.

-Yami

On Thu, Jan 30, 2025 at 11:03 AM Lameese Chang <lameese.chang@lacity.org> wrote:

Hello Yami. If I may chime in here - the project is a "refresh" of existing colored pavement in the street. The design would be the same as what was installed in January 2024, as it has now faded.

Lameese Chang

Supervising Transportation Planner
Vision Zero Division

Los Angeles Department of Transportation
213.928.9706

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On Thu, Jan 30, 2025 at 10:48 AM Yami Duarte <yami.duarte@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Gerry,

What is the project? I see what looks like existing designs on the street. Is this a repair job or is there a new artwork proposal?

If it is new artwork, customarily, DCA Commission reviews the concept.

-Yami

On Fri, Jan 24, 2025 at 7:49 AM Gerry Valido <gerry.valido@lacity.org> wrote:

Yami,

We are trying to expedite this project that is being driven (forgive the pun--lol) by LADOT. It is for some imagery to be installed on the public right-of-way adjacent to Eagle Rock High School.

The attached is the approval from the Bureau of Engineering. I was thinking that DCA might have to approve this as well? If so, how do we expedite this process? If not, then great, please let me know and I can begin the process for Board adoption. Thanks for the help. I've cc'd Lameese Chang of LADOT on this email, should you need further information on the project.

Thanks,
Gerry

GERRY VALIDO, Assistant Director

Board of Public Works, Office of Community Beautification

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200 N. Spring Street, Room 356, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Main Mobile/Text: (213)978-0225 / Field Mobile/Text: (213)761-3160

www.laocb.org / gerry.valido@lacity.org

Tool/supply/paint requests from the OCB Warehouse click [HERE](#) / Community Event? Click [HERE](#)

Non-emergency service requests, call 3-1-1



----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Tanat Satidkit** <Tanat.Satidkit@lacity.org>

Date: Thu, Jan 23, 2025 at 3:58 PM

Subject: Re: Yosemite Project - Adopt a Median Application

To: Gerry Valido <gerry.valido@lacity.org>

Cc: Nicholas Mosquera <nmosquera@bloomberg.org>, Lameese Chang <lameese.chang@lacity.org>

Hi Gerry and Nicholas,

The plan has been accepted/approved.

Please see the attachment for the plan with the R-Permit stamp.

Please also confirm with the Department of Cultural Affairs for their approval.

If you have any questions or concerns about the matter above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

Tanat Satidkit, M.S., P.E., ENV SP
Central District | Civil Engineer
Bureau of Engineering | Department of Public Works
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[Los Angeles, CA 90012](#)
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The Bureau of Engineering (BOE) has a new online Customer Service Request (CSR) application to receive all inquiries and requests that do not already have an avenue for submission in other BOE web applications. These include requests for clearances related to City Planning or LADBS building permits.

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On Wed, Jan 22, 2025 at 4:04 PM Tanat Satidkit <Tanat.Satidkit@lacity.org> wrote:

Thanks, Gerry, for confirming.
BOE will review and provide an update by this week.

If you have any questions or concerns about the matter above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

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On Wed, Jan 22, 2025 at 1:12 PM Gerry Valido <gerry.valido@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Tanat,

You may have missed my email when then submitted the project. I stated that it was fine for BOE to begin review as I concurrently did the intake processing. At this time, all is good in my end with their submission. We're just waiting on the letter of support from the CD. Please review, and tie in DCA if that is part of the process.

Thanks,
Gerry

GERRY VALIDO, Assistant Director
Board of Public Works, Office of Community Beautification

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On Wed, Jan 22, 2025 at 12:49 PM Tanat Satidkit <Tanat.Satidkit@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Nicholas,

Thank you for the email.

Typically, Gerry's team would need to review the submittal first before sending the plan to my group (BOE) for review/approval.

This is to make sure that all information is correct before BOE begins the in-depth review.

If you have any questions or concerns about the matter above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

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On Wed, Jan 22, 2025 at 9:27 AM Nicholas Mosquera <nmosquera@bloomberg.org> wrote:

Hi Tanat and team –

First, I hope you and your friends and family have been safe these last few weeks. It's been terrible to see the devastation from the fires and our thoughts have been with your city since then.

To your question, I had sent the application package to you and Gerry on December 6. The email is in the thread below and I'm reattaching the files here. As Lameese has noted, the council support letter should be coming shortly, and aside from your review, we have also been checking in with DCA regarding any involvement they may need to have.

Please let me know if anything is missing or if you have any additional questions for me.

Thanks and best,

Nicholas Mosquera

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From: Tanat Satidkit <Tanat.Satidkit@lacity.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2025 12:17 PM
To: Gerry Valido <gerry.valido@lacity.org>
Cc: Lameese Chang <lameese.chang@lacity.org>; Nicholas Mosquera <nmosquera@bloomberg.org>
Subject: Re: Yosemite Project - Adopt a Median Application

Hi Gerry,

By any chance, do you know if the application package has been completed?

I may not have received the package and the plan to review yet.

If you have any questions or concerns about the matter above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

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On Tue, Jan 21, 2025 at 3:18 PM Gerry Valido <gerry.valido@lacity.org> wrote:

| [Hi Lameese,](#)

I haven't heard anything--I defer to my partners at BOE--they are the ones reviewing, and can give an update.

Thanks,

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On Tue, Jan 21, 2025 at 3:04 PM Lameese Chang <lameese.chang@lacity.org> wrote:

Hello Gerry,

Are there any updates on review of this application?

We may be able to get the council office support letter soon, as CD14 has hired new staff.

I also emailed DCA about waiving their review but didn't hear back...

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On Thu, Jan 2, 2025 at 3:54 PM Tanat Satidkit <Tanat.Satidkit@lacity.org> wrote:

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From my understanding, only DCA could determine whether or not it would need their approval.

If you have any questions or concerns about the matter above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

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On Thu, Jan 2, 2025 at 3:50 PM Lameese Chang <lameese.chang@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Tanat. To be clear, you are suggesting that I contact DCA to request that this project be waived from any formal DCA review as part of the AAM application?

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On Thu, Jan 2, 2025 at 3:45 PM Tanat Satidkit <Tanat.Satidkit@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Lameese,

For the Department of Cultural Affairs' contact information, please feel free to send it to the following email.

dca.review@lacity.org

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On Thu, Jan 2, 2025 at 10:38 AM Lameese Chang <lameese.chang@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Gerry. Happy New Year.

For DCA, I'm a bit confused. Who makes the determination about DCA?
I thought that was your office?

I'll check back in on the CD14 letter of support right now.

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On Thu, Jan 2, 2025 at 10:11 AM Gerry Valido <gerry.valido@lacity.org> wrote:

Good morning,

While we wait for Tanat to respond, I just wanted to send a reminder that we still need

the letter of support for the project from the new CD 14 Councilmember on their official

letterhead (hopefully they have one already...). Also, was there ever a determination from

any of the City staff involved, if Department of Cultural Affairs needs to bless this project?

Thanks,

Gerry

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On Thu, Jan 2, 2025 at 9:24 AM Nicholas Mosquera <nmosquera@bloomberg.org> wrote:

Hi Gerry, Tanat – Happy new year to you both. Just wanted to circle back to see if you had any questions about or updates on the application I submitted last month. Please don't hesitate to reach out if there's something else I can get to you.

Many thanks and best,

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From: Nicholas Mosquera <nmosquera@bloomberg.org>

Sent: Friday, December 6, 2024 3:28 PM

To: Tanat Satidkit <Tanat.Satidkit@lacity.org>; Lameese Chang <lameese.chang@lacity.org>

Cc: Gerry Valido <gerry.valido@lacity.org>; Pamela Lee <pamela.lee@lacity.org>

Subject: Re: Yosemite Project - Adopt a Median Application

Hi Tanat, Gerry - Thank so much for answering our questions. As discussed, I'm attaching the application to refresh the street safety project on Yosemite. In the zip, you'll find items 1-7 on the required document list (aside from the Council letter, as discussed) which by my read would cover everything required for this type of project. When you are able, can you please confirm that this is everything needed

for now? I'm also happy to answer any questions about the content via phone or email, and can include the Occidental project lead, Meldia, if needed.

Many thanks once again for the assistance and hopefully we can get this permitted in time for the February 1-2 dates proposed.

Have a great weekend.

Nick Mosquera

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From: Tanat Satidkit <Tanat.Satidkit@lacity.org>
Sent: Friday, December 6, 2024 1:58 PM
To: Lameese Chang <lameese.chang@lacity.org>
Cc: Gerry Valido <gerry.valido@lacity.org>; Nicholas Mosquera <nmosquera@bloomberg.org>; Pamela Lee <pamela.lee@lacity.org>
Subject: Re: Yosemite Project - Adopt a Median Application

Hi Lameese,

It is correct that AAM is a more streamlined process (and with no fees) even though it has to go to the Board of Public Works for approval.

Since an AAM project is usually supported by the community and Council Office, the Board may not have a lot of opposition.

Also, it is faster because the Office of Community Beautification (Gerry's group) has a faster Board process than BOE.

On the day of the Board Meeting, from my understanding, Gerry's group will help to present the item.

On the other hand, if it were a normal R-Permit, it would still need Board approval as this is an extensive art/color pavement.

And the permit fee would be the "actual cost" as we would need to open a Work Order for our staff to charge our time reviewing the plan and preparing the Board Report.

The first deposit to open the Work Order is \$5,000, and we could request more if the deposit is low.

Currently, the BOE Board Report processing time is about 6 months or more because it has to go through multiple reviews and approval from the upper management (from the Bureau of Engineering and Bureau of Street Services).

For the normal R-Permit, BOE would be the one to present to the Board.

If you have any questions or concerns about the matter above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

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On Fri, Dec 6, 2024 at 9:23 AM Lameese Chang <lameese.chang@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Gerry,

Here's another question for you regarding this application. It looks like AAM projects all need to go to the Board of Public Works for final approval. Is that correct? If so, we are wondering what to potentially expect at that stage. Do most projects get approved with no issue? What would some potential concerns be?

I know it was advised that this project go through AAM as a streamlined way to approval. Just want to continue to make sure that's the case, and that there aren't additional hurdles with this process that could be avoided if the applicant just applied straight through BOE for the R- and A-permits.

Thank you,

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On Thu, Dec 5, 2024 at 10:21 AM Lameese Chang <lameese.chang@lacity.org> wrote:

Thanks Gerry for that prompt response. We will push for the new CD14 support as soon as we can, and keep you updated on that. I appreciate the flexibility on this!

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On Thu, Dec 5, 2024 at 10:15 AM Gerry Valido <gerry.valido@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Lameese,

If you were a random constituent group applying for a project, I would probably be more stringent about the letter of support.

With De Leon leaving office soon, yes, we would need the support of the NEW Councilmember for this project. So...if LADOT is sure that this can be obtained

from the new administration, there isn't a problem continuing to process the application and move into the review process. We can get the letter later. I would

suggest however, that you have someone in LADOT's upper management push the request for a support letter to the new CD 14, to explain the project, emphasize

the urgency, and expedite the process. We don't want to install this thing, and then find out later that the new Councilmember has something against it, for

whatever reason, you know???

Hope that helps.

Gerry

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On Thu, Dec 5, 2024 at 10:08 AM Lameese Chang
<lameese.chang@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Gerry - for the council office support letter, we may be running into a challenge. The current councilmember in CD14 is leaving office at the end of this week, with a new administration starting next Monday. Therefore we aren't able to get the support letter this week (already tried), and next week may be too soon to ask a team that just took office. Given this unique time constraint, is there any chance you'd accept something in lieu? For example, what if we have some kind of written documentation that demonstrates CD14 support for when the installation was first done last January? Or alternatively, can we get the support letter from the incoming administration later, such as in January, without delaying the processing of the application in the meantime? Please provide your thoughts on this. Thank you.

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On Tue, Dec 3, 2024 at 1:13 PM Lameese Chang
<lameese.chang@lacity.org> wrote:

OK thanks Tanat. I suppose we shall see what they say about this first one.

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On Tue, Dec 3, 2024 at 12:36 PM Tanat Satidkit
<Tanat.Satidkit@lacity.org> wrote:

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On Tue, Dec 3, 2024 at 8:41 AM Lameese Chang <lameese.chang@lacity.org> wrote:

Thank you Gerry, that's helpful to know.

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On Tue, Dec 3, 2024 at 8:35 AM Gerry Valido
<gerry.valido@lacity.org> wrote:

Good morning Lameese,

Typically that time frame is sort of cutting it close for "normal" projects with extensive review.

I don't foresee that happening here. If our partners at BOE sign off on this fairly quickly, we may be able to get this to the

Board of Public Works, before their holiday break. If not, no worries, we can present it first thing in January, and it will

still be set to go by February.

Thanks,

Gerry

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On Tue, Dec 3, 2024 at 8:32 AM Lameese Chang <lameese.chang@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Gerry,

Thanks for sending all these forms over to Nicholas for this application. I know he's in the process of getting everything filled out, and will also obtain the support from the council office. Just wanted to note that they hope to do the project installation (which is a "refresh" of an existing installation) the first weekend in Feb (2/1-2/2) in order to avoid conflicts with school events on other weekends. In your experience, is this a reasonable time frame? I also wanted to emphasize that the installation is not considered "art" and not created by an artist, so I assume this application will not need to go to Department of Cultural Affairs, correct?

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On Thu, Nov 21, 2024 at 11:04 AM Gerry Valido <gerry.valido@lacity.org> wrote:

Nicholas,

Please find the attached documentation to get you started on the Adopt-a-Median application process.

Please note, you will also need to secure a letter of support from the Council member who oversees that area in which

the project will be installed.

Thanks,

Gerry

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On Thu, Nov 21, 2024 at 9:18 AM Nicholas Mosquera <nmosquera@bloomberg.org> wrote:

Thanks, Tanat.

Gerry – please let me know how I can initiate an Adopt-A-Median application as soon as you can. Happy to get that started in order to keep to the schedule with had discussed with LADOT.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Best,

Nicholas Mosquera

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From: Tanat Satidkit <Tanat.Satidkit@lacity.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 2:26 PM
To: Gerry Valido <gerry.valido@lacity.org>
Cc: Nicholas Mosquera <nmosquera@bloomberg.org>; Lameese Chang <lameese.chang@lacity.org>; Pamela Lee <pamela.lee@lacity.org>
Subject: Re: Yosemite Project - Adopt a Median Application

Hi Nicholas,

Thank you for the email.

It is correct that Lameese and Pamela have briefed us on the background.

To help move the project forward (repaint), please feel free to begin the Adopt-A-Median application.

As part of the Adopt-A-Median process, it may require additional approvals from other departments (for example, Cultural Affairs, Council Office, LADOT, etc).

My team will provide more information after the application is submitted.

Hi Gerry,

By any chance, do you know how Nicholas can begin the Adopt-A-Median application?

If you have any questions or concerns about the matter above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

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On Tue, Nov 19, 2024 at 10:37 AM Gerry Valido <gerry.valido@lacity.org> wrote:

I will defer to my colleague Tanat, to provide his insight on this project. As a representative of the Bureau of Engineering,

he can better outline what is required for a project of this nature, and whether it should come through the Adopt-a-Median program or not. The Bureau is the permitting authority--what they say goes.

Thank you,

Gerry

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On Tue, Nov 19, 2024 at 10:02 AM Nicholas Mosquera <nmosquera@bloomberg.org> wrote:

Greetings Gerry and Tanat – This is Nick Mosquera from Bloomberg Associates. I am part of the team that installed the artistic treatment on [Yosemite Drive](#) in front of Eagle Rock High School in January 2024. I understand you are already familiar with the project, but it was a partnership between my organization, the high

school and Occidental College, working closely with LADOT (see additional background on the project [here](#) and [here](#)).

Now that the project is a year old and in need of a refresh, we have been in touch with leadership at LADOT on the best process for that and how to obtain any necessary permits and approvals. As discussed with the agency, we are aiming for an ideal installation window on February 1-2, 2025. Following those conversations, Lameese Chang and Pamela Lee (cc'd here) suggested I reach out to you in order to go through the Adopt a Median program to make that installation possible.

With that, can you please let me know what information you would need from me in order to get started? Happy to proceed with any paperwork you might need the project team or to set up a quick call if that's helpful for you and answer any questions you may have.

Many thanks in advance. Look forward to working with you!

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