

**City of Culver City, California
Agenda Item Report**

Meeting Date: 05/23/11		Item Number: C-6	
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM: Acceptance of Dedication of a Portion of Real Property at 8770 and 8786 Washington Boulevard for Public Roadway Purposes			
Contact Person/Dept.: John Rivera/PWD		Phone Number: (310) 253-5616	
Fiscal Impact: Yes ☐ No ☒		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☒	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☐ Attachments: ☒	
Commission Action Required: Yes ☐ No ☒		Date: _____	
Public Notification: (E-Mail) Agenda and Meetings – City Council (05/19/11) and Exposition Light Rail Project (05/19/11), Metropolitan Transportation Authority and Exposition Light Rail Construction Authority (05/18/11), Property Owners (05/18/11).			
Department Approval: Charles D. Herbertson (05/12/11)		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Baker) (05/17/11)	
Chief Financial Officer Approval: Jeff Muir (by M. Noller) (05/18/11)		City Manager Approval: John M. Nachbar (05/19/11)	
 <u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Staff recommends the City Council accept the dedication on behalf of the public and authorize the necessary signatures to document the acceptance. <u>BACKGROUND:</u> The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is constructing a 9.6-mile light rail transit line to run along the Metro-owned Exposition Right-of-Way from the existing Metro Light Rail Transit (LRT) station at 7th/Metro Center in downtown Los Angeles to Venice/Washington in Culver City. This is known as Phase 1 of the project. The Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority (Authority) was created by the California State Legislature to oversee the final design and construction of the Exposition Light Rail Transit (Expo LRT). Phase 1 of the Expo LRT, which consists of 3 segments (A, B, and C), is currently under construction or in the process of design. The groundbreaking for Phase 1 occurred in early 2006. Segment “C” is the Culver City portion of the project, and construction is occurring along the Expo LRT Right-of-Way and within the adjacent public street rights-of-way. The portion of the project in the City involves the realignment and reconstruction of portions of National Boulevard, Washington Boulevard, and cul-de-sacs at the adjacent ends of Wesley and Helms Avenues. The Authority will also be transferring portions of the Expo LRT Right-of-Way to the City. City staff is working with Metro and the Authority to process the required right-of-way transfers.			

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DISCUSSION:

The dedication of real property at 8770 and 8786 Washington Boulevard is the second transfer of property to the City related to the Expo LRT project. The subject property is a corner lot located at the intersection of Washington and National Boulevards. The property being deeded to the City will be combined with existing City street right-of-way in order to construct a public sidewalk connecting the end of the proposed Exposition Bike Path with the Washington/National intersection. This transfer is being processed separately because it is the transfer of property from private property owners directly to the City. Metro and the Authority have purchased the property for the City and facilitated the preparation of the transfer documents. Engineering staff has reviewed the Grant Deed and found it to be technically correct.

There are anticipated to be two more private property transfers needed in the future:

1. The easterly side of the Helms Avenue cul-de-sac (to realign the cul-de-sac),
2. Along the northerly side of Washington Boulevard, west of the Venice/Robertson Aerial Station site (to allow for the widening of Washington Boulevard).

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

There is no direct cost to the City associated with acceptance of this right-of-way except that the Authority may seek to use the value of this right-of-way to off-set the value of right-of-way ceded by the City to the Authority. The net value of the right-of-way exchanged between the two entities is an element of the City's proposed contribution toward the Expo LRT project which is still under negotiation.

ATTACHMENT:

- January 25, 2010 Grant Deed to City of Culver City described Real Property.

MOTIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Accept the dedication on behalf of the public; and
2. Authorize the City Attorney to review/prepare the necessary documents; and,
3. Authorize the City Manager to execute such documents on behalf of the City.