



City Council Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: MARCH 17, 2020

FROM: COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WARD: 2

SUBJECT: P19-0353 STREET VACATION – SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE STREET VACATION OF A SEGMENT OF RIGHT OF WAY AT THE TERMINUS OF NINTH STREET, EAST OF SANTE FE AVENUE

ISSUE:

Adopt a resolution of intent to hold a public hearing on April 21, 2020, to consider a proposal by Hector Casillas, on behalf of the Riverside County Transportation Commission, to vacate a segment of right of way at the terminus of Ninth Street, east of Santa Fe Avenue.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council adopt the attached resolution declaring its intent to hold a public hearing on April 21, 2020 to consider Planning Case P19-0353 Street Vacation of a segment of right of way at the terminus of Ninth Street, east of Santa Fe Avenue.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

On January 9, 2020, the City Planning Commission recommended approval of Planning Case P19-0353 Street Vacation, a request to vacate a segment of Ninth Street, east of Santa Fe Avenue, by a vote of 8 ayes and 0 noes.

BACKGROUND:

The segment of Ninth Street, proposed to be vacated, is located between Santa Fe Avenue and the Riverside Downtown North Layover Facility, and is designated in the General Plan 2025 as a 66-foot wide local street. The segment proposed to be vacated is surrounded by a vacant packing house to the north, an office building to the west (formerly Brightwood College), and the existing Riverside Downtown North Layover Facility to the east and south.

The resolution of intent to hold a public hearing is the first requirement for a street vacation, pursuant to the Public Streets, Highways, and Service Easements Vacation Law. Prior to ordering a street vacation, the City Council must first adopt a resolution declaring its intent to

hold a public hearing to consider the vacation of the subject segment of Ninth Street, setting the place, date and time for the public hearing, and noticing requirements.

DISCUSSION:

The applicant is requesting approval of a street vacation to vacate an L-shaped segment at the terminus of Ninth Street, approximately 514 square feet, to accommodate the expansion of the existing Riverside Downtown North Layover Facility. The expansion will accommodate the removal of the existing layover track, the installation of three new layover storage tracks with an overall storage capacity for three six-car train sets, and associated maintenance and infrastructure upgrades.

Staff has determined that the street vacation: 1) will not impact access or circulation to surrounding properties or to the City's overall circulation element; 2) will not be materially detrimental to the health, safety and general welfare of the public or otherwise injurious to the environment or to the property or improvements within the area; 3) will be primarily used by the Riverside County Transportation Commission for access to the train tracks and infrastructure; and 4) will allow the continuation of vehicular and pedestrian traffic on the remaining segment of Ninth Street consistent with existing conditions.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action, since all project costs are borne by the applicant.

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Approved by: Rafael Guzman, Assistant City Manager
Approved as to form: Gary G. Geuss, City Attorney

Attachments:

1. City Planning Commission Report – January 9, 2020
2. City Planning Commission Minutes – January 9, 2020
3. Resolution of Intent to Hold a Public Hearing