

**CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2012, after 8:30 a.m.
PUBLIC WORKS BOARD ROOM - CITY HALL ROOM 350
200 N. SPRING STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

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POLICY FOR DESIGNATED PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS No(s) 5.

Pursuant to the Commission's general operating procedures, the Commission at times must necessarily limit the speaking times of those presenting testimony on either side of an issue that is designated as a public hearing item. In all instances, however, equal time is allowed for presentation of pros and cons of matters to be acted upon. All requests to address the Commission on public hearing items must be submitted prior to the Commission's consideration of the item. **EVERY PERSON WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION MUST COMPLETE A SPEAKER'S REQUEST FORM AND SUBMIT IT TO THE COMMISSION STAFF.**

The Commission has adopted rules regarding written submissions to ensure that it has reasonable and appropriate opportunity to review your materials. The mailing and email addresses, deadlines, page limits, and required numbers of copies for your advance submissions may be found under "Forms and Instructions". Day of hearing submissions (15 copies must be provided) are limited to 2 pages plus accompanying photographs, posters, and PowerPoint presentations of 5 minutes or less. Non-complying materials will NOT be distributed to the Commission.

The Commission may ADJOURN FOR LUNCH at approximately 12:00 Noon. Any cases not acted upon during the morning session will be considered after lunch. TIME SEGMENTS noted * herein are approximate. Some items may be delayed due to length of discussion of previous items.

The Commission may RECONSIDER and alter its action taken on items listed herein at any time during this meeting or during the next regular meeting, in accordance with the Commission Policies and Procedures and provided that the Commission retains jurisdiction over the case.

In the case of a Commission meeting cancellation, all items shall be continued to the next regular meeting date or beyond, as long as the continuance is within the legal time limits of the case or cases.

If you challenge these agenda items in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing agenzized here, or in written correspondence on these matters delivered to this agency at or prior to the public hearing. **If you seek judicial review of any decision of the City pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.5, the petition for writ of mandate pursuant to that section must be filed no later than the 90th day following the date on which the City's decision became final pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.6. There may be other time limits which also affect your ability to seek judicial review.**

AGENDAS are posted for public review in the Main Street lobby of City Hall East, 200 No. Main Street, Los Angeles, California, and are accessible through the Internet at www.planning.lacity.org. Click the Meetings and Hearings" link. **Commission meetings may be heard on Council Phone by dialing (213) 621-2489 or (818) 904-9450.**

GLOSSARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL TERMS:

CEQA - Calif. Environmental Quality Act
EIR - Environmental Impact Report
CE - Categorical Exemption

ND - Negative Declaration
MND - Mitigated Negative Declaration

1. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Update on City Planning Commission Status Reports and Active Assignments
 - 1. Ongoing Status Reports:
 - 2. City Council/PLUM Calendar and Actions
 - 3. List of Pending Legislation (Ordinance Update)
- B. Legal actions and rulings update
- C. Other items of interest:

2. COMMISSION BUSINESS

- A. Advance Calendar
- B. Commission Request
- C. Minutes of Meeting – October 25, 2012

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The Commission shall provide an opportunity in open meetings for the public to address it, for a cumulative total of up to thirty (30) minutes, on items of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. (This requirement is in addition to any other hearing required or imposed by law.)

PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK MUST SUBMIT A SPEAKER'S REQUEST FORM. ALL REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION ON NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE PUBLIC THAT ARE WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMISSION MUST BE SUBMITTED PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.

Individual testimony within the public comment period shall be limited as follows:

- (a) For non-agendized matters, up to five (5) minutes per person and up to ten (10) minutes per subject.
- (b) For agendized matters, up to three (3) minutes per person and up to ten (10) minutes per subject. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THESE ITEMS WILL BE DEFERRED UNTIL SUCH TIME AS EACH ITEM IS CALLED FOR CONSIDERATION. The Chair of the Commission may allocate the number of speakers per subject, the time allotted each subject, and the time allotted each speaker.

4. **FREEWAY ADJACENT ADVISORY NOTICE**

CEQA: N/A

Plan Areas: Citywide

Council Districts: All

Expiration Date: N/A

Appeal Status: N/A

PUBLIC HEARING - N/A

CONTINUED FROM THE OCTOBER 11, 2012 CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Location: City Wide

A Zoning Information (ZI) File affecting all parcels within a defined buffer distance of all freeways in the City of Los Angeles.

Proposed Project:

Approval of an Advisory Notice to Applicants as directed by the City Planning Commission for applications for new residential projects or expansions of existing residential uses and other types of sensitive uses in close proximity to freeways.

The Advisory Notice is not a new policy, plan or guideline; rather, it is an informational document for the purpose of calling attention to existing adopted goals, objectives, policies, and programs in the General Plan that address land use compatibility with respect to the siting near freeways of new residential development and sensitive land uses. The Notice summarizes standard project conditions commonly applied to freeway-adjacent residential projects and recommends project design features that could help to improve public health outcomes. The Advisory Notice would not create additional discretionary review or otherwise modify established thresholds of CEQA review.

Requested Actions:

1. Endorse the Advisory Notice to Applicants.
2. Determine whether the appropriate buffer distance from freeways shall be 500 feet, 750 feet or 1,000 feet (applicability of the advisory notice).
3. Instruct the Department of City Planning to flag parcels within the appropriate buffer distance on the Department's online Zoning Information and Map Access System (ZIMAS).

Applicant: City Planning Commission

Recommended Actions:

1. Endorse the creation of an Advisory Notice as a Zoning Information (ZI) File.
2. Determine the appropriate buffer distance or range of distances from freeways relative to the applicability of the advisory notice.
3. Instruct the Department of City Planning to flag parcels within the appropriate buffer distance from freeways, apply the Zoning Information File to these parcels, and make the information widely accessible to applicants.

Staff: Michelle Levy (213) 978-1198

5. **CPC-2009-598-SP**
CEQA: ENV-2009-599-EIR
Plan Area: Central City North-Northeast Los Angeles-
Silverlake-Echo Park-Elysian Valley

Council District: 1 – Reyes
Expiration Date: N/A
Appeal Status: Not appealable

LIMITED PUBLIC HEARING – A public hearing was held on August 30, 2012
CONTINUED FROM THE OCTOBER 11, 2012 CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Location: VARIOUS

The project area is located in portions of the Central City North, Northeast Los Angeles, and Silverlake/Echo Park/Elysian Valley Community Plans. The project is bounded by the intersection of San Fernando Boulevard and Avenue 26 on the north; Pasadena Avenue and the Golden State Freeway (I-5) on the east; Main Street for the portion of the project east of the Los Angeles River (River) and the railroad right of way for the portion of the project west of the River on the south; and Broadway Boulevard on the west. The project area includes portions of the Chinatown and Lincoln Heights communities. The River and the Golden State Freeway bisect the project area north to south and the Arroyo Seco and Arroyo Seco Parkway run east to west through the northeastern section of the project area. The project area includes the Lincoln Heights/Cypress Park Goldline Station and immediately abuts the Chinatown Station and the Heritage Square Station in the southwest and northeast corners of the project area respectively.

Proposed Project:

Cornfield Arroyo Seco Specific Plan: The Cornfield Arroyo Seco Specific Plan (Proposed Plan) revises land use and zoning, and introduces new building form, urban design, open space, parking, conservation, performance, and street standards to reflect recent shifts in existing conditions such as the opening of the Gold Line, the completion of the Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan (LARRMP), and the pending development of the Los Angeles State Historic Park (LASHP). The Proposed Plan includes revisions to the Citywide General Plan Framework Element, Transportation Element, and General Plan Land Use designations; Zone changes; and Street Reclassifications.

Requested Actions:

1. Pursuant to procedures set forth in Section 11.5.6 of the Municipal Code and City Charter Sections 555 and 558, amend the Central City North, Northeast Los Angeles, and Silverlake/Echo Park/Elysian Valley Community Plans as part of the General Plan of the City of Los Angeles, as modified in the Plan Resolution, the Cornfield Arroyo Seco Specific Plan, and Corresponding Zone and Land Use Changes.
2. Pursuant to Section 12.32 of the Municipal Code, rezoning actions to effect changes of zone as identified on the Land Use Designation Map and Zone Change Map.
3. Pursuant to procedures set forth in Section 11.5.6 of the Municipal Code and City Charter Sections 555 and 558, amend the Highways and Freeways Map of the Transportation Element of the General plan to reclassify selected streets within the Central City North, Northeast Los Angeles, and Silverlake/Echo Park/Elysian Valley Community Plans as shown on the Street Redesignation Matrix.
4. Consideration of the Environmental Impact Report **ENV-2009-599-EIR** in its determination approving the Proposed Plan, and transmit the EIR to the City Council for certification.

Applicant: City of Los Angeles

Recommended Actions:

1. Conduct a limited public hearing on the Proposed Plan, as modified in the staff report.
2. Approve the Staff Report as the Commission's Report on the subject.

3. Approve and Recommend that the Mayor approve and the City Council adopt the Cornfield Arroyo Seco Specific Plan, Land Use Change Maps amending the Central City North, Northeast Los Angeles, Silverlake/Echo Park/Elysian Valley Community Plans as part of the General Plan of the City of Los Angeles, as modified.
4. Approve and Recommend that the City Council adopt the requested zoning actions to effect the changes of zone as identified in the Zone Change Ordinance and Map.
5. Instruct the Department of City Planning to finalize the necessary zone change ordinances to be presented to City Council, and make other technical corrections as necessary.
6. Authorize the Director of Planning to present the resolution and Plan to the Mayor and City Council, in accordance with Sections 555 and 558 of the City Charter.
7. Amend the Highways and Freeways Map of the Transportation Element of the General Plan to reclassify selected streets within the Central City North, Northeast Los Angeles, Silverlake/Echo Park/Elysian Valley Community Plans as shown in the Street Modification Table in the Cornfield Arroyo Seco Specific Plan and the Modified Street Cross-Sections A2. in the Plan's Appendices.
8. Approve and Recommend that the City Council adopt the Administrative Code Amendment establishing the Cornfield Arroyo Seco Floor Area Trust Fund.
9. Find that the City Planning Commission has reviewed and considered the Environmental Impact Report **ENV-2009-599-EIR** in its determination approving the Proposed Plan, and transmit the EIR to the City Council for certification.
10. Approve and Recommend that the City Council Adopt the Statement of Overriding Considerations.
11. Approve and Recommend that the City Council Adopt the Findings, including the Environmental Findings.
12. Approve and Recommend that the City Council Adopt the Mitigation Monitoring Plan included as Appendix A1. in the Cornfield Arroyo Seco Specific Plan.

Staff: Claire Bowin (213) 978-1213

The next scheduled regular meeting of the City Planning Commission
will be held at **8:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 29, 2012**
Van Nuys City Hall Council Chamber, 2nd Floor
14410 Sylvan Street
Van Nuys, CA 91401

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