

PRELIMINARY PARCEL MAP NO. AA-2023-7642-PMLA-HCA (stamp map dated January 10, 2024)

HEARING DATE: August 27, 2024

PLANNING DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT

PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 164,845, IF A CERTIFICATE OF POSTING HAS NOT BEEN SUBMITTED BEFORE THE DATE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING, IT MUST BE PRESENTED AT THE HEARING, OR THE CASE MUST BE CONTINUED.

REQUEST

1. That, based on the whole of the administrative record, the project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15315 and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exemption to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies; and
2. Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 17.50 and 17.53, a Preliminary Parcel Map for the subdivision of a single lot into two (2) separate parcels.

SITE ADDRESS

4400 N. Carpenter Avenue

APPLICANT/REPRESENTATIVE

Applicant / Owner: Menashe Emanuel

Representative: Athena Novak, AHN & Associates,

RELEVANT CASES

ON-SITE:

No relevant cases on the subject property.

OFF-SITE:

There are no previous or existing permits or cases relevant to this subdivision.

PUBLIC RESPONSES

No comments from any members of the public have been received.

GENERAL COMMENTS

The subject site is a level, rectangular lot totaling approximately 18,399 square feet with a frontage of approximately 112 feet along Moorpark Street and approximately 120 feet of frontage on Carpenter Avenue.

The site is zoned R1-1-RIO with a land use designation of Low Residential within the Sherman Oaks – Studio City – Toluca Lake – Cahuenga Pass Community Plan. The site is located within a Modifications to SF Zones and SF Zone Hillside Area Regulations (ZI-2462), an Urban Agricultural Incentive Zone, a liquefaction area and is within 2.3 kilometers of the nearest known fault (Hollywood Fault). The subject site is not located with a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, a methane hazard site, a high wind velocity area, a BOE special grading area, landslide area, and is not within the Alquist-Priolo fault zone.

The applicant is requesting a Preliminary Parcel Map for the subdivision of an approximately 18,399 square-foot site into two (2) parcels, Parcel A & B as shown on the stamped map dated January 10, 2024. The existing Single-Family Dwelling on Parcel A will be demolished to allow for the construction of one (1) proposed Single Family Dwelling and one (1) Accessory Dwelling Unit on each Parcel for a total of two (2) Single Family Dwellings and two (2) Accessory Dwelling Units between Parcels A & B.

The surrounding area is characterized by single-family residential uses. The northern adjoining properties are zoned R1-1-RIO and are developed with single-family dwellings. The properties to the west (across Carpenter Avenue) are zoned R1-1-RIO and are developed with single-family dwellings. The eastern adjoining properties are zoned R1-1 and are developed with single-family dwellings. The southern adjoining properties (across Moorpark Street) are zoned RD1.5-RIO and is developed with condominiums.

STREETS AND CIRCULATION

Carpenter Avenue, adjoining the subject property to the west, is a Local Street - Standard, dedicated to a Right-of-Way width of 60 feet, and improved with asphalt roadway. Currently the street lacks concrete curb, gutter, and sidewalk.

Moorpark Street, adjoining the subject property to the north, is an Avenue II, dedicated to a Right-of-Way width of 86 feet, and improved with asphalt roadway and concrete curb. Per the Bureau of Engineering, along Moorpark Street adjoining the subdivision, a 3-foot wide strip of land be dedicated to complete a 43-foot wide half right-of-way dedication in accordance with **Avenue II** standards of the LA Mobility Plan; including a 20-foot radius property line return be dedicated at the intersection with Carpenter Avenue adjoining the subdivision.

REPORTS RECEIVED

BUREAU OF ENGINEERING: Comments, recommendations, and conditions from the provided report dated March 6, 2024, have been incorporated into the **Draft Preliminary Parcel Map Report with Conditions** under department.

BUREAU OF SANITATION: Comments, recommendations, and conditions from the provided report dated May 23, 2024 have been incorporated into the **Draft Preliminary Parcel Map Report with Conditions** under department.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY, ZONING DIVISION: A clearance letter will be issued stating that no Building and Zoning Code violations exist on the subject site once the terms identified in the memo dated January 17, 2024, have been incorporated into the **Draft Preliminary Parcel Map Report with Conditions** under department.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION: Comments, recommendations, and conditions from the provided report dated January 17, 2024, have been incorporated into the **Draft Preliminary Parcel Map Report with Conditions** under department.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Comments, recommendations, and conditions from the provided report dated January 26, 2024, have been incorporated into the **Draft Preliminary Parcel Map Report with Conditions** under department.

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT: No comments were available at the time of writing.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER: Comments, recommendations, and conditions from the provided report dated February 13, 2024, have been incorporated into the **Draft Preliminary Parcel Map Report with Conditions** under department.

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS: Comments, recommendations, and conditions from the provided report dated January 17, 2024 have been incorporated into the **Draft 4Preliminary Parcel Map Report with Conditions** under department.

BUREAU OF STREET LIGHTING: Recommends that the project be subject to conditions stated in the memo dated January 16, 2024. See recommended conditions in **Draft Preliminary Parcel Map Report with Conditions** under department.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE

The Department of City Planning issued Case No. ENV-2023-7643-CE and determined that the project is Categorically Exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15315 (Class 15) of the State CEQA Guidelines. Planning staff evaluated the exceptions to the use of categorical exemptions for the proposed project listed under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 and determined that none of the exceptions apply to the proposed project.

TENANTS

In LAHD's memo from September 26, 2023, one (1) unit existed on the property in the last 5 years. No units are subject to replacement as an affordable "protected" unit. The existing 3-bedroom unit is proposed to be demolished and 2 new Single Family Dwellings and 2 new Accessory Dwelling Units are proposed. LAHD has determined that since at least July 2018, the Property consisted of a single family dwelling (SFD) that was occupied by the previous owner until their transfer of the Property to the current Owner who has not occupied the Property at all. Therefore, the single family dwelling is exempt from replacement. No SB 8 replacement affordable units are required.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

The Planning Department staff recommends approval of Preliminary Parcel Map No. AA-2023-7642-PMLA-HCA subject to the standard conditions and additional conditions in the **Draft Preliminary Parcel Map Report with Conditions**.

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Note: Recommendation does not constitute a decision. Changes may be made by the Advisory Agency at the time of the public hearing.

DRAFT PRELIMINARY PARCEL MAP REPORT WITH CONDITIONS

In accordance with provisions of Section 17.51 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), the Advisory Agency determines that the project is Categorically Exempt, and issues ENV-2023-7643-CE as the environmental clearance and approves Parcel Map No. AA-2023-7642-PMLA, located at 4400 North Carpenter Avenue for a maximum two parcels, as shown on map stamped dated January 10, 2024, in the Sherman Oaks – Studio City – Toluca Lake – Cahuenga Pass Community Plan. This unit density is based on the R1-1 Zone. (The subdivider is hereby advised that the LAMC may not permit this maximum approved density. Therefore, verification should be obtained from the Department of Building and Safety which will legally interpret the Zoning Code as it applies to this particular property.) The Advisory Agency's approval is subject to the following conditions:

NOTE on clearing conditions: When two or more **agencies** must clear a condition, subdivider should follow the sequence indicated in the condition. For the benefit of the applicant, subdivider shall maintain record of all conditions cleared, including all material supporting clearances and be prepared to present copies of the clearances to each reviewing agency as may be required by its staff at the time of its review.

BUREAU OF ENGINEERING - SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

Any questions regarding this report should be directed to Julia Li of the Permit Case Management Division, located at 201 North Figueroa Street, Suite 290, or by calling (213) 808-8917.

1. That, along Moorpark Street adjoining the subdivision, a 3-foot wide strip of land be dedicated to complete a 43-foot wide half right-of-way dedication in accordance with Avenue II standards of the LA Mobility Plan; including a 20-foot radius property line return be dedicated at the intersection with Carpenter Avenue adjoining the subdivision.
2. That the subdivider make a request to BOE Valley District to determine the capacity of existing sewers in this area.

Any questions regarding this report should be directed to Julia Li of the Permit Case Management Division, located at 201 North Figueroa Street, Suite 290, through BOE online customer service portal at <http://engpermits.lacity.org/>.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY, GRADING DIVISION

Grading Division approvals are conducted at 221 North Figueroa Street, 12th Floor suite 1200. The approval of this Tract Map shall not be construed as having been based upon a geological investigation such as will authorize the issuance of the building permit of the subject property. Such permits will be issued only at such time as the Department of Building and Safety has received such topographic maps and geological reports as it deems necessary to justify the issuance of such building permits.

3. Comply with any requirements with the Department of Building and Safety, Grading Division for recordation of the final map and issuance of any permit.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY, ZONING DIVISION

An appointment is required for the issuance of a clearance letter from the Department of Building and Safety. The applicant is asked to contact Laura Duong at (213) 482-0434 to schedule an appointment.

4. That prior to recordation of the final map, the Department of Building and Safety, Zoning Division shall certify that no Building or Zoning Code violations exist on the subject site. In addition, the following items shall be satisfied:
- a. Obtain permit for the demolition or removal of the existing structures on the site. Accessory structures and uses are not permitted to remain on lot without a main structure or use. Provide copy of the demolition permit and signed inspection card to show completion of the demolition work.
 - b. Obtain a grading permit for the removal of the swimming pool and backfill of pool area. Provide a copy of the finalized grading permit to show completion of the work.
 - c. Show all street dedication as required by Bureau of Engineering and provide net lot area after all dedication. "Area" requirements shall be re-checked as per net lot area after street dedication.

Notes:

There is a 15 ft. Building Line along Moorpark St.

Per LAMC Section 12.21C.1(e), the original frontage along Moorpark Street is to remain even after parcel map subdivision. Proposed Parcel B shall maintain original frontage along Moorpark Street. There 15 ft. Building Line to remain along Moorpark Street unless otherwise removed. See Zoning Manual for front lot line options.

Any proposed structures or uses on the site have not been checked for and shall comply with Building and Zoning Code requirements. Plan check will be required before any construction, occupancy or change of use.

An appointment is required for the issuance of a clearance letter from the Department of Building and Safety. The applicant is asked to contact Laura Duong at (213) 482-0434 or Laura.Duong@lacity.org to schedule an appointment.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

If you have any questions, you may contact sheila.ahoraiian@lacity.org or 818-374-4699.

5. That prior to recordation of the final map, satisfactory arrangements shall be made with the Department of Transportation to assure:
- a. A minimum 20-foot reservoir space is required between any security gate or parking space and the property line, or to the satisfaction of DOT.
 - b. A two-way driveway width of $W=20$ feet is required for all driveways, or to the satisfaction of LADOT.
 - c. A parking area and driveway plan should be submitted to the Citywide Planning Coordination Section of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation for approval prior to submittal of building permit plans for plan check by the Department of Building and Safety. Transportation approvals are conducted at

6262 Van Nuys Blvd., Room 320, Van Nuys, CA 91401.

- d. The report fee and condition clearance fee be paid to the Los Angeles Department of Transportation as required per Ordinance No. 183270 and LAMC Section 19.15 prior to recordation of the final map. Note: The applicant may be required to comply with any other applicable fees per this new ordinance.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The applicant is further advised that all subsequent contact regarding these conditions must be with the Hydrant and Access Unit. This would include clarification, verification of condition compliance and plans or building permit applications, etc., and shall be accomplished BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, in order to assure that you receive service with a minimum amount of waiting please call (818) 374-4351. You should advise any consultant representing you of this requirement as well.

6. That prior to the recordation of the final map, a suitable arrangement shall be made satisfactory to the Fire Department, binding the subdivider and all successors to the following:
 - a. Submit plot plans for Fire Department approval and review prior to recordation of Parcel Map Action.
 - b. Access for Fire Department apparatus and personnel to and into all structures shall be required.
 - c. Address identification. New and existing buildings shall have approved building identification placed in a position that is plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property.
 - d. One or more Knox Boxes will be required to be installed for LAFD access to project. Location and number to be determined by LAFD Field Inspector. (Refer to FPB Req # 75).
 - e. The entrance or exit of all ground dwelling units shall not be more than 150 feet from the edge of a roadway of an improved street, access road, or designated fire lane.
 - f. No building or portion of a building shall be constructed more than 150 feet from the edge of a roadway of an improved street, access road, or designated fire lane.
 - g. The following recommendations of the Fire Department relative to fire safety shall be incorporated into the building plans, which includes the submittal of a plot plan for approval by the Fire Department either prior to the recordation of a final map or the approval of a building permit. The plot plan shall include the following minimum design features:
 - 1) fire lanes, where required, shall be a minimum of 20 feet in width;
 - 2) all structures must be within 300 feet of an approved fire hydrant,

- 3) and entrances to any dwelling unit or guest room shall not be more than 150 feet in distance in horizontal travel from the edge of the roadway of an improved street or approved fire lane.
- h. The Fire Department may require additional vehicular access where buildings exceed 28 feet in height.
- i. Smoke Vents may be required where roof access is not possible; location and number of vents to be determined at Plan Review.
- j. Site plans shall include all overhead utility lines adjacent to the site.
- k. Any roof elevation changes in excess of 3 feet may require the installation of ships ladders.
- l. Provide Fire Department pathway front to rear with access to each roof deck via gate or pony wall less than 36 inches.
- m. Building designs for multi-storied residential buildings shall incorporate at least one access stairwell off the main lobby of the building; But, in no case greater than 150ft horizontal travel distance from the edge of the public street, Private Street or Fire Lane. This stairwell shall extend onto the roof.
- n. Where rescue window access is required, provide conditions and improvements necessary to meet accessibility standards as determined by the Los Angeles Fire Department.
- o. Any required fire hydrants to be installed shall be fully operational and accepted by the Fire Department prior to any building construction.
- p. Adequate off-site public and on-site private fire hydrants may be required. Their number and location to be determined after the Fire Department's review of the plot plan.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER

- 7. Satisfactory arrangements shall be made with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) for compliance with LADWP's Water System Rules and requirements. Upon compliance with these conditions and requirements, LADWP's Water Services Organization will forward the necessary clearances to the Bureau of Engineering. (This condition shall be deemed cleared at the time the City Engineer clears Condition No. S-1.(c).)

BUREAU OF STREET LIGHTING – SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

Street Lighting clearance for this Street Light Maintenance Assessment District condition is conducted at 1149 S. Broadway Suite 200. Street Lighting improvement condition clearance will be conducted at the Bureau of Engineering District office, see condition S-3. (c).

- 8. Prior to the recordation of the final map or issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy (C of O), street lighting improvement plans shall be submitted for review and the owner shall provide a good faith effort via a ballot process for the formation or annexation of the property within the boundary of the development into a Street Lighting

Maintenance Assessment District.

BUREAU OF SANITATION

9. Wastewater Collection Systems Division of the Bureau of Sanitation has inspected the sewer/storm drain lines serving the subject tract and found no potential problems to their structure or potential maintenance problem, as stated in the correspondence dated May 23, 2024. Upon compliance with its conditions and requirements, the Bureau of Sanitation, Wastewater Collection Systems Division will forward the necessary clearances to the Bureau of Engineering. (This condition shall be deemed cleared at the time the City Engineer clears Condition No. S-1. (d).)

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AGENCY

10. To assure that cable television facilities will be installed in the same manner as other required improvements, please email ita.cabletvclearance@lacity.org that provides an automated response with the instructions on how to obtain the Cable TV clearance. The automated response also provides the email address of three people in case the applicant/owner has any additional questions.

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

Park fees are paid at 221 North Figueroa Street. Suite 400, Los Angeles. Please contact Park Fees staff at (213) 202-2682 or rap.parkfees@lacity.org for any questions or comments, at your convenience.

11. That the Park Fee paid to the Department of Recreation and Parks be calculated as a Subdivision (Quimby in-lieu) fee.

DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING - SITE SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

Clearances may be conducted at the Figueroa, Valley, or West Los Angeles Development Services Centers. To clear conditions, an appointment is required, which can be requested at planning.lacity.org.

12. Prior to the recordation of the final map, the subdivider shall prepare and execute a Covenant and Agreement (Planning Department General Form CP-6770) in a manner satisfactory to the Planning Department, binding the subdivider and all successors to the following:
 - a. A Certificate of Occupancy (temporary or final) for the building(s) in Preliminary Parcel Map No. AA-2023-7642-PMLA-HCA shall not be issued until after the final map has been recorded.
 - b. The subdivision shall be limited to residential uses.
 - c. Limit the subdivision to two (2) lots.
 - d. Parking shall be provided in compliance with the Municipal Code and to the satisfaction of the Department of Building and Safety. No variance from the parking

requirements has been requested or granted herein. shall be provided in conformance with Government Code Section 66411.7(e)(3).

- f. That the subdivider considers the use of natural gas and/or solar energy and consults with the Department of Water and Power and Southern California Gas Company regarding feasible energy conservation measures.
- g. Recycling bins shall be provided at appropriate locations to promote recycling of paper, metal, glass, and other recyclable material, unless individual receptacles are provided in each home.
- h. The applicant shall install shielded lighting to reduce any potential illumination affecting adjacent properties.
- i. Copies of all recorded Covenant and Agreement(s) for all reciprocal private easements shall be submitted to the Planning Department for placement in the parcel map file.

13. INDEMNIFICATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF LITIGATION COSTS.

Applicant shall do all of the following:

- (i) Defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City from any and all actions against the City relating to or arising out of, in whole or in part, the City's processing and approval of this entitlement, including but not limited to, an action to attack, challenge, set aside, void or otherwise modify or annul the approval of the entitlement, the environmental review of the entitlement, or the approval of subsequent permit decisions, or to claim personal property damage, including from inverse condemnation or any other constitutional claim.
- (ii) Reimburse the City for any and all costs incurred in defense of an action related to or arising out of, in whole or in part, the City's processing and approval of the entitlement, including but not limited to payment of all court costs and attorney's fees, costs of any judgments or awards against the City (including an award of attorney's fees), damages, and/or settlement costs.
- (iii) Submit an initial deposit for the City's litigation costs to the City within 10 days' notice of the City tendering defense to the Applicant and requesting a deposit. The initial deposit shall be in an amount set by the City Attorney's Office, in its sole discretion, based on the nature and scope of action, but in no event shall the initial deposit be less than \$50,000. The City's failure to notice or collect the deposit does not relieve the Applicant from responsibility to reimburse the City pursuant to the requirement in paragraph (ii).
- (iv) Submit supplemental deposits upon notice by the City. Supplemental deposits may be required in an increased amount from the initial deposit if found necessary by the City to protect the City's interests. The City's failure to notice or collect the deposit does not relieve the Applicant from responsibility to reimburse the City pursuant to the requirement in paragraph

(ii).

- (v) If the City determines it necessary to protect the City's interest, execute an indemnity and reimbursement agreement with the City under terms consistent with the requirements of this condition.

The City shall notify the applicant within a reasonable period of time of its receipt of any action and the City shall cooperate in the defense. If the City fails to notify the applicant of any claim, action, or proceeding in a reasonable time, or if the City fails to reasonably cooperate in the defense, the applicant shall not thereafter be responsible to defend, indemnify or hold harmless the City.

The City shall have the sole right to choose its counsel, including the City Attorney's office or outside counsel. At its sole discretion, the City may participate at its own expense in the defense of any action, but such participation shall not relieve the applicant of any obligation imposed by this condition. In the event the Applicant fails to comply with this condition, in whole or in part, the City may withdraw its defense of the action, void its approval of the entitlement, or take any other action. The City retains the right to make all decisions with respect to its representations in any legal proceeding, including its inherent right to abandon or settle litigation.

For purposes of this condition, the following definitions apply:

"City" shall be defined to include the City, its agents, officers, boards, commissions, committees, employees, and volunteers.

"Action" shall be defined to include suits, proceedings (including those held under alternative dispute resolution procedures), claims, or lawsuits. Action includes actions, as defined herein, alleging failure to comply with any federal, state or local law.

Nothing in the definitions included in this paragraph are intended to limit the rights of the City or the obligations of the Applicant otherwise created by this condition.

DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING - STANDARD SINGLE-FAMILY CONDITIONS

SF-1. That approval of this tract constitutes approval of model home uses, including a sales office and off-street parking. If models are constructed under this tract approval, the following conditions shall apply:

1. Prior to recordation of the final map, the subdivider shall submit a plot plan for approval by the Development Services Center of the Department of City Planning showing the location of the model dwellings, sales office and off-street parking. The sales office must be within one of the model buildings.
2. All other conditions applying to Model Dwellings under Section 12.22A, 10 and 11

and Section 17.05 O of the Code shall be fully complied with satisfactory to the Department of Building and Safety.

- SF-2. That a landscape plan, prepared by a licensed landscape architect, be submitted to and approved by the Advisory Agency in accordance with CP-6730 prior to obtaining any grading or building permits before the recordation of the final map. The landscape plan shall identify tree replacement on a 1:1 basis by a minimum of 24-inch box trees for the unavoidable loss of desirable trees on the site.

In the event the subdivider decides not to request a permit before the recordation of the final map, a covenant and agreement satisfactory to the Advisory Agency guaranteeing the submission of such plan before obtaining any permit shall be recorded.

BUREAU OF ENGINEERING - STANDARD CONDITIONS

- S-1. (a) That the sewerage facilities charge be deposited prior to recordation of the final map over all of the tract in conformance with Section 64.11.2 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC).
- (b) That survey boundary monuments be established in the field in a manner satisfactory to the City Engineer and located within the California Coordinate System prior to recordation of the final map. Any alternative measure approved by the City Engineer would require prior submission of complete field notes in support of the boundary survey.
- (c) That satisfactory arrangements be made with both the Water System and the Power System of the Department of Water and Power with respect to water mains, fire hydrants, service connections and public utility easements.
- (d) That any necessary sewer, street, drainage and street lighting easements be dedicated. In the event it is necessary to obtain off-site easements by separate instruments, records of the Bureau of Right-of-Way and Land shall verify that such easements have been obtained. The above requirements do not apply to easements of off-site sewers to be provided by the City.
- (e) That drainage matters be taken care of satisfactory to the City Engineer.
- (f) That satisfactory street, sewer and drainage plans and profiles as required, together with a lot grading plan of the tract and any necessary topography of adjoining areas be submitted to the City Engineer.
- (g) That any required slope easements be dedicated by the final map.
- (h) That each lot in the tract complies with the width and area requirements of the Zoning Ordinance.
- (i) That 1-foot future streets and/or alleys be shown along the outside of incomplete public dedications and across the termini of all dedications abutting unsubdivided property. The 1-foot dedications on the map shall include a restriction against their use of access purposes until such time as they are accepted for public use.

- (j) That any 1-foot future street and/or alley adjoining the tract be dedicated for public use by the tract, or that a suitable resolution of acceptance be transmitted to the City Council with the final map.
 - (k) That no public street grade exceeds 15%.
 - (l) That any necessary additional street dedications be provided to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 2010.
- S-2. That the following provisions be accomplished in conformity with the improvements constructed herein:
- (a) Survey monuments shall be placed and permanently referenced to the satisfaction of the City Engineer. A set of approved field notes shall be furnished, or such work shall be suitably guaranteed, except where the setting of boundary monuments requires that other procedures be followed.
 - (b) Make satisfactory arrangements with the Department of Traffic with respect to street name, warning, regulatory and guide signs.
 - (c) All grading done on private property outside the tract boundaries in connection with public improvements shall be performed within dedicated slope easements or by grants of satisfactory rights of entry by the affected property owners.
 - (d) All improvements within public streets, private streets, alleys and easements shall be constructed under permit in conformity with plans and specifications approved by the Bureau of Engineering.
 - (e) Any required bonded sewer fees shall be paid prior to recordation of the final map.
- S-3. That the following improvements be either constructed prior to recordation of the final map or that the construction be suitably guaranteed:
- a. Improve Moorpark Avenue being dedicated and the subdivision by the construction of a full width concrete sidewalk, including any necessary remove and reconstruction of the existing improvement satisfactory to the City Engineer.
 - b. Improve Carpenter Avenue adjoining the subdivision by the construction of the following:
 - 1) An integral concrete curb and gutter, and a 5-foot wide concrete sidewalk and landscaping of the parkway.
 - 2) Suitable surfacing to join the existing pavements and to complete an 18-foot wide half roadway.
 - 3) Any necessary removal and reconstruction of the existing improvements.
 - 4) The necessary transitions to join the existing improvements.

- 5) Suitable improvement of the roadway intersection satisfactory to BOE Valley District.

Note: There are street trees existing along Carpenter Avenue. If the Bureau of Street Services, Urban Forestry Division denies the removal of street trees, which could impact the ability to widen the roadway, then the above improvements be revised as follows:

Improve Carpenter Avenue adjoining the subdivision by the removal of the existing berm; and construction of a concrete curb and gutter at the existing berm location, a 5-foot wide concrete sidewalk and landscaping of the parkway, including any necessary removal and reconstruction of the existing improvements satisfactory to the City Engineer.

- (a) Construct on-site sewers to serve the tract as determined by the City Engineer.
- (b) Construct any necessary drainage facilities.
- (c) Install street lighting facilities to serve the parcel map as required by the Bureau of Street Lighting.

Construct new street light: one (1) on Carpenter Ave. If street widening per BOE improvement conditions, relocate and upgrade street light; one (1) on Moorpark St.

Notes:

The quantity of street lights identified may be modified slightly during the plan check process based on illumination calculations and equipment selection.

Conditions set: 1) in compliance with a Specific Plan, 2) by LADOT, or 3) by other legal instrument excluding the Bureau of Engineering condition S-3 (i), requiring an improvement that will change the geometrics of the public roadway or driveway apron may require additional or the reconstruction of street lighting improvements as part of that condition.

- (d) Plant street trees and remove any existing trees within dedicated streets or proposed dedicated streets as required by the Street Tree Division of the Bureau of Street Maintenance. All street tree plantings shall be brought up to current standards. When the City has previously been paid for tree planting, the subdivider or contractor shall notify the Urban Forestry Division ((213) 847-3077) upon completion of construction to expedite tree planting.
- (e) Repair or replace any off-grade or broken curb, gutter and sidewalk satisfactory to the City Engineer.
- (f) Construct access ramps for the handicapped as required by the City Engineer.
- (g) Close any unused driveways satisfactory to the City Engineer.

- (h) Construct any necessary additional street improvements to comply with the 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards for Accessible Design.
- (i) That the following improvements are either constructed prior to recordation of the final map or that the construction is suitably guaranteed:
 - a) Improve Moorpark Avenue being dedicated and the subdivision by the construction of a full width concrete sidewalk, including any necessary remove and reconstruction of the existing improvement satisfactory to the City Engineer.
 - b) Improve Carpenter Avenue adjoining the subdivision by the construction of the following:
 - 1. An integral concrete curb and gutter, and a 5-foot wide concrete sidewalk and landscaping of the parkway.
 - 2. Suitable surfacing to join the existing pavements and to complete an 18-foot wide half roadway.
 - 3. Any necessary removal and reconstruction of the existing improvements.
 - 4. The necessary transitions to join the existing improvements.
 - 5. Suitable improvement of the roadway intersection satisfactory to BOE Valley District.

Note: There are street trees existing along Carpenter Avenue. If the Bureau of Street Services, Urban Forestry Division denies the removal of street trees, which could impact the ability to widen the roadway, then the above improvements be revised as follows:

- Improve Carpenter Avenue adjoining the subdivision by the removal of the existing berm; and construction of a concrete curb and gutter at the existing berm location, a 5-foot wide concrete sidewalk and landscaping of the parkway, including any necessary removal and reconstruction of the existing improvements satisfactory to the City Engineer.
- c) Improve newly dedicated corner cuts with concrete sidewalks and construction of an ADA compliant curb ramp.
- d) Construct necessary house connection sewers to serve each parcel.

NOTES:

The Advisory Agency approval is the maximum number of units permitted under the parcel map action. However, the existing or proposed zoning may not permit this number of units.

Any removal of the existing street trees shall require Board of Public Works approval.

Satisfactory arrangements shall be made with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Power System, to pay for removal, relocation, replacement or adjustment of power facilities due to this development. The subdivider must make arrangements for the underground installation of all new utility lines in conformance with Section 17.05-N of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC).

The final map must be recorded within 36 months of this approval, unless a time extension is granted before the end of such period.

The Advisory Agency hereby finds that this tract conforms to the California Water Code, as required by the Subdivision Map Act.

The subdivider should consult the Department of Water and Power to obtain energy saving design features which can be incorporated into the final building plans for the subject development. As part of the Total Energy Management Program of the Department of Water and Power, this no-cost consultation service will be provided to the subdivider upon his request.

FINDINGS OF FACT (CEQA)

The Department of City Planning issued Case No. ENV-2023-7643-CE. Based on the whole of the administrative record, that the Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15315, and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies.

FINDINGS OF FACT (SUBDIVISION MAP ACT)

In connection with the approval of Parcel Map No. AA-2023-7643-PMLA-HCA the Advisory Agency of the City of Los Angeles, pursuant to Sections 66473.1, 66474.60, .61 and .63 of the State of California Government Code (the Subdivision Map Act), makes the prescribed findings as follows:

- (a) THE PROPOSED MAP WILL BE/IS CONSISTENT WITH APPLICABLE GENERAL AND SPECIFIC PLANS.

The Land Use Element of the General Plan consists of the 35 Community Plans within the City of Los Angeles. The Community Plans establish goals, objectives, and policies for future developments at a neighborhood level. Additionally, through the Land Use Map, the Community Plan designates parcels with a land use designation and zone. The Land Use Element is further implemented through the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC). The zoning regulations contained within the LAMC regulates, but is not limited to, the maximum permitted density, height, parking, and the subdivision of land.

The subdivision of land is regulated pursuant to Article 7 of the LAMC. Pursuant to LAMC Section 17.50, parcel maps are to be designed in conformance with the parcel map regulations to ensure compliance with the various elements of the General Plan, including the Zoning Code. Additionally, the maps are to be designed in conformance with the Street Standards established pursuant to LAMC Section 17.05 B. The project site is located within the Sherman Oaks – Studio City – Toluca Lake – Cahuenga Pass Community Plan, which designates the site with a Low Residential land use designation. The land use

designation lists the R1 as the corresponding zone. The Project Site is zoned R1-1-RIO, which is consistent with the land use designation. The project site has approximately 18,399 square feet of lot area. As shown on the parcel map, the Project proposes to subdivide the project site into two lots, which is consistent with the density permitted by the zone.

Pursuant to LAMC Section 17.51 A, a preliminary parcel map is not required to be prepared by a licensed land surveyor or registered civil engineer but is required to contain information regarding the boundaries of the project site, as well as the abutting public rights-of-way, hillside contours for hillside properties, location of existing buildings, existing and proposed dedication, and improvements of the tract map. The parcel map indicates the parcel map number, notes, legal description, contact information for the owner, applicant, and engineer, as well as other pertinent information as required by LAMC Section 17.51 A. Therefore, the proposed map demonstrates compliance with LAMC Sections 17.05 C and 17.06 B and is consistent with the applicable General Plan.

(b) THE DESIGN OR IMPROVEMENT OF THE PROPOSED SUBDIVISION IS CONSISTENT WITH APPLICABLE GENERAL AND SPECIFIC PLANS.

For purposes of a subdivision, design and improvement is defined by Section 66418 and 66419 of the Subdivision Map Act and LAMC Section 17.02. Design refers to the configuration and layout of the proposed lots in addition to the proposed site plan layout. Pursuant to Section 66427(a) of the Subdivision Map Act, the location of the buildings is not considered as part of the approval or disapproval of the map by the Advisory Agency. Easements and/or access and "improvements" refers to the infrastructure facilities serving the subdivision. LAMC Section 17.50 and 17.05 enumerates the design standards for a parcel map and requires that each map be designed in conformance with the Street Design Standards and in conformance with the General Plan. As indicated in Finding (a), LAMC Section 17.05 C requires that the parcel map be designed in conformance with the zoning regulations of the project site. As the map is proposed for a subdivision for three single family parcels, it is consistent with the density permitted by the zone.

The parcel map was distributed to and reviewed by the various city agencies of the Subdivision Committee that have the authority to make dedication, and/or improvement recommendations. The Bureau of Engineering reviewed the parcel map for compliance with the Street Design Standards. The Bureau of Engineering has recommended dedication and improvements to the public right-of-way along Moorpark Street and Carpenter Avenue, consistent with the standards of the Mobility Element. In addition, the Bureau of Engineering has recommended the construction of the necessary on-site mainline sewers and all necessary street improvements will be made to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 2010. The Bureau of Street Lighting conditions the parcel map to provide one new light. As conditioned, the design and improvements of the proposed subdivision are consistent with the applicable General Plan.

(c) THE SITE IS PHYSICALLY SUITABLE FOR THE TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT.

The subject site is currently developed with a one-story single-family residence with garage fronting Carpenter Avenue. The tree disclosure statement dated March 23, 2023 states no trees are to be removed as part of this project.

The subject site is a level, rectangular shaped, corner lot consisting of 18,399 gross square

feet of lot area. The site is located within the Sherman Oaks – Studio City – Toluca Lake – Cahuenga Pass Community Plan, which designates the site with a Low Residential land use designation and is zoned R1-1. The R1 Zone would permit a maximum of three lots after required dedications. The site is located on the north side of Moorpark Street and also has a frontage on Carpenter Avenue.

The properties to the north, abutting the site are zoned R1-1-RIO and developed with one and two-story single-family dwellings. The properties to the west, across Carpenter, are developed with one-story single-family dwellings. The property to the east, adjacent to the site, is developed with a two-story single-family dwelling. The properties to the south across Moorpark Street are zoned RD1.5-1-RIO and are developed with condominium style, two-story single-family residences.

The site is not located within a designated hillside area or within the BOE Special Grading Area. The site is not located within a high fire hazard severity zone, flood zone, landslide, methane, or tsunami inundation zone. The site is located within liquefaction area which will be required to comply with all applicable regulations as it pertains to development per the Building Code. Prior to the issuance of any permits, the project would be required to be reviewed and approved by the Department of Building and Safety and the Fire Department. The site is not identified as having hazardous waste or past remediation. The site is not subject to the Specific Plan for the Management of Flood Hazards (floodways, floodplains, mud prone areas, coastal high-hazard and flood-related erosion hazard areas) as it is located in an area outside the flood zone.

The parcel map has been approved contingent upon the satisfaction of the Department of Building and Safety, Grading Division prior to the recordation of the map and issuance of any permits. Therefore, the site will be physically suitable for the proposed type of development.

- (d) THE SITE IS PHYSICALLY SUITABLE FOR THE PROPOSED DENSITY OF DEVELOPMENT.

The properties to the north, abutting the site are zoned R1-1-RIO and developed with one and two-story single-family dwellings. The properties to the west, across Carpenter, are developed with one-story single-family dwellings. The property to the east, adjacent to the site, is developed with a two-story single-family dwelling. The properties to the south across Moorpark Street are zoned RD1.5-1-RIO and are developed with condominium style, two-story single-family residences. The proposed subdivision of one lot into two parcels is consistent with the zone and land use designation, which would permit a maximum of three parcels.

The parcel map has been approved contingent upon the satisfaction of the Department of Building and Safety, Grading Division prior to the recordation of the map and issuance of any permits. Additionally, prior to the issuance of a demolition, grading, or building permit, the project would be required to comply with conditions herein and applicable requirements of the LAMC. As conditioned the proposed tract map is physically suitable for the proposed density of the development.

- (e) THE DESIGN OF THE SUBDIVISION OR THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS ARE NOT LIKELY TO CAUSE SUBSTANTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE OR SUBSTANTIALLY AND AVOIDABLY INJURE FISH OR WILDLIFE OR THEIR HABITAT.

The project site is currently developed with a one-story 2,386 square-foot single-family residence and detached garage. The single family dwelling is attached to the garage and is shown as an existing structure to be removed on the preliminary map. No protected trees are scheduled for removal according to the Tree Disclosure Statement. The surrounding area is presently developed with structures. Neither the project site nor the surrounding area provides a natural habitat for fish or wildlife. It has been determined that the project and the design of the subdivision and proposed improvements will not cause substantial environmental damage or injury to wildlife or their habitat.

- (f) THE DESIGN OF THE SUBDIVISION OR TYPE OF IMPROVEMENTS IS NOT LIKELY TO CAUSE SERIOUS PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEMS.

There appears to be no potential public health problems caused by the design or improvement of the proposed subdivision. The site currently contains a single-family residence and detached garage that is proposed for removal. The development is required to be connected to the City's sanitary sewer system, where the sewage will be directed to the LA Hyperion Treatment Plant, which has been upgraded to meet Statewide Ocean discharge standards. The Bureau of Engineering has reported that the proposed subdivision does not violate the existing California Water Code because the subdivision will be connected to the public sewer system and will have only a minor incremental impact on the quality of the effluent from the Hyperion Treatment Plant.

- (g) THE DESIGN OF THE SUBDIVISION OR THE TYPE OF IMPROVEMENTS WILL NOT CONFLICT WITH EASEMENTS, ACQUIRED BY THE PUBLIC AT LARGE, FOR ACCESS THROUGH OR USE OF PROPERTY WITHIN THE PROPOSED SUBDIVISION.

As required by LAMC Section 12.03, the project site has a minimum of 20 feet of frontage along Carpenter Avenue and Moorpark Street, which are public streets. The project site consists of a parcel identified as Lot No. 43 of Tract 11134 and is identified by the Assessor Parcel Map No. 2364-011-007. There are no known easements acquired by the public at large for access through or use of the property within the proposed subdivision, as identified on the parcel map. Necessary easements for utilities will be acquired by the city prior to the recordation of the proposed parcel map.

Therefore, the design of the subdivision and the proposed improvements would not conflict with easements acquired by the public at large for access through or use of the property within the proposed subdivision.

These findings shall apply to both the tentative and final maps for Parcel Map No. AA-2023-7642-PMLA-HCA.

THE FOLLOWING NOTES ARE FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES AND ARE NOT CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL OF THIS PARCEL MAP:

Satisfactory arrangements shall be made with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Power System, to pay for removal, relocation, replacement or adjustment of power facilities due to this development. The subdivider must make arrangements for the underground installation of all new utility lines in conformance with Section 17.05-N of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC).

APPEAL PERIOD - EFFECTIVE DATE

This grant is not a permit or license and any permits and/or licenses required by law must be obtained from the proper public agency. If any Condition of this grant is violated or not complied with, then the applicant or their successor in interest may be prosecuted for violating these Conditions the same as for any violation of the requirements contained in the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC).

This determination will become effective after the end of appeal period date on the first page of this document, unless an appeal is filed with the Department of City Planning. An appeal application must be submitted and paid for before 4:30 PM (PST) on the final day to appeal the determination. Should the final day fall on a weekend or legal City holiday, the time for filing an appeal shall be extended to 4:30 PM (PST) on the next succeeding working day. Appeals should be filed early to ensure the Development Services Center (DSC) staff has adequate time to review and accept the documents, and to allow appellants time to submit payment.

An appeal may be filed utilizing the following options:

Online Application System (OAS): The OAS (<https://planning.lacity.org/oas>) allows entitlement appeals to be submitted entirely electronically by allowing an appellant to fill out and submit an appeal application online directly to City Planning's DSC, and submit fee payment by credit card or e-check.

Drop off at DSC. Appeals of this determination can be submitted in-person at the Metro or Van Nuys DSC locations, and payment can be made by credit card or check. City Planning has established drop-off areas at the DSCs with physical boxes where appellants can drop off appeal applications; alternatively, appeal applications can be filed with staff at DSC public counters. Appeal applications must be on the prescribed forms, and accompanied by the required fee and a copy of the determination letter. Appeal applications shall be received by the DSC public counter and paid for on or before the above date or the appeal will not be accepted.

Forms are available online at <http://planning.lacity.org/development-services/forms>. Public offices are located at:

Metro DSC	Van Nuys DSC	West Los Angeles DSC
(213) 482-7077	(818) 374-5050	(CURRENTLY CLOSED)
201 N. Figueroa Street	6262 Van Nuys Boulevard	(310) 231-2901
Los Angeles, CA 90012	Van Nuys, CA 91401	1828 Sawtelle Boulevard
planning.figcounter@lacity.org	planning.mbc2@lacity.org	West Los Angeles, CA 90025
		planning.westla@lacity.org

City Planning staff may follow up with the appellant via email and/or phone if there are any questions or missing materials in the appeal submission, to ensure that the appeal package is complete and meets the applicable LAMC provisions.

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.

Verification of condition compliance with building plans and/or building permit applications are done at the City Planning Metro or Valley DSC locations. An in-person or virtual appointment for Condition Clearance can be made through the City's [BuildLA](https://appointments.lacity.org) portal (appointments.lacity.org). The applicant is further advised to notify any consultant representing you of this requirement as well.



QR Code to
Online Appeal
Filing



QR Code to Forms for In-
Person Appeal Filing



QR Code to BuildLA Appointment Portal
for Condition Clearance

Note: The above action shall become effective upon the decision date noted at the top of this letter unless an appeal has been submitted to the South Valley Area Planning Commission Planning Commission within 15 calendar days of the decision date. If you wish to file an appeal, it must be filed within 15 calendar days from the decision date as noted in this letter. For an appeal to be valid to the South Valley Area Planning Commission, it must be accepted as complete by the City Planning Department and appeal fees paid, prior to expiration of the above 15-day time limit. Such appeal must be submitted on Master Appeal Form No. CP-7769 at the Department's Public Offices.

Pursuant to Ordinance 176,321, effective January 15, 2005, Parcel Map determinations are only appealable to the Area Planning Commission. There is no longer a second level of appeal to the City Council for Parcel Map actions of the Advisory Agency.

The time in which a party may seek judicial review of this determination is governed by California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.6. Under that provision, a petitioner may seek judicial review of any decision of the City pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.5, only if the petition for writ of mandate pursuant to that section is filed no later than the 90th day following the date on which the City's decision becomes final, including all appeals, if any.

No sale of separate parcels is permitted prior to recordation of the final parcel map. The owner is advised that the above action must record within 36 months of this approval, unless an extension of time is granted before the end of such period. No requests for time extensions or appeals received by mail shall be accepted.

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