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Board Report

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING JANUARY 28, 2016

SUBJECT: REGIONAL CONNECTOR TRANSIT CORRIDOR PROJECT

ACTION: RESCIND RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY TO ACQUIRE A SUBSURFACE EASEMENT AND A GROUTING EASEMENT ON PROJECT PARCEL RC-449 AND RC-449-1

RECOMMENDATION

CONSIDER:

- A. HOLDING a public hearing on the proposed rescission of Resolution of Necessity;
- B. RESCINDING Resolution of Necessity authorizing the commencement of an eminent domain action to acquire a subsurface easement and a grouting easement in Project Parcels RC-449 and RC-449-1 (Assessor Parcel No. 5161-017-009); consisting of the real property (hereinafter the "Property").

(REQUIRES TWO-THIRDS VOTE)

BACKGROUND

A Resolution of Necessity authorizing the commencement of an eminent domain action to acquire the Property in furtherance of the Regional Connector Transit Corridor Project ("Project") was approved by the Board on February 26, 2015. Following approval of the Resolution of Necessity, and prior to the filing of an eminent domain action, on or about June 19, 2015, it was determined that the Project's updated design and approach eliminated the need for permeation grouting and grouting easements at the Property. Further, it was determined that the Project tunnel without the need to take a 51 square foot subsurface easement under the Property that was originally contemplated.

As acquisition of the Property is no longer required for the construction and operation of the Project, the Resolution of Necessity associated with the Property should be rescinded. Rescission of the Resolution of Necessity will allow the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority ("METRO") to revoke all pending offers of compensation associated with the acquisition of the Property.

Project staff provided information supporting the rescission of the Resolution of Necessity

(Attachment "B"). After all of the testimony and other evidence has been received from all interested parties, the Board may adopt the proposed Resolution to Rescind the Resolution of Necessity (Attachment "C").

METRO has mailed notice of this hearing to the Owners informing them of their right to appear at this hearing and be heard.

DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT

This Board action will not have an impact on METRO's safety standards.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funds allocated for acquisition of the Property will remain in the right of way budget for the Project.

ATTACHMENTS

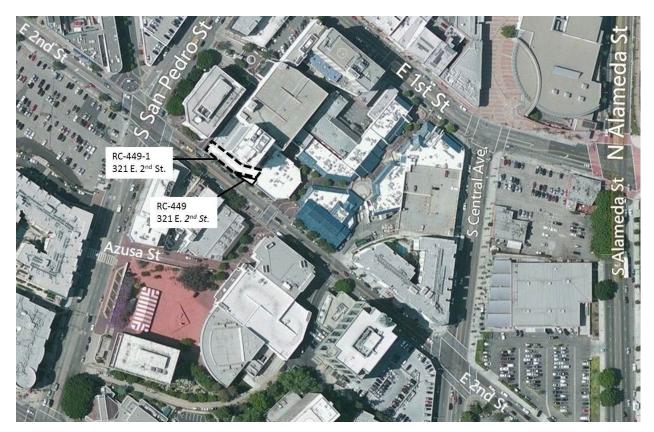
Attachment A - Site Plan Attachment B - Staff Report Attachment C - Resolution of Necessity

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ATTACHMENT A



Owners: Birnbaum 321, LLC, Catherine Diane, The Stavrum Family Trust, Donald Mahaffey, Elaine Allison, Edward & Dena Bless, Hull's Hope LLC, EMatli, LLC, Larry Parker, MBJJ Investments LLC, Moylan Family Trust LLC, Peter Wernecke & Renee DeForest, Read C 321, LLC- Kathleen Koski Read, Vijay K. Pavuluri & Padmaja Akkineni, and Neoteric Alpha, LLC

321 East 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA

APN: 5161-017-009

RC-449: Subsurface Easement

RC-449-1: Grouting Easement

STAFF REPORT REGARDING THE RESCISSION OF THE RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY TO ACQUIRE A SUBSURFACE EASEMENT AND A GROUTING EASEMENT ON PROJECT PARCELS RC-449 AND RC-449-1 ("PROPERTY")

BACKGROUND

The Property was included in the initial design for the construction and operation of the Regional Connector Transit Corridor ("Project"). The address, owners of record ("Owners") as indicated by a title report prepared by Chicago Title Company, physical description, and nature of the property interests sought to be acquired for the Project are summarized as follows:

Assessor Parcel Number	Parcel Address	Property Owners	Purpose of Acquisition	Property Interest(s) Sought	METRO Project Parcel #s
5161- 017-009	321 East 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA	Birnbaum 321, LLC, Catherine Diane - The Stavrum Family Trust, Donald Mahaffey, Elaine Allison, Edward & Dena Bless, Hull's Hope LLC, EMatli, LLC, Larry Parker, MBJJ Investments LLC, Moylan Family Trust LLC, Peter Wernecke & Renee DeForest, Read C 321, LLC- Kathleen Koski Read, Vijay K. Pavuluri & Padmaja Akkineni, and Neoteric Alpha, LLC	Construction and Operation of the tunnel	Subsurface easement and grouting easement	RC-449 and 449-1

A written offer for the property interests comprising Project Parcels RC-449 and 449-1 was mailed to the Owners by letter dated November 5, 2014. Staff engaged in negotiations with all the owners; however, the offer was not accepted by all the Owners, and consequently, a negotiated agreement was not been reached. To maintain the Project schedule staff prepared and the METRO Board approved a Resolution of Necessity on February 26, 2015 to commence an eminent domain action to acquire the Property.

The Property consists of a subsurface easement and a grouting easement. The subsurface easement (RC-449) was thought to be required for the tunnel alignment and contains a total of 51 square feet (as described in the Legal Description attached hereto as Exhibit "A-1" and as depicted on the Plat Map attached hereto as Exhibit "B-1"). The grouting easement (RC-449-1) was thought to be required for the installation of

permanent grout underground between building foundations and the top of the tunnel excavations to reduce ground movements that may be caused by the tunneling (as described in the Legal Description attached hereto as Exhibit "A-2" and as depicted on the Plat Map attached hereto as Exhibit "B-2").

Subsequent to approval of the Resolution of Necessity, METRO Project staff, engineers and contractors determined that the 51 square foot subsurface easement and 1,849 square feet in subsurface grouting easements for the installation of permanent grout underground between building foundations were no longer needed. The contractor's design and approach eliminates the need for permeation grouting and grouting easements at this location. Further METRO has determined that it will be able to construct its Project tunnel without the need to take the 51 square foot subsurface easement under the Property that was previously contemplated. As such, METRO will not be seeking to acquire an interest in the Property and prepared a Decertification Memorandum for the Property (Exhibit "C").

It is recommended that based on the above Evidence, the Board approve the resolution to rescind the Resolution of Necessity to acquire the property through an eminent domain action, METRO's offer contained in its November 5, 2014 offer letter, and any other offer made by METRO for the property interests discussed above.

CONCLUSION

Staff recommends that the Board approve the Resolution to Rescind.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Exhibit "A-1" Legal Description (RC-449)
- 2 Exhibit "B-1" Plat Map (RC-449)
- 3 Exhibit "A-2" Legal Description (RC-449-1)
- 4 Exhibit "B-2" Plat Map (RC-449-1)

EXHIBIT "A-1"

LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR SUBSURFACE EASEMENT PURPOSES PARCEL NUMBER RC-449

THOSE PORTIONS OF LOTS 9 THROUGH 13 OF THE WOODWORTH TRACT, IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 12 PAGE 92 OF MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOW:

COMMENCING AT THE MOST SOUTHERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 13, SAID CORNER ALSO BEING IN THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF 2ND STREET, 60.00 FEET WIDE, AS SHOWN IN SAID TRACT; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 13 N38°27'38"E 13.00 FEET TO A LINE PARALLEL WITH AND DISTANT NORTHEASTERLY 13.00 FEET FROM THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOTS 12 AND 13 AND THE **TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING**; THENCE ALONG SAID PARALLEL LINE N51°33'13"W 30.11 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID PARALLEL LINE S55°48'40"E 8.05 FEET TO A POINT IN THE BEGINNING OF A NON-TANGENT CURVE CONCAVE NORTHEASTERLY AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 584.00 FEET, A RADIAL LINE THROUGH SAID POINT BEARS S30°59'42"W; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID CURVE AN ARC LENGTH OF 22.34 FEET THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 02°11'31" TO THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 13; THENCE ALONG SAID SOUTHEASTERLY LINE S38°27'38"W 3.92 FEET TO THE **TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING**.

THE UPPER LIMIT OF THE SUBSURFACE EASEMENT HEREIN ABOVE DESCRIBED IS A HORIZONTAL PLANE HAVING AN AVERAGE ELEVATION OF +252 FEET ABOVE MEAN SEA LEVEL PER THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES BENCH MARK NO. 12-03189. THIS EASEMENT IS APPROXIMATELY +/-15 FEET BELOW FINISH GRADE (SURFACE ELEVATION). THIS DEPTH ELEVATION WAS DETERMINED FROM THE L.A. METRO REGIONAL CONNECTOR TRANSIT CORRIDOR PROJECT PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING PLANS.

CONTAINS: 51 SQUARE FEET.

NOTE:

THIS LEGAL DESCRIPTION WAS NOT PREPARED FOR ANY PURPOSE THAT WOULD BE IN VIOLATION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA SUBDIVISION MAP ACT OR LOCAL ORDINANCES OF THE GOVERNING BODY HAVING JURISDICTION.

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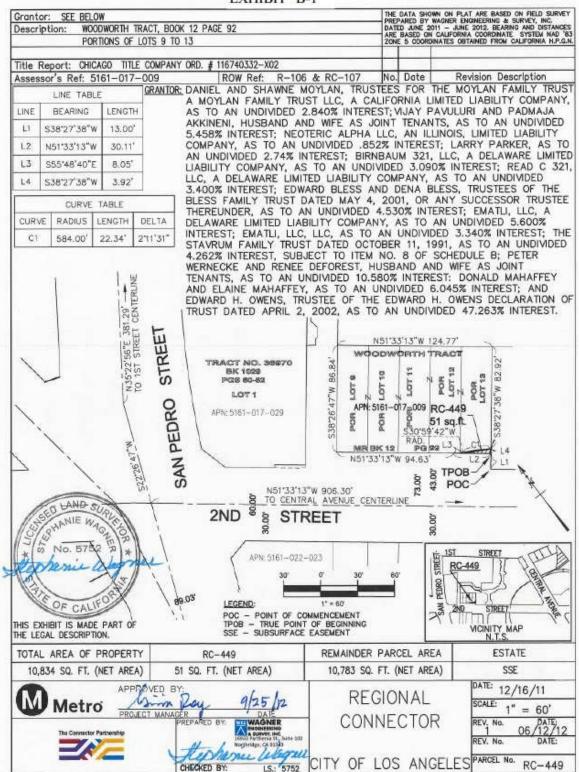


EXHIBIT "B-1"

EXHIBIT "A-2"

LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR GROUTING EASEMENT PURPOSES PARCEL NUMBER RC-449-1

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CONTAINS: 1,849 SQUARE FEET.

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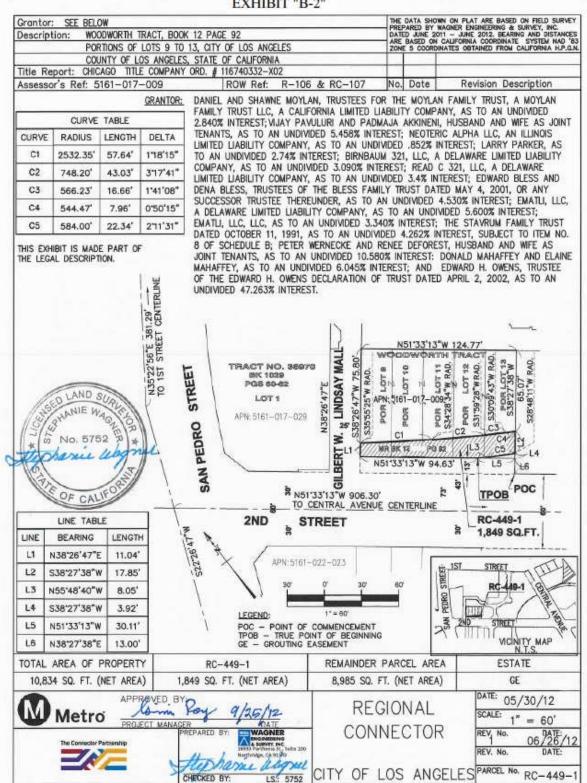


EXHIBIT "B-2"

EXHIBIT C

DE-CERTIFICATION MEMORANDUM

REGIONAL CONNECTOR TRANSIT PROJECT

Tuesday, June 9, 2015

Parcel Numbers: Subsurface Easement - RC-449

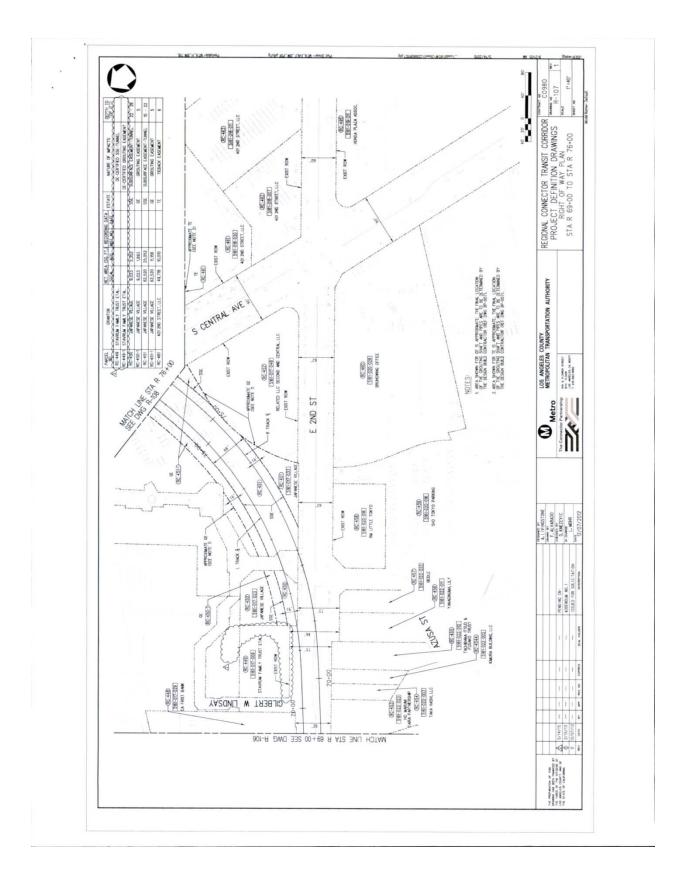
Grouting Easement - RC-449-1

This memorandum de-certifies the acquisition of the parcels RC-449 and 449-1 identified as APN 5161-017-009. These acquisitions are no longer required since the contractor's design and approach eliminates the need for permeation grouting and grouting easement. There is about a foot clear from outside diameter of tunnel lining allowing for all factors to the closest point of subsurface easement (SSE). The small SSE is not needed .

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ATTACHMENT C

RESOLUTION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY RESCINDING PREVIOUSLY APPROVED RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY (REGIONAL CONNECTOR TRANSIT CORRIDOR PROJECT PARCEL NOS. RC-449 AND 449-1)

THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY HEREBY FINDS, DETERMINES, AND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.

THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ("METRO") is a public entity organized and existing pursuant to Chapter 2 of Division 12 of the California Public Utilities Code (commencing with Section 130050).

Section 2.

RC-449 and RC-449-1 (Assessor Parcel No. 5161-017-009) ("Property"), were to be taken by eminent domain for a subsurface easement and a grouting easement for the Regional Connector Transit Corridor Project ("Project").

Section 3.

The acquisition of the above-described Property is no longer necessary for the development, construction, operation, and maintenance of the Project;

Section 4.

The Board hereby declares that it has found and determined the following:

The Property is no longer necessary for the development, construction, operation, and maintenance of the Project; and

METRO should revoke all current and pending offers for acquisition of the Property.

Section 5.

METRO staff and Legal Counsel is hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to revoke all current and pending offers for acquisition of the Property.

I, MICHELLE JACKSON, Secretary of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by a vote of two-thirds of all the members of the Board of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority at a meeting held on the 28th day of January, 2016.

Date:

MICHELLE JACKSON METRO Secretary