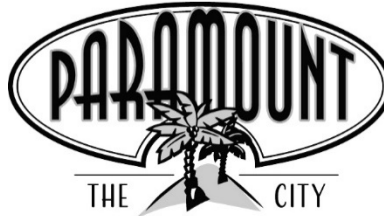


AGENDA

Paramount Planning Commission

June 5, 2024



Safe, Healthy, and Attractive

Regular Meeting
City Hall Council Chamber
6:00 p.m.

City of Paramount

16400 Colorado Avenue ♦ Paramount, CA 90723 ♦ (562) 220-2000 ♦ www.paramountcity.com

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- **In-person**

If you wish to make a statement, please complete a Speaker's Card prior to the commencement of the Public Comments period of the meeting. Speaker's Cards are located at the entrance. Give your completed card to a staff member and when your name is called, please go to the podium provided for the public.

- **E-mail:** planning@paramountcity.com

E-mail public comments must be received by **15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting**. The e-mail should specify the following information: 1) Full Name; 2) City of Residence; 3) Phone Number; 4) Public Comment or Agenda Item No.; 5) Subject; 6) Written Comments.

All public comments are limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes unless an extension is granted. No action may be taken on items not on the agenda except as provided by law. All public comments will be recorded and rules of decorum and procedures for the conduct of City meetings will apply when addressing the Planning Commission whether in-person or via email.

Notes

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Gordon Weisenburger

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chair Gordon Weisenburger

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Commissioner Javier Gonzalez
Commissioner David Moody
Commissioner Linda Timmons
Vice Chair Ernie Esparza
Chair Gordon Weisenburger

MINUTES

1. [APPROVAL OF MINUTES](#) May 1, 2024

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. [CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 955](#)

A request by Arakelian Enterprises, Inc. dba Athens Services to consolidate Conditional Use Permit No. 445 and Amendment to Conditional Use Permit No. 721 to allow a maximum processing of 2,450 tons of recyclable materials and 570 tons of trash at a recycling and transfer facility (Paramount Resource Recycling) with an enclosed 82,000 square foot building at the conclusion of a phased expansion. Inside the building will be commercial and self-hauling tipping areas for unloading materials, two separation, and commodity loadout. The project location is 7230 Petterson Lane in the M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing) zone. An Environmental Impact Report was certified on May 12, 2015, per the California Environmental Quality Act.

REPORTS

3. [RESOLUTION NO. PC 24:017](#)

Finding that the disposition of property at 16305 Hunsaker Avenue is in conformity with the adopted Paramount General Plan. This activity is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act per Section 15061(b)(3) general rule that CEQA only applies to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.
4. [ORAL REPORT](#)

Clearwater Specific Plan

5. [ORAL REPORT](#) Quarterly Update – World Energy Sound
Wall along Façade Avenue

6. [ORAL REPORT](#) City Council Actions

COMMENTS

7. [COMMENTS](#)
- City Attorney
 - Commissioners
 - Staff

ADJOURNMENT

To a meeting on July 3, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

JUNE 5, 2024

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
PLANNING COMMISSION

MOTION IN ORDER:

APPROVE THE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF MAY 1, 2024.

MOTION:

MOVED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

☐ APPROVED

☐ DENIED

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSENT: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

PARAMOUNT PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES MAY 1, 2024

City of Paramount, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, CA 90723

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Gordon Weisenburger at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chamber, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS: Present: Commissioner Javier Gonzalez
Commissioner David Moody
Commissioner Linda Timmons
Vice Chair Ernie Esparza
Chair Gordon Weisenburger

Absent: None

STAFF PRESENT: John Carver, Planning Director
John King, Assistant Planning Director
Johnnie Rightmer, Building and Safety Manager
Sol Bejarano, Management Analyst
Ivan Reyes, Associate Planner
Leslie Corrales, Planning Intern
Cameron Younger, Planning Intern
Valerie Zaragoza, Administrative Assistant

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Chair Weisenburger presented the Planning Commission minutes of April 3, 2024 for approval.

It was moved by Vice Chair Esparza, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzalez, Moody and Timmons, Vice Chair Esparza, Chair Weisenburger

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. CONDITIONAL USE
PERMIT NO. 954
LIDIA ALAS/ALAS
KITCHEN AND BAR
15516 PARAMOUNT
BOULEVARD, SUITE
B

As more time is required to further evaluate the proposal, staff recommended closing the public hearing and removing Conditional Use Permit No. 954 from the calendar.

It was moved by Vice Chair Esparza, seconded by Commissioner Moody, to close the public hearing. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzalez, Moody and
Timmons, Vice Chair Esparza, Chair
Weisenburger

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

It was moved by Commissioner Timmons, seconded by Vice Chair Esparza, to remove Conditional Use Permit No. 954 from the calendar. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzalez, Moody and
Timmons, Vice Chair Esparza, Chair
Weisenburger

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. CONDITIONAL USE
PERMIT NO. 959
RENE GUZMAN FOR
LA CASA SOL Y MAR
8335 ROSECRANS
AVENUE

Chair Weisenburger presented the item, a request by Rene Guzman for La Casa Sol Y Mar for the expansion of existing alcoholic beverage sales for onsite consumption to include distilled spirits at 8335 Rosecrans Avenue in the PD-PS (Planned Development with Performance Standards) zone.

Planning Director John Carver introduced Associate Planner Ivan Reyes who presented an overview of the request.

Chair Weisenburger opened the public hearing. The applicant, Mr. Rene Guzman from ABC Liquor License Experts, spoke in favor of the request. There being no other comments in favor, Planning Director John Carver stated

that we did receive an email from Alicia Urena in opposition to the request. The email was read to the Planning Commission.

It was moved by Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner Moody, to close the public hearing. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzalez, Moody and
Timmons, Vice Chair Esparza, Chair
Weisenburger
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

There was further discussion between the Planning Commission and staff regarding the item.

It was moved by Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner Timmons, to read by title only and adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. PC 24:012, approving the request. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzalez, Moody and
Timmons, Vice Chair Esparza, Chair
Weisenburger
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Recognizing a member of the public wishing to address the Planning Commission, the Commission heard comments from Alicia Urena in opposition to the previously heard agenda item. Ms. Urena submitted the email on the item that was previously read to the Planning Commission by Planning Director John Carver during the public comment portion of the same item.

At 6:18 p.m., Vice Chair Esparza recused himself, citing conflict of interest with the next item on the Agenda.

4. CONDITIONAL USE
PERMIT NO. 960
RICK DE BIE/
PIPELINE PLUMBING
15510 ILLINOIS
AVENUE

Chair Weisenburger presented the item, a request by Rick De Bie/Pipeline Plumbing to construct a 2,500 square foot metal building to the rear of an existing 2,995 square foot building at 15510 Illinois Avenue in the M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing) zone.

Planning Director John Carver introduced Associate Planner Ivan Reyes who presented an overview of the request.

Chair Weisenburger opened the public hearing. Planning Director John Carver stated that there were no comment cards submitted in favor or opposed to the request.

There being no comments in favor or opposed to the request, it was moved by Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner Timmons, to close the public hearing. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzalez, Moody and
Timmons, Chair Weisenburger
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Vice Chair Esparza

It was moved by Commissioner Timmons, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez, to read by title only and adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. PC 24:013, approving the request. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzalez, Moody and
Timmons, Chair Weisenburger
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Vice Chair Esparza

Vice Chair Esparza returned to the dais at 6:24 p.m. after the item was heard.

5. CONDITIONAL USE
PERMIT NO. 961
FERN BRUBAKER/IN
MOTION DESIGN,
INC.
7007-7027 MOTZ
STREET

Chair Weisenburger presented the item, a request by Fern Brubaker/In Motion Design, Inc. to operate a warehouse and shipping facility for novelty products at 7007-7027 Motz Street in the M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing) zone.

Planning Director John Carver introduced Planning Intern Cameron Younger who presented an overview of the request.

Chair Weisenburger opened the public hearing. Planning Director John Carver stated that there were no comment cards submitted in favor or opposed to the request.

There being no comments in favor or opposed to the request, it was moved by Commissioner Timmons, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez, to close the public hearing. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzalez, Moody and Timmons, Vice Chair Esparza, Chair Weisenburger

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

There was further discussion between the Planning Commission, staff, and the applicant regarding the item.

It was moved by Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner Timmons, to read by title only and adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. PC 24:014, approving the request. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzalez, Moody and Timmons, Vice Chair Esparza, Chair Weisenburger

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

6. CONDITIONAL USE
PERMIT NO. 962
MARIO MARTINEZ/
MARTINEZ CUSTOM
CABINETS AND
DESIGN, INC.
16237 MINNESOTA
AVENUE

Chair Weisenburger presented the item, a request by Mario Martinez/Martinez Custom Cabinets and Design, Inc. to operate a cabinetry shop specializing in custom cabinets for bathrooms and kitchens at 16237 Minnesota Avenue in the M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing) zone.

Planning Director John Carver introduced Planning Intern Leslie Corrales who presented an overview of the request.

Chair Weisenburger opened the public hearing. Planning Director John Carver stated that there were no comment cards submitted in favor or opposed to the request.

There being no comments in favor or opposed to the request, it was moved by Vice Chair Esparza, seconded by Commissioner Moody, to close the public hearing. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzalez, Moody and Timmons, Vice Chair Esparza, Chair Weisenburger

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

There was further discussion between the Planning Commission and staff regarding the item.

Assistant Planning Director John King stated that staff recommends an amended condition of approval for the applicant to expand the front planters to the maximum extent allowing for more landscape coverage in addition to refurbishing the existing landscape.

It was moved by Commissioner Timmons, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez, to read by title only and adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. PC 24:015. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzalez, Moody and Timmons, Vice Chair Esparza, Chair Weisenburger

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

At 6:41 p.m., Commissioner Timmons recused herself, citing conflict of interest with the next item on the Agenda.

7. ZONE CHANGE NO.
248
DR. EUGENE ALLEN
8225 ALONDRA
BOULEVARD

Chair Weisenburger presented the item, a request by Dr. Eugene Allen to replace Ordinance No. 717/Zone Change No. 147 to allow an urgent care facility and activities and services for disabled youth at 8225 Alondra Boulevard in the PD-PS (Planned Development with Performance Standards) zone.

Planning Director John Carver introduced Assistant Planning Director John King who presented an overview of the request.

Chair Weisenburger opened the public hearing. Planning Director John Carver stated that there were no comment cards submitted in favor or opposed to the request.

Dr. Eugene Allen spoke in favor of the request.

There being no additional comments in favor or opposed to the request, it was moved by Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Vice Chair Esparza, to close the public hearing. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzalez and Moody, Vice
Chair Esparza, Chair Weisenburger
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Commissioner Timmons

It was moved by Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Vice Chair Esparza, to read by title only and adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. PC 24:015. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzalez and Moody, Vice
Chair Esparza, Chair Weisenburger
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Commissioner Timmons

Commissioner Timmons returned to the dais at 6:51 p.m. after the item was heard.

REPORTS

8. CITY COUNCIL
ACTIONS

Assistant Planning Director John King stated that at the last City Council meeting, the City Council approved an amendment to the Permanent Local Housing Allocation Program (PLHA), which is a State funding source for housing preservation and development.

There was further discussion between the Planning Commission and staff regarding the program.

9. COMMENTS FROM
CITY ATTORNEY,
COMMISSIONERS
AND STAFF

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Weisenburger at 6:55 p.m. to the next Planning Commission meeting to be held on Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at City Hall Council Chamber, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California at 6:00 p.m.

Gordon Weisenburger, Chair

ATTEST:

Valerie Zaragoza, Administrative Assistant

JUNE 5, 2024

PUBLIC HEARING

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 955

- A. MOTION IN ORDER:
- B. OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING
- C. CONTINUE THE PUBLIC HEARING TO JULY 3, 2024.

<u>MOTION:</u>	<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>
MOVED BY: _____	AYES: _____
SECONDED BY: _____	NOES: _____
[] APPROVED	ABSENT: _____
[] DENIED	ABSTAIN: _____



To: Honorable Planning Commission
From: John Carver, Planning Director
By:
Date: June 5, 2024

**Subject: CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 955
ARAKELIAN ENTERPRISES, INC. DBA ATHENS SERVICES**

This application is a request by Arakelian Enterprises, Inc. dba Athens Services for a conditional use permit (CUP) to combine amended CUP No. 445 and CUP No. 721 into a single CUP. Amended CUP No. 445 reduced the tons per day that could be processed at the former Paramount Resource Recycling facility (PRR) at 7230 Petterson Lane to 570 tons. CUP No. 721 permitted the expansion and modernization of a materials recovery facility (MRF) and allowed the processing of 2,450 tons per day of municipal solid waste and recyclables at 14001 Garfield Avenue. We are still preparing the agenda report and the environmental document, and it is recommended that this item be continued to the July 3, 2024 meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the Planning Commission open and continue the public hearing for Conditional Use Permit No. 955 to the July 3, 2024 Planning Commission meeting.

JUNE 5, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. PC 24:017

“A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT FINDING THAT THE DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY AT 16305 HUNSAKER AVENUE IS IN CONFORMITY WITH THE ADOPTED PARAMOUNT GENERAL PLAN.”

MOTION IN ORDER:

READ BY TITLE ONLY AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. PC 24:017.

MOTION:

MOVED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

[] APPROVED

[] DENIED

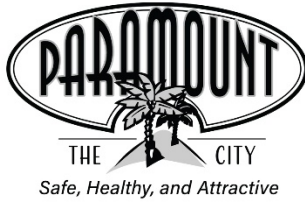
ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSENT: _____

ABSTAIN: _____



CITY OF PARAMOUNT PLANNING DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT SUMMARY

PROJECT NUMBER:	Resolution No. PC 24:017
REQUEST:	Conformity with the Paramount General Plan: Disposition of Property at 16305 Hunsaker Avenue
APPLICANT:	City of Paramount
MEETING DATE:	June 5, 2024
LOCATION:	16305 Hunsaker Avenue
ZONE:	PD-PS (Planned Development with Performance Standards)/Single-Family
GENERAL PLAN:	Multiple-Family Residential
PLANNER:	Sol Bejarano
RECOMMENDATION:	Approval



To: Honorable Planning Commission
From: John Carver, Planning Director
By: Sol Bejarano, Management Analyst
Date: June 5, 2024

Subject: Resolution No. PC 24:017 – Conformity with the Paramount General Plan: Disposition of Property at 16305 Hunsaker Avenue

BACKGROUND

This item is a report finding that the disposition of property at 16305 Hunsaker Avenue is in conformity with the adopted Paramount General Plan. Section 65402 of the Government Code of the State of California requires that before any real property is disposed of by a municipality, the Planning Commission must report on the conformity of the proposed disposition with the adopted General Plan.

DISCUSSION

The vacant 7,840 square foot site is owned by the City and is currently undeveloped. The development proposed at the site calls for the construction of two single-family homes on individual parcels. Both homes would be designated as affordable units. The residential development will maintain the characteristics of the surrounding neighborhood and assist the City in meeting Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) requirements for the construction of new residential units.

In November 2023, at the recommendation of the Planning Commission, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1176, approving Zone Change No. 246, changing the official Zoning Map from R-2 (Medium Density Residential) to PD-PS (Planned Development with Performance Standards)/Single-Family Residential. The site is in conformance with the General Plan, which classifies the site with the General Plan Land Use Designation of the Multiple-Family Residential.

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 24:015 at its May 28, 2024 meeting, approving the disposition and development agreement by and between the City of Paramount and Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles, a California nonprofit benefit corporation. The development of residential units at the property will be consistent with the goals, policies, objectives, standards, and guidelines set forth in the City's adopted General Plan.

Environmental Assessment

In preparation for the new development, the City procured the services of a professional and technical engineering firm that conducted a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) and in conclusion, no evidence of a Recognized Environmental Condition (REC), Controlled Recognized Environmental Condition (CREC) or Historical Recognized Environmental Condition (HREC) in connection with the site was identified.

This activity is exempt from the provisions of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as a general rule exemption per Article 19, Section 15061 (b)(3) of CEQA guidelines in which CEQA only applies to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

Fiscal Impact

None.

VISION, MISSION, VALUES, AND STRATEGIC OUTCOMES

The City's Vision, Mission, and Values set the standard for the organization; establish priorities, uniformity, and guidelines; and provide the framework for policy decisionmaking. The Strategic Outcomes were implemented to provide a pathway to achieving the City's Vision. This item aligns with Strategic Outcome No. 1: Safe Community.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt Resolution No. PC 24:017 finding that the disposition of property at 16305 Hunsaker Avenue is in conformity with the adopted Paramount General Plan.

CITY OF PARAMOUNT
LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

**PLANNING COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. PC 24:017**

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT SETTING FORTH ITS FINDINGS OF FACT, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND INTERPRETATION RELATIVE TO CONFORMITY WITH THE PARAMOUNT GENERAL PLAN FOR PROPERTY AT 16305 HUNSAKER AVENUE, AS SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A", WHICH IS PROPOSED TO BE DISPOSED OF FOR DEVELOPMENT OF RESIDENTIAL HOUSING

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Paramount has been requested to report upon the proposed disposition of property at 16305 Hunsaker Avenue, as shown on the attached Exhibit "A", as to conformity with the Paramount General Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT DOES RESOLVE, DETERMINE, AND ADJUDGE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The Planning Commission hereby finds the proposed disposition of 16305 Hunsaker Avenue, to eliminate blight and provide affordable residential housing, to be in conformity with the adopted General Plan of the City of Paramount, as required by Section 65402 of the Government Code of the State of California.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 5th day of June 2024.

Gordan Weisenburger, Chair

Attest:

Valerie Zaragoza, Administrative Assistant

[illegible]

JUNE 5, 2024

ORAL REPORT

CLEARWATER SPECIFIC PLAN



To: Honorable Planning Commission
From: John Carver, Planning Director
By: John King, Assistant Planning Director,
AICP
Date: June 5, 2024

Subject: ORAL REPORT – CLEARWATER SPECIFIC PLAN

The City Council adopted the original Clearwater East Specific Plan by ordinance in 1987. Clearwater East is a 68-acre area south of Rosecrans Avenue, west of Paramount Boulevard, north of Somerset Boulevard, and east of the Union Pacific Railroad.

In June 2023, the City Council approved an agreement with Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc. (MIG) for a comprehensive update to the Clearwater East Specific Plan. The specific plan will be renamed the Clearwater Specific Plan. Since beginning the plan update, MIG has been working on project analysis and community engagement.

This evening, Jose Rodriguez and Ryan Kucinski from MIG will detail possible options for the Clearwater area. Planning Commission feedback will be presented to the City Council at an upcoming Council meeting.

JUNE 5, 2024

ORAL REPORT

QUARTERLY UPDATE - WORLD ENERGY SOUND WALL ALONG
FAÇADE AVENUE



To: Honorable Planning Commission

From: John Carver, Planning Director

By:

Date: June 5, 2024

**Subject: ORAL REPORT – QUARTERLY UPDATE: WORLD ENERGY SOUND
WALL ALONG FAÇADE AVENUE**

On April 11, 2022, the City Council approved Resolution No. 22:021, which is an amendment to Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. 757 for the Renewable Fuels Conversion Project at the World Energy Refinery at 14700 Downey Avenue in the M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing) zone. The applicant was AltAir Paramount, LLC. In 2018, World Energy purchased AltAir and the Paramount Refinery, and AltAir became a wholly owned subsidiary of World Energy.

The City Council approval of the amended CUP included conditions of approval. Condition No. 7 requires the applicant to contract with a consultant to develop a report regarding efforts to construct a sound wall. The sound wall would be located on or adjacent to the eastern edge of the rear yards of the homes on the east side of Façade Avenue, north of Rosecrans Avenue. Condition No. 7 also requires the applicant to submit a quarterly progress report detailing best efforts to construct the wall.

AltAir/World Energy has contracted with TranSystems, doing business as Overland, Pacific, and Cutler (OPC), to meet the requirements of Condition No. 7 of Resolution No. 22:021/Amendment to CUP No. 757. The 2024 First Quarter Status Update is attached.



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AltAir Paramount Quarterly Status Update for Sound Wall Right of Way Access

Current Status

1. TranSystems, doing business as Overland, Pacific & Cutler (OPC), reviewed the available maps/plans of the project area from World Energy and publicly available information on formally known as West Santa Ana Branch (WSAB) light rail, now officially named Southeast Gateway Line project from Metro.
2. Metro is finalizing the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIS/R) with the anticipated Metro Board EIR certification occurring in March 2024 (completed) and Federal Transit Administration Record of Decision by late 2024. Metro placed the project on their bid website in May 2023. The bid package is for a Design-Build Contractor.
3. In relation to the soundwall, Metro has decided to build the walls along the Façade residential area to 15 feet as requested by the City of Paramount. The construction is anticipated to begin in 2026, likely preceding completion of construction of AltAir's Conversion Project.
4. AltAir remains engaged in ongoing discussions with the Right of Way stakeholders (Metro and Union Pacific) and expects to continue through the third quarter of this year. No contact has been made with the public, specifically the adjoining property owners, to maintain the integrity of the WSAB EIR process.

Next Steps

1. Based on the recent ruling from the courts, AltAir's project is temporarily on hold while a potential settlement is negotiated. During this hiatus, AltAir continues to work with Union Pacific and MTA regarding MTA's plans for their soundwall and will provide the City with a copy of their plans to determine if any additional efforts on the part of AltAir will be required to reduce the noise impact of AltAir's project.
2. World Energy will continue facilitating communication with UP and MTA supporting the gathering of necessary data.

Respectfully Submitted
Adrian Landa

JUNE 5, 2024

ORAL REPORT

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS

JUNE 5, 2024

PLANNING COMMISSION

COMMENTS FROM CITY ATTORNEY, COMMISSIONERS, AND STAFF