

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA TO APPROVE PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO WASHINGTON BLVD PLANS FOR ACCESS AT ARCO GAS STATION AND COMMERCE SQUARE AREA EAST OF FIDELIA AND ADOPT THE RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Commerce (the "City") is the Lead Agency for the Washington Boulevard Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Boulevard Improvement Project (the "Project") involves the construction of improvements to Washington Boulevard from the Santa Ana Freeway to the City's western boundary, including the reconstruction of the Washington Boulevard roadway surface as well as other related improvements, including the restriping of the street to permit the addition of a single travel lane in each direction (for a total of three travel lanes in each direction); additional improvements will include traffic signal and street light upgrades, sidewalks and curb and gutter repairs and replacement, and a construction of landscaped medians along several portions of the roadway; and

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2010, the City Council certified and approved the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Project (the "EIR"). The EIR concluded that no significant unavoidable environmental impacts would occur with the implementation of the Project; and

WHEREAS, after the environmental document was completed and approved, the City was informed by the owners of Arco Gas Station (ARCO) and Commerce Square Area, that they were concerned with the approved street alignment which would restrict their driveways to right-in and right-out only movements; and

WHEREAS, to address these access issues, the construction work east of Fidelia was deferred as the last phase of the construction work in order to work out access issues to ARCO on the south side and to COMMERCE SQUARE on the north side; and

WHEREAS, the City revised the plans to allow left turn-in access to both ARCO and COMMERCE SQUARE; and

WHEREAS, to implement these improvements, some adjustments will be made to street grades and alignment for the Washington Boulevard as shown on the Exhibits provided in the staff report; and

WHEREAS, an Amendment to the EIR for the Project has been prepared which concludes that the current proposed modifications to the Washington Boulevard Project do not change the conclusions in the EIR. No new potentially significant impacts or

increases to the severity of significant impacts were identified that would change the conclusions contained in the EIR prepared for the Project.

NOW THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS

Section 1. All of the recitals set forth above are true and correct.

Section 2. Each and all of the Findings and Determinations contained in this document are based upon competent and substantial evidence, both oral and written, contained in the entire administrative record relating to the Project and the Amendment to the EIR.

Section 3. The City Council hereby makes the following Findings and Determinations:

- A. The City of Commerce, as Lead Agency, has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Amendment to the EIR prepared for the proposed changes, as set forth above, to the Washington Boulevard Improvement Project.
- B. The Amendment to the EIR determined that no significant adverse impacts would result from the proposed modifications to the Project.

Section 4. The Amendment to the EIR for the Project is hereby certified as complete and adequate pursuant to CEQA on the basis of the findings and determinations set forth herein.

Section 5. The modifications to the Washington Boulevard Project as shown on the Exhibits provided in the staff report are hereby approved.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of August, 2016.

CITY OF COMMERCE

Ivan Altamirano, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lena Shumway, City Clerk