

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Street Vacation of a Portion of McCoppin Street for a City Plaza Project]

Ordinance vacating a portion of McCoppin Street west of Valencia Street that is generally bounded by Highway 101 to the west, Valencia Street to the east, Assessor's Block 3503 Lot 003 to the north, and Assessor's Block 3502 Lot 113 to the south, for the purposes of the McCoppin Hub City Plaza Project; reducing the official sidewalk width on the southerly side of McCoppin Street, establishing a new sidewalk on the easterly side of Valencia Street adjacent to the street vacation area, and reducing the official right-of-way width of this portion of McCoppin Street; approving an interdepartmental transfer of the vacated area from the Department of Public Works to the Division of Real Estate; making findings under the California Environmental Quality Act and adopting findings that the vacation and public right-of-way changes are consistent the City's General Plan and eight priority policies of City Planning Code Section 101.1; and authorizing actions in furtherance of this Ordinance.

Existing Law

California Streets and Highways Code sections 8300 et seq. and Public Works Code section 787(a) govern the process for the vacation of City streets and public service easements. Board of Supervisors Ordinance No. 1061, entitled "Regulating the Width of Sidewalks," is an uncodified ordinance in the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Book of General Ordinances, in effect May 11, 1910, that establishes or modifies official sidewalk width. Administrative Code Chapter 23 establishes procedures for the interdepartmental transfer of City-owned property.

Amendments to Current Law

This legislation would vacate a portion of McCoppin Street west of Valencia Street to implement the construction of a City Plaza on McCoppin Hub that provides a plaza with planter boxes, seat walls, accessible foot paths, and a multi-use public gathering space. The ordinance also reduces the sidewalk width of the southerly side of McCoppin St., establishes new sidewalk on the easterly side of Valencia St., and reduces the McCoppin St. right-of-way to include only the sidewalks on both sides of McCoppin St. and the existing bicycle lane. The legislation also would make an interdepartmental transfer of the property from DPW to the Division of Real Estate to accommodate the subsequent creation of a City Plaza at this site with a community steward. The property transfer would not occur until the street vacation legislation and a zoning designation change of the vacated portion of McCoppin St. are final and effective. The legislation would make California Environmental Quality Act findings and adopt findings of consistency with the General Plan and the eight priority policies of Planning Code Section 101.1.

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