

AGENDA ITEM: 5.

DATE: 05-18-09

STAFF REPORT

PROPOSED VACATION OF EXCESS STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY

DATE: May 18, 2009

TO: Lancaster Planning Commission

FROM: Planning Department

LOCATIONS: Approximately 17,777 square feet of Date Avenue and Jackman Street, located between Jackman Street and Kettering Street

REQUEST: Review proposed vacation of excess street right-of-way and determine if it is in conformity with the General Plan

RECOMMENDATION: Find that the vacation of excess street right-of-way at the location described is in conformance with the adopted General Plan.

ANALYSIS: The Public Works Department has received a request for the vacation of excess street right-of-way. The location is on the east side of Date Avenue and the south side of Jackman Street between Jackman Street and Kettering Street. Under Section 65402(a) of the California Government Code, the Planning Commission is required to review any proposed vacation of a road right-of-way, and determine whether it is in conformance with the adopted General Plan. See the attached diagram for location of the request.

A central principle of the City's General Plan is to ensure adequate street access and circulation for various uses. The construction of a new City park requires the vacation of a number of City streets in the north downtown area. Therefore, vacation of the street right-of-way will not result in the loss of circulation, or access to the site or surrounding area.

Based upon this analysis, staff recommends that the Commission find the proposed vacation to be in conformance with the General Plan. This finding will be transmitted to the City Council when they consider the proposed vacation.

Respectfully submitted,

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