

AGENDA ITEM: 4.

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STAFF REPORT

PROPOSED VACATION OF EXCESS ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY

DATE: September 21, 2009

TO: Lancaster Planning Commission

FROM: Planning Department

LOCATION: Approximately 9,166 square feet located north of Avenue J and south of Lancaster Boulevard on the east side of 40th Street East

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

RECOMMENDATION: Find that the vacation of excess road 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 road right-of-way. The location is 999.79 feet north of Avenue J and 1,333.06 feet south of Lancaster Boulevard on the east side of 40th Street East as shown on the attached map. Under Section 65402(a) of the California Government Code, the Planning Commission is required to review any proposed vacation 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 access and circulation for various uses. Previously, the right-of-way was dedicated in a certain configuration for a planned parking facility which is no longer proposed and the right-of-way dedication is no longer needed. Therefore, vacation of the road 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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