

JOINT REPORT NO. 1

CITY ENGINEER

BUREAU OF RIGHT OF WAY AND LAND

May 4, 1964

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Honorable Board of Public Works
of the City of Los Angeles

Gentlemen:

EXPOSITION BOULEVARD BETWEEN NORTHVALE ROAD AND OVERLAND
AVENUE ADJACENT TO THE PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY
RIGHT-OF-WAY

RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) That your Board instruct the Bureau of Right of Way and Land to negotiate with the Pacific Electric Railway Company for a voluntary dedication of a two-foot wide easement for fence and planting purposes adjacent to Exposition Boulevard between 280 feet west of Dunleer Drive and 980 feet west of Dunleer Drive, and to report to your Board the estimated cost of obtaining the easement in the event the easement cannot be obtained voluntarily.

(2) That if and when the easement is obtained, the City Engineer be authorized to request the State Division of Highways to construct 700 feet of 5-foot-high chain link fence adjacent to Exposition Boulevard.

(3) That a copy of this report be sent to Councilwoman Wyman.

TRANSMITTALS

(1) Communication No. 79181, from Councilwoman Rosalind Wiener Wyman, dated March 12, 1964. Referred March 18, 1964.

(2) Sketch.

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DISCUSSION

Councilwoman Wyman requests that an investigation be made to determine if property can be acquired from the Pacific Electric Railway Company along Exposition Boulevard between Northvale Road and Overland Avenue, so that the State Division of Highways may erect a wall, fence, or protective planting to replace trees and shrubs destroyed during freeway construction.

The construction of the Santa Monica Freeway southwesterly of Exposition Boulevard required the relocation of the Pacific Electric Railway Company tracks. The relocation of the track also necessitated lowering the tracks and regreeding the earth banks. During the grading operations, trees and oleander shrubs growing in the railroad right-of-way were removed.

Exposition Boulevard is improved with concrete curbs, 2-foot gutter, a 5-foot-wide concrete sidewalk on the east side, and a 35.42-foot-wide asphalt concrete roadway on a 50-foot street dedication. The west property line is along the back edge of the west curb.

The top of the new slope is approximately 3 feet west of the west curb line of Exposition Boulevard. Oleander shrubs and any other shrub or plant that would provide the low dense growth that is necessary to discourage children from trespassing on the railroad property and screen the railroad

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property from view from the residential area would require at least a distance of 4 feet to provide a clearance between the vehicular traffic on Exposition Boulevard and the plants or shrubs.

To provide the proper clearance, it would require planting on the 1-1/2 to 1 slope which is not advisable since cuts steeper than 1-1/2 to 1 would be necessary to provide watering trenches around the plants. These cuts would increase the possibility of erosion which could endanger the entire earth bank.

Therefore, it is recommended that a 5-foot-high fence be constructed 2 feet west of the west curb line of Exposition Boulevard and that ivy be planted in front of the fence so that it will climb the fence. This will provide a physical barrier to discourage children from trespassing on railroad property and will present a pleasing appearance when viewed from the residential area.

It is understood that the State Division of Highways is willing to construct the 5-foot fence.

Following this proposal, the City would acquire a 2-foot-wide construction and planting easement from the Pacific Electric Railway Company. The State would construct the

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5-foot-high chain link fence and the Homeowners of Exposition Boulevard Association members could obtain, plant, and maintain the ivy between the west curb and the proposed fence.

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