



REPORT TO COUNCIL City of Sacramento

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CONSENT
December 18, 2007

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: The Summary Vacation of the Segment of Traction Avenue, a section of alleyway and Barstow Street west of Colfax Street and north of Arden Way

Location/Council District: The segment of Traction Avenue, Barstow Street and the alley located north of Arden Way and west of Colfax Street (formerly Cedar Avenue) of the Plat of North Sacramento Subdivision No. 9 located in Council District 1 (Attachment 2, Page 4)

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution** vacating the segments of Traction Avenue, Barstow Street and the alley described in Exhibit A and Exhibit B of the Resolution reserving any existing utility service easements along and within the subject streets and alley to be vacated.

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Presenters: Not Applicable

Department: Development Services

Division: Development Engineering

Organization No: 4887

Description/Analysis

Issue: The Department of General Services has requested the vacation (abandonment) of these subject streets and alley west of Colfax Street and north of Arden Way for the purpose of preparing the three adjacent parcels (Assessor's Parcel Numbers 275-0071-001, 275-0072-001 and 275-0072-002) for future sale.

Policy Considerations: The Council action recommended in this report supports the City's policy to promote infill development, rehabilitation and reuse that contributes positively to the surrounding area in addition to being consistent with the General Plan.

Committee/Commission Action: None

Environmental Considerations: The Development Services Department Environmental Planning Services Division reviewed this project and determined that the activity is exempt from the provisions of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines. Where a project has less than significant effects on the environment and discerns with certainty that this project will not have any significant effects on the environment and is not subject to CEQA, it is exempt.

Rationale for Recommendation: The vacation of these subject streets and alley will promote future development on this site which was formerly a storage yard for the City of Sacramento. The streets and alley are only recorded encumbrances that do not serve as access for vehicular travel.

Financial Considerations: The Department of General Services (applicant) is responsible for all fees required to process the vacation application and holds all financial responsibility of any conditions placed on this vacation request.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): None

Respectfully Submitted by: 
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Manager, Development Engineering

Approved by: 
William A. Thomas
Director of Development Services

Recommendation Approved:


RAY KERRIDGE
City Manager

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Background

The Summary Vacation of the Segment of Traction Avenue, a segment of alleyway and Barstow Street West of Colfax Street and north of Arden Way.

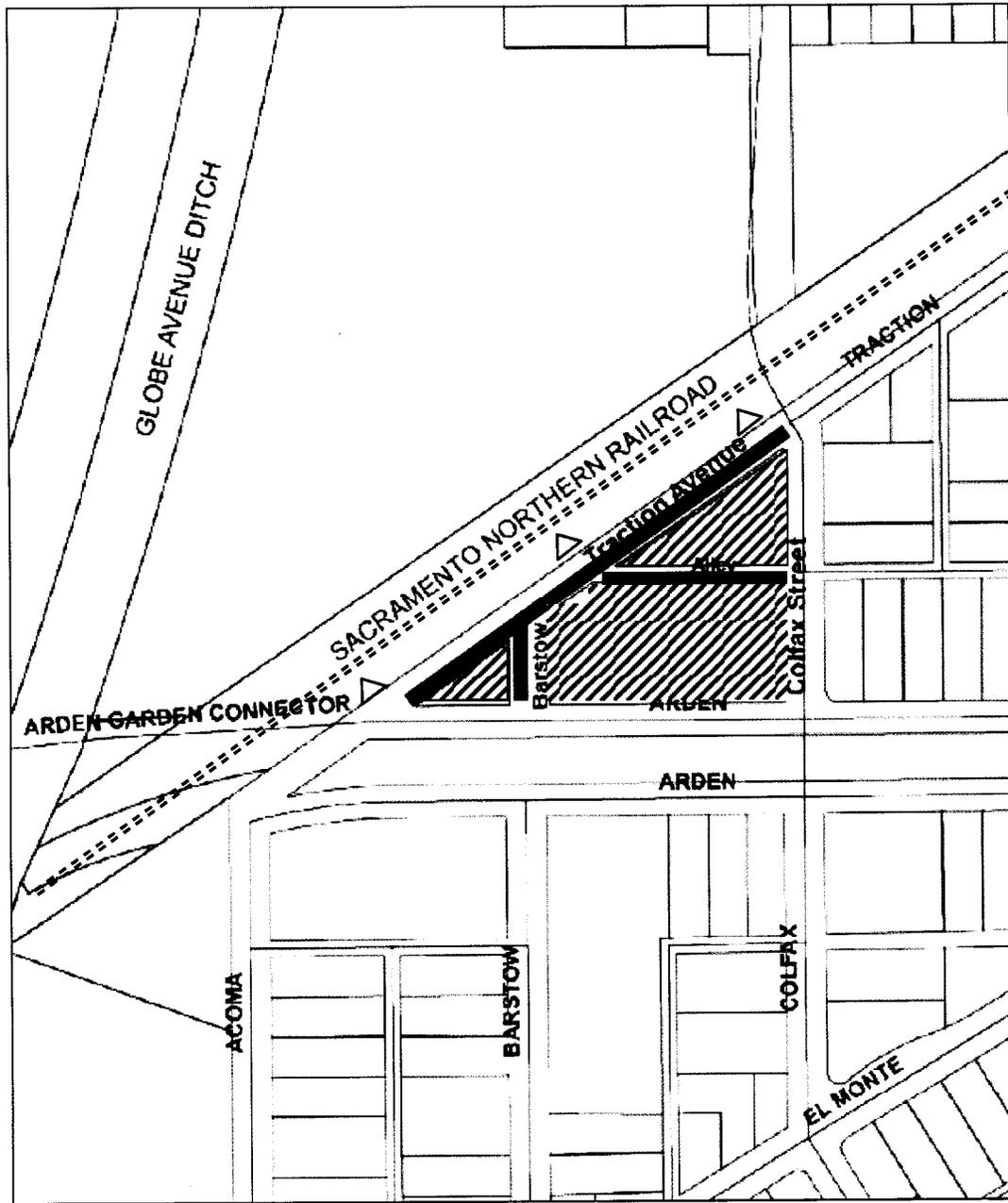
The Department of General Services of the City of Sacramento has requested the vacation of the segment of Traction Avenue, a segment of alleyway and Barstow Street located west of Colfax Street and north of Arden Way in north Sacramento. (Attachment 2, Page 4) These streets are recorded encumbrances but do not physically exist. The area in which they lie is part of a former storage yard for the City of Sacramento.

The City of Sacramento is making the site ready for sale and future development, in accordance with Council direction in 2004 to surplus the vacated site. The elimination of these recorded encumbrances will allow parcels 275-0071-001, 275-0072-001 and 275-0072-002 to become more marketable and desirable for future development. The existing utilities within the areas will remain and not be re-routed and is not a condition of this vacation request. Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) has requested that a 20 foot easement be retained along the north side Traction Ave for access to their tower facilities. However, we have found that no such public or private access or utility easement currently exists. General Services does acknowledge PG&E's need for access to their facilities but proposes access along the pedestrian bike trail north of Traction Avenue with a documented access agreement between the City and PG&E.

Staff finds that this request for vacation is in conformance with the State of California Streets and Highways Code Section 8334(a) because both subject roads and alley are excess rights-of-way not required for street or highway purposes. Various City departments including the Department of Transportation, Police and Fire, and the Department of Utilities reviewed and support this vacation. After consideration and review staff recommends that the City Council approve this vacation request.

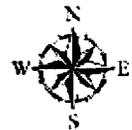
- △ PG&E Towers
- Northern Bike Trail
- ▬ Subject Area to be Vacated
- ▨ Parcels to be Merged

AREA MAP



0 50 100 200 300 400 Feet

Traction, Alley and Barstow Vacation



RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

THE SUMMARY VACATION OF THE SEGMENT OF TRACTION AVENUE, A SECTION OF ALLEYWAY AND BARSTOW STREET WEST OF COLFAX STREET AND NORTH OF ARDEN WAY WITHIN COUNCIL DISTRICT 1, VACATION PROCEEDING NO. VAC07-019

BACKGROUND

- A. Department of General Services Facility and Real Property Management Division of the City of Sacramento has requested the vacation of the segment of Traction Avenue, the alley and Barstow Street located west of Colfax Street in north Sacramento.
- B. The City of Sacramento Planning Director reviewed this vacation proceeding pursuant to Sacramento City Code 2.112.080 and State of California Government Code Section 65402 and concluded that this vacation is consistent with the City's General Plan.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. Subject to the reservation below in Section 2, the segments of Traction Avenue, Barstow Street and alley located west of Colfax Street within Council District 1, more specifically described in Exhibit A and Exhibit B of this resolution is hereby ordered vacated.
- Section 2. Pursuant to Streets and Highways Code Section 8306 and 8340, all existing utility easements located within and along the subject streets and alley to be vacated will be reserved more specifically described in Exhibit A and B of this resolution for all the purposes and reasons described in Streets and Highways Code Sections 8306 and 8340 including, but not limited to, the right at any time, or from time to time, to construct, maintain, operate, replace, remove, or renew any public service facilities in, upon, or over and across the subject property to be vacated.
- Section 3. The vacation of the segments of Traction Avenue, Barstow Street and the subject alley located west of Colfax Street within Council District 1, more specifically described in Exhibit A and Exhibit B is made pursuant to State of California Streets and Highways Code, Division 9, Part 3, Chapter 4. Pursuant to California Streets and Highways Code Section 8334, the City Council finds that both segments of the public roads and alley more

specifically described in Exhibit A and Exhibit B are excess right-of-ways not required for street purposes.

Section 4. The City Clerk shall cause a certified copy of this Resolution, attested by the City Clerk under seal, to be recorded. The vacation shall be effective when the City Clerk records this Resolution with the County Recorder.

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EXHIBIT "A"

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR ABANDONMENT OF PUBLIC EASEMENTS
NORTHWEST CORNER COLFAX ST. AND ARDEN WAY

All that certain real property situated in the City of Sacramento, County of Sacramento, State of California, described as follows:

All that portion of Traction Avenue, Barstow Street (formerly Birch Avenue), and an Alley as shown on the map of North Sacramento Subdivision No. 9, filed in Book 15, Record Maps, Page 2, of Sacramento County Records, described as follows:

All that portion of Traction Avenue from the northerly line of Arden Way to the westerly line of Colfax Street, Barstow Street from the northerly line of Arden Way to the southeasterly line of Traction Avenue, and an alley within Block 26 of said Record Map from the southeasterly line of Traction Avenue to the westerly line of Colfax Street. These Public Easements are more particularly depicted of attached Exhibit "B".

End of Legal Description



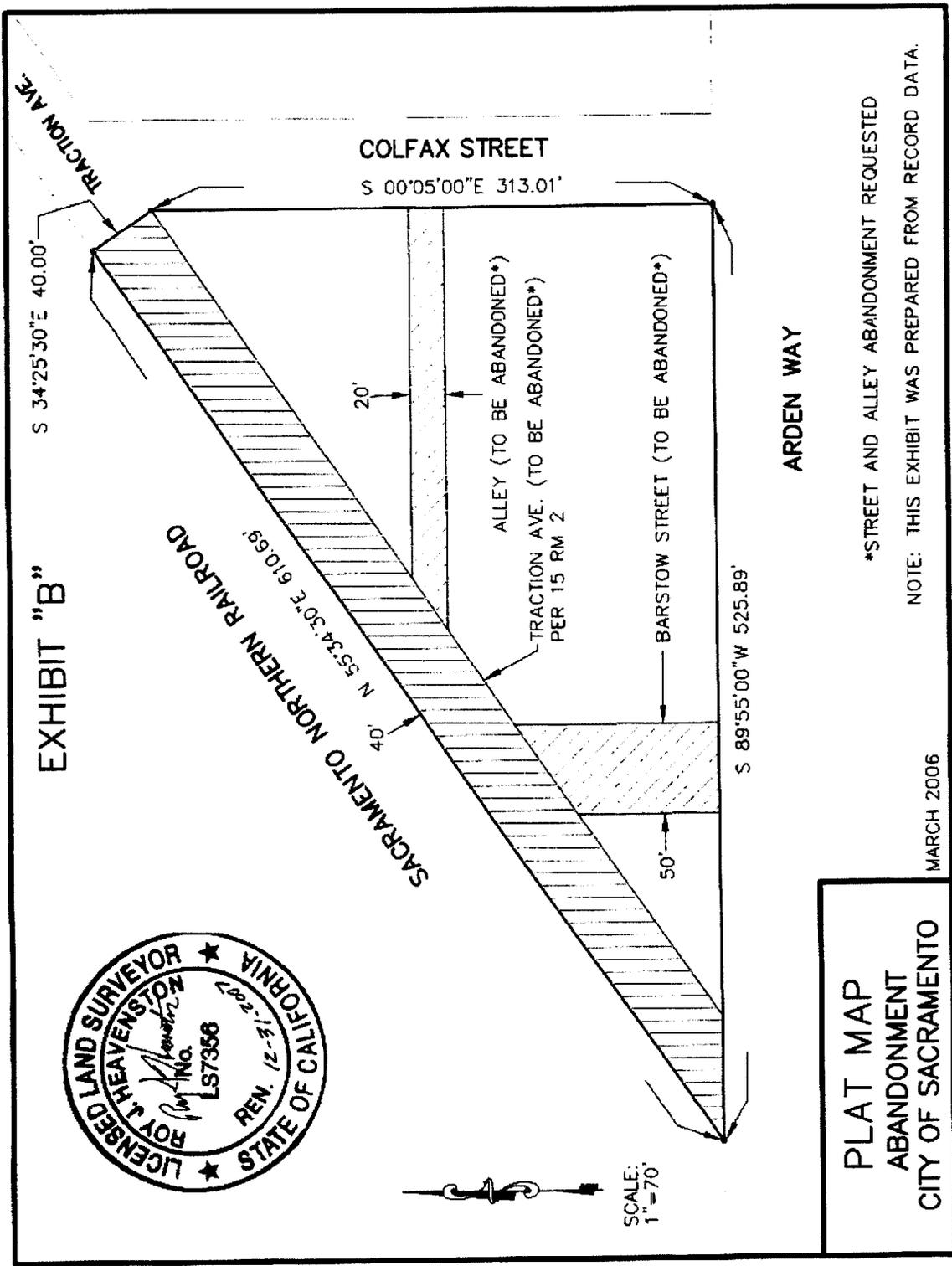
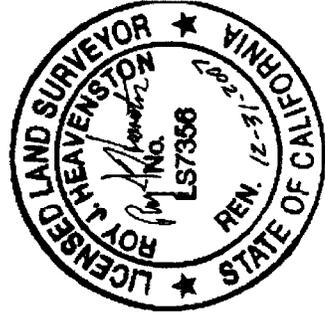


EXHIBIT "B"



SCALE: 1"=70'

ARDEN WAY

PLAT MAP
 ABANDONMENT
 CITY OF SACRAMENTO

*STREET AND ALLEY ABANDONMENT REQUESTED

NOTE: THIS EXHIBIT WAS PREPARED FROM RECORD DATA.

MARCH 2006