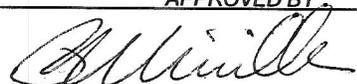


AGENDA ITEM NO.

COUNCIL MEETING

APPROVED BY


 DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

CITY MANAGER

April 15, 2008

 FROM: PATRICK N. WIEMILLER, Director
 Public Works Department
 

 BY: SCOTT L. MOZIER, PE, City Engineer/Assistant Director
 Public Works Department, Engineering Division
 

 SUBJECT: APPROVE THE ACQUISITION OF A STREET EASEMENT FROM
 PAINTBRUSH, LLC, ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST
 CORNER OF WEST ASHLAN AND NORTH BLYTHE AVENUES (LOCATED
 IN DISTRICT 1)

KEY RESULT AREA

Attain full air quality compliance by 2013.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Council approve the acquisition of a public street easement necessary for the widening of Ashlan Avenue from Paintbrush, LLC (Limited Liability Company), on property located at the northeast corner of West Ashlan and North Blythe Avenues, for the appraised value of \$101,423, and authorize the Assistant Public Works Director to sign all documents necessary to complete the transaction.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This project is implemented by the City in partnership with the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Fresno. Ashlan Avenue serves as the main access to and from Freeway 99 for the residents of Fresno living along the Ashlan Avenue corridor, west of Freeway 99. This area is experiencing significant growth. Portions of Ashlan between the Freeway 99 and Blythe are a two-lane street that constricts the smooth flow of traffic during peak hours. The acquisition of a public street easement on a vacant parcel at the northeast corner of West Ashlan and North Blythe Avenues will assist in widening Ashlan from the Freeway to Blythe.

KEY OBJECTIVE BALANCE

Customer Satisfaction will be achieved by improving traffic flow for motorists along Ashlan Avenue, between Freeway 99 and Blythe. Employee Satisfaction will derive from reduced complaints from motorist moving along this important traffic corridor, and prudent Financial Management results from purchasing the necessary street easement for the appraised value.

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BACKGROUND

This project will add an eastbound lane on the south side of Ashlan Avenue, between Freeway 99 and Blythe Avenue, and extend the second westbound lane to Blythe. Besides the obvious paving work, the project will also include landscaping, streetlights and striping.

Just west of the Yosemite Falls Café and Quality Inn on Ashlan is a 7.43 acre vacant parcel at the northeast corner of West Ashlan and North Blythe Avenues that is owned by Paintbrush, LLC. The company has accepted the City's offer to purchase a 14,489 square foot easement along its Ashlan Avenue frontage for the appraised value of \$101,423, and has signed the necessary documents to convey the easement to the City. The easement is illustrated on the attached Exhibit A. The City Attorney's office has reviewed the documents, and approved them as to form.

This project has no potential to adversely impact air quality or any other environmental area, so it is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"). A Notice of Exemption was filed with the Fresno County Clerk on October 23, 2007.

FISCAL IMPACT

Project construction costs are estimated at \$521,973, and a contract in the amount of \$449,973 was awarded to Tri-County Grading & Paving by the Council on March 4, 2008. The purchase price for the required easement that is the subject of this report is \$101,423.

PNW/SLM/NLH/eam
Apprv Acq of Str Easement NE Cor W Ashlan-N Blythe 4-15-08

Attachment: Exhibit A (Drawing of Easement)

EXHIBIT "A"



LINE TABLE

	BEARING	LENGTH
L1	N 0°23'43" W	25.00'
L2	N 90°00'00" E	20.00'
L3	S 0°23'43" E	5.00'
L4	N 0°29'07" W	22.00'
L5	S 0°00'00" E	10.00'
L6	N 90°00'00" E	10.00'
L7	S 74°31'17" E	29.98'
L8	N 90°00'00" E	9.74'
L9	S 74°31'17" E	18.74'
L10	S 90°00'00" W	116.68'
L11	S 90°00'00" W	5.41'
L12	N 45°11'52" W	20.52'

**LOT 29
DEWITT COLONY
PLAT BK. 4, PG. 72, F.C.R.**

APN 311-320-40

LEGEND



INDICATES AREA TO BE DEDICATED = 14,489 S.F.±



INDICATES AREA PREVIOUSLY DEDICATED FOR PUBLIC STREET PURPOSES BY THE MAP OF DEWITT COLONY RECORDED IN BOOK 4 OF PLATS AT PAGE 72, F.C.R. AND ACCEPTED BY A COUNTY MINUTE ORDER RECORDED FEBRUARY 7, 1913 IN MISC. BOOK 29 AT PAGE 9, O.R.F.C.



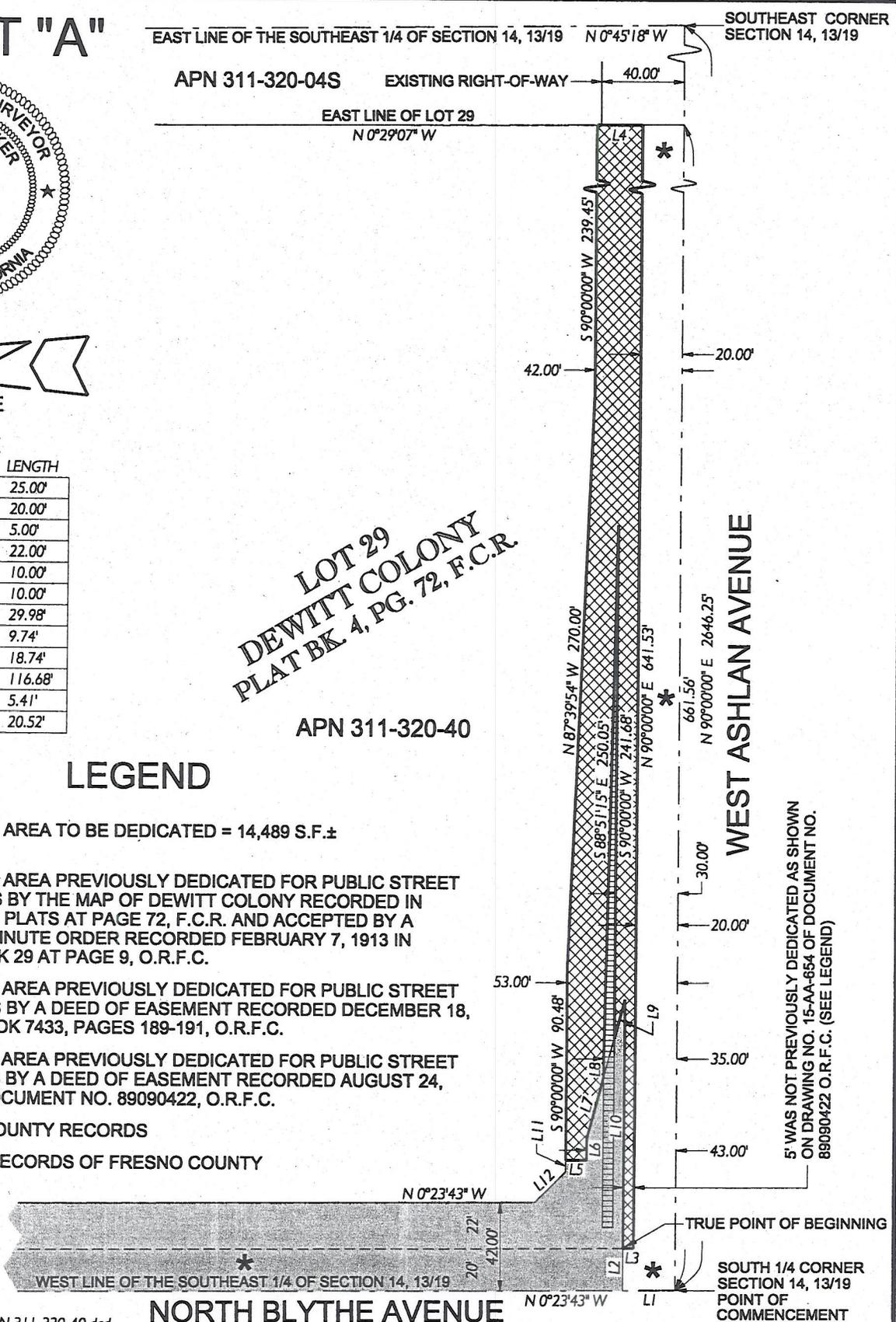
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NORTH BLYTHE AVENUE

TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING
SOUTH 1/4 CORNER SECTION 14, 13/19
POINT OF COMMENCEMENT

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