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November 25, 2014

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
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Dear Supervisors:

**LA PLAZA DE CULTURA Y ARTES PASEO PROJECT
APPROVE THE SECOND ADDENDUM TO THE
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND
APPROVE THE PASEO PROJECT
FIRST DISTRICT
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The recommended actions will allow the LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes Foundation, a nonprofit organization and current County Lessee operating the cultural center known as LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes, to implement the proposed pedestrian amenities and enhancements to the existing paseos and pedestrian walkways in front of the cultural center.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Certify that the Second Addendum to the previously certified Final Environmental Impact Report for the Plaza de Cultura y Artes Project has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the County and that the Board has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Second Addendum and Final Environmental Impact Report prior to approving revisions to the project; approve the Second Addendum.
2. Approve the proposed Paseo Project revisions to the approved Plaza de Cultura y Artes Project to redesign the existing outdoor paseos and pedestrian walkways in the 500 block of Main Street, between Main and Spring Streets, in downtown Los Angeles.

3. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer, or his designee, to take any other actions consistent with and/or necessary for the implementation of the foregoing approvals.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The recommended actions seek the Board's approval, as the lead agency, of the Second Addendum to the previously certified Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR), pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). In addition, the recommended approvals will allow the LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes Foundation (Foundation), a nonprofit organization and current County Lessee operating the cultural center known as LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes, to implement the proposed Paseo Project for the existing paved paseos and pedestrian walkways connecting North Main Street and Spring Street and the New High Street turn-around in front of the cultural center.

Background

In September 2004, your Board approved various actions related to developing a Mexican American multimedia and cultural center dedicated to broadening the public's appreciation of the diverse contributions of Mexicans and Mexican Americans settlers to the history of Los Angeles. The Board certified a Final Environmental Impact Report (2004 Final EIR) and approved the Plaza de Cultura y Artes Project (LA Plaza Project) and various actions, including the execution of a Lease Agreement (Master Lease), relating to the development of the cultural center.

The LA Plaza Project included the rehabilitation of the shell and core of the historic Plaza House and Vickrey-Brunswig Building and was completed in December 2009. In October 2010, the Foundation completed the tenant improvements to the two historic buildings and relocated their administrative offices to the fifth floor of the Vickrey-Brunswig Building.

In September 2010, the Board approved an Addendum to the previously certified 2004 Final EIR and approved refinements to the Project to allow for a more pedestrian-oriented site plan to facilitate the flow of visitor traffic through exhibits on the first and second floors of the two historic buildings, and between Main Street and Spring Street. The refinements were completed in April 2011.

Proposed Project

The Foundation is requesting approval from the County to improve the paseos and pedestrian walkways in front of the cultural center to further enhance pedestrian amenities and connectivity between Main and Spring Streets, and to complement the surrounding historic context with a colorful design concept (Attachment A). The proposed Paseo Project will also complement the adjacent LA Plaza Cultura Village Project, approved by the Board on October 28, 2014, which incorporates a paseo (pedestrian trail) from Union Station to Fort Moore Pioneer Monument, including the section in this project to educate visitors on the history of Los Angeles through interpretive elements and unique way finding signage.

The proposed Paseo Project includes the re-design and re-development of the existing paseos, walkways, turnaround, and other pedestrian elements and outdoor spaces. The Paseo Project includes a series of new passive features and pedestrian amenities, such as historic narrative on pavings and walls, water elements, special lighting features, seating and planting arrangements, and sunshades. The cultural landscape will be illustrated through the application of historic maps and related information through various media techniques onto vertical and horizontal landscape surfaces contained within the paseo to serve as an educational and artistic feature throughout the

plaza. The paseo will integrate an artistic interpretation of the Los Angeles River through colorful paving and water features. In addition, way finding directional signs will be spaced throughout the paseo to enhance the overall historic paseo interpretive experience.

Construction and operation of the Paseo Project have been designed to avoid any adverse impacts on the protected and fenced historic cemetery and cemetery memorial garden and other sensitive areas adjacent to the project area. These designs include minimizing subsurface disturbance in areas of native soil by utilizing existing footings for structural support of shade structures and limiting earthwork to areas of known artificial fill and previous disturbance. Water features would be very shallow and contain limited volumes either above ground or in shallow artificial fill. New plantings are designed for above ground planters to eliminate the potential for subsurface root intrusions.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1), by maximizing the effectiveness of process, structure, and operations to support timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public services. It also directs that we ensure Community Support and Responsiveness (Goal 2), by strengthening and enhancing the County's capacity to sustain essential County services in a proactive and responsive manner. Lastly, it directs us to provide Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3), by maximizing opportunities to measurably improve client and community outcomes and leverage resources through the continuous integration of health, community, and public safety services.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total estimated cost of the Project is \$1.5 million, of which \$300,000 is privately funded, and a \$1.2 million from a Regional Park and Open Space District Proposition A funds grant. The proposed Project will be constructed, operated, and funded by the Foundation under Lease Agreement provisions previously approved by the Board in September 2004.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Upon the Board's approval of the Second Addendum to the EIR and in accordance with Section 6.2 of the previously Board approved Lease Agreement, the Foundation will be required to satisfy the Conditions to Commence Construction before the County can issue a Notice to Proceed for the Project.

Supervisor Molina currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Foundation. The directors and officers of the Foundation do not benefit financially from serving in both positions. As the Foundation's primary purpose is to support the Board in the rehabilitation and development of the El Pueblo properties, County Counsel has advised that the conflict of interest laws would not preclude the County from approving these recommendations. Further, the law does not limit Supervisor Molina's ability to participate in the County's discussions or decisions regarding the project or these recommendations provided her affiliation with the Foundation is noted in the official record at the time of any decision.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On September 2004, the Board certified the LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes Project EIR and in

September 2010, the Board approved an Addendum for the Refined Approved Project. The Second Addendum to the Final EIR (Attachment B) analyzes potential environmental effects, which may be associated with changes in project scope to allow for an enhanced pedestrian experience through the redevelopment of the paseos, walkways, and other pedestrian elements and outdoor spaces in this proposed Paseo Project.

The Second Addendum to the Final EIR demonstrates that environmental analysis, impacts and mitigation requirements identified in the 2004 EIR for the LA Plaza Project remain substantively unchanged by the paseo re-design in the proposed Project. The proposed Project would not result in any new significant impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified impact disclosed in the certified EIR. The County has prepared an addendum as required when some changes or additions to the Final EIR are necessary, but none of the factors requiring subsequent documentation have occurred. The mitigation measures from the certified Final EIR apply to the project and will be monitored for compliance.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Pursuant to the Master Lease, the Foundation will be responsible for negotiating and executing any contracts that are required to complete the Project. The Foundation's contracts will contain covenants requiring compliance with labor regulations, performance bonds, and insurance coverage that are consistent with County standards.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There is no impact to current County services or projects.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval of the recommended actions by the Board, please forward an adopted copy of the Board letter to the Chief Executive Office, Facilities and Asset Management Division.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

11/25/2014

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'WTF', followed by a large, stylized flourish that resembles a heart or a large 'M' shape, and then a horizontal line extending to the right.

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Chief Executive Officer

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Enclosures

c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
County Counsel
LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes Foundation

November 25, 2014

ATTACHMENT A

**LA PLAZA DE CULTURA Y ARTES PASEO PROJECT
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**DESIGN CONCEPT
(See Attached)**

LA PLAZA PASEO



DATE:

06/24/2014

The LA Plaza Paseo project will be a unique opportunity to capture Los Angeles' storied history and culture through the creation of a new urban space. Situated in downtown Los Angeles, the proposed site is located across the street from the historic El Pueblo and positioned between the LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes and La Placita Church (1822). Additionally, the project site is linear in shape and extends from Main Street to the East and Spring Street to the West. The LA Plaza Paseo project is intended to be one part of larger pedestrian 'paseo' trail that links Union Station with Fort Moore Memorial. Safe pedestrian circulation, access and visual sightlines will be key consideration for the overall design.

CONCEPT

The conceptual direction for the design of the LA Plaza Paseo project is inspired by the sites various storytellers- the early multi-cultural settlers of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles River, early farmers. These stories will be interpreted as a series of experiences within the project that could include historic narratives on paving and walls, water elements, special lighting features, seating and planting arrangements. A strong identity, iconic experiences and sustainability are primary objectives of the design approach.

PROGRAM

This new LA Plaza Paseo urban space will be programmed for passive uses and complement the surrounding historic context with a provocative design that will include a variety of memorable pedestrian experiences. Collectively, these experiences will offer the new urban space an identity all its own and be a destination in the city. The following is a brief description of the main areas of the project:

- Main Street Plaza (between LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes and Campo Santo Cemetery) is intended to provide multiple functions. The space is comprised of 2 artistic shade structures, a raised podium, an area for informal seating, a cascading water feature and native plantings. Proposed paving includes stone, concrete unit pavers, colored concrete and decomposed granite.
- The Garden Walk located midway through the site is imagined as a densely vegetated garden with canopy trees, colorful understory planting and raised corten steel planter walls. A simple water course is also proposed in this area.
- Spring Street Plaza is structured to address a 4 foot grade change and the western façade of La Placita church. The removal of a vehicular round-a-bout will reclaim the space needed to create a multiple use plaza that includes shade trees, civic steps, understory planting and a mist fountain embedded with sculptural 'boulders' made of mosaic tiles and other colorful materials.

IMPLEMENTATION

The implementation of the new LA Plaza Paseo project will require extensive coordination and commitment to working within strict guidelines associated with the historic context and the existing cemetery. Care will be taken to limit the amount of construction activity below the surface of the existing grade; especially in the area located between the cemetery and LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes.



Eye Level Perspective On Main Street



SITE CONTEXT

CESAR E CHAVEZ AVE

SUNSET BOULEVARD

CITY HALL

UNION STATION

LA RIVER



FORT MOORE MEMORIAL

CULTURA VILLAGE

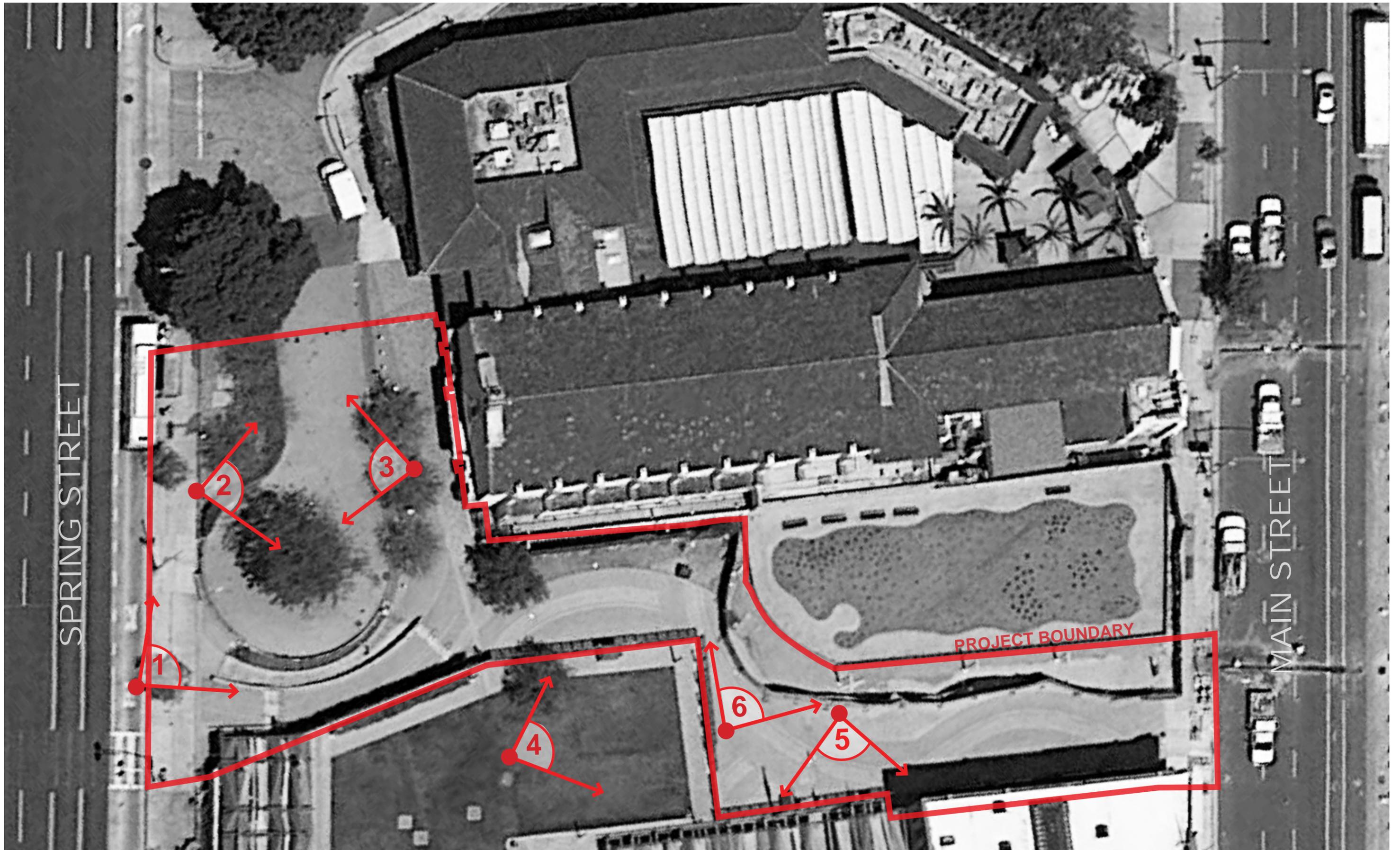
LA PLAZA PASEO

EL PUEBLO

UNION STATION

PROJECT

SITE MAP





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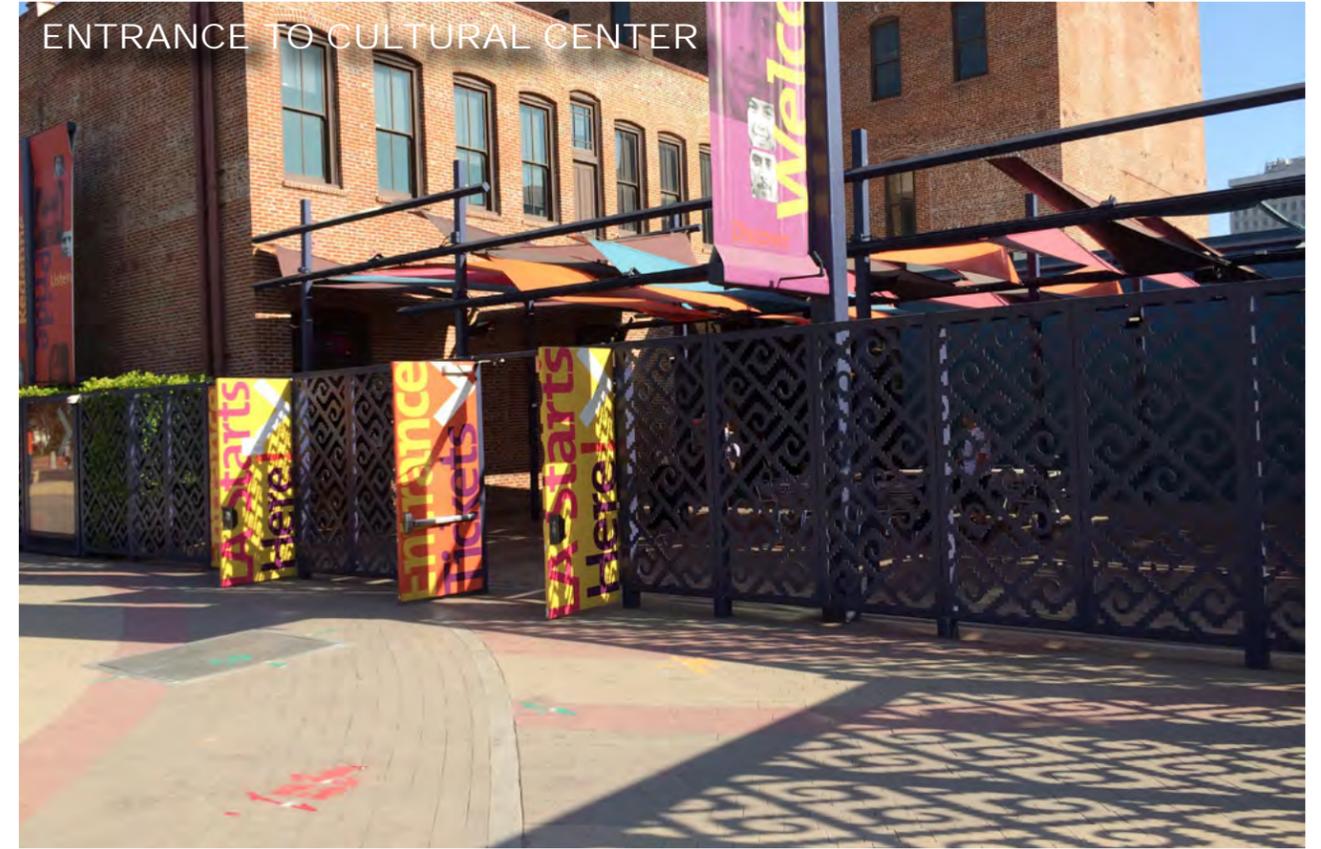
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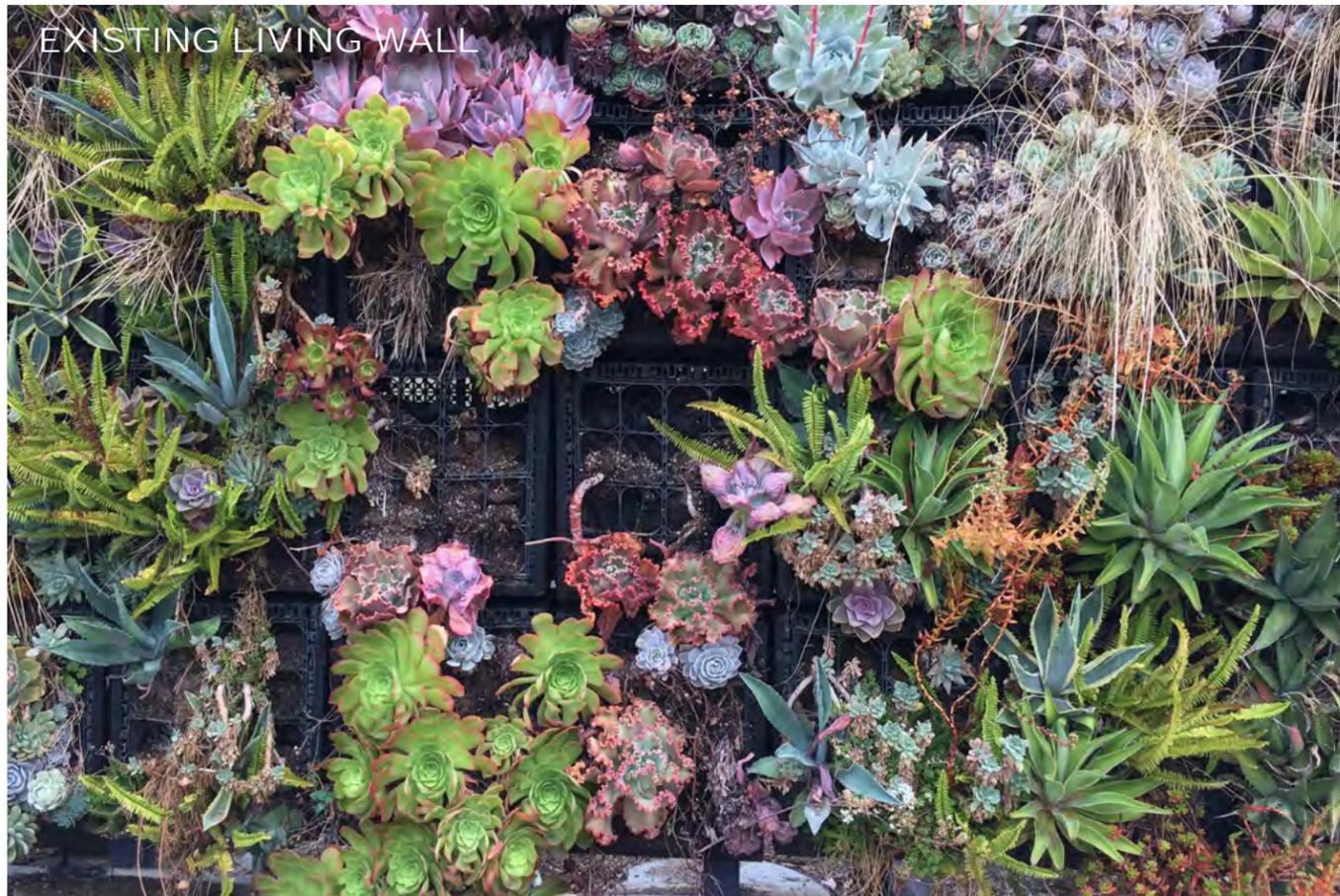
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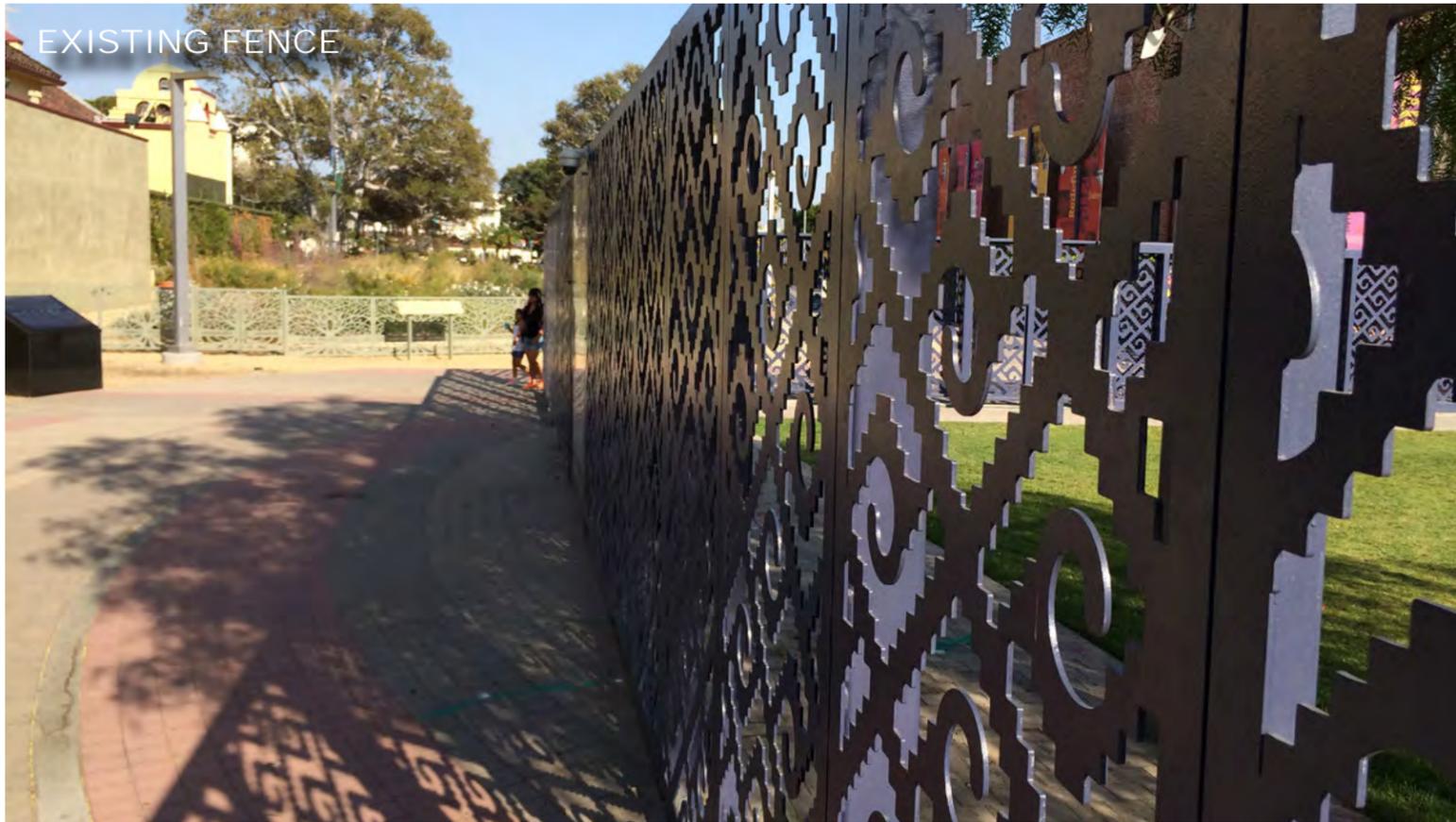


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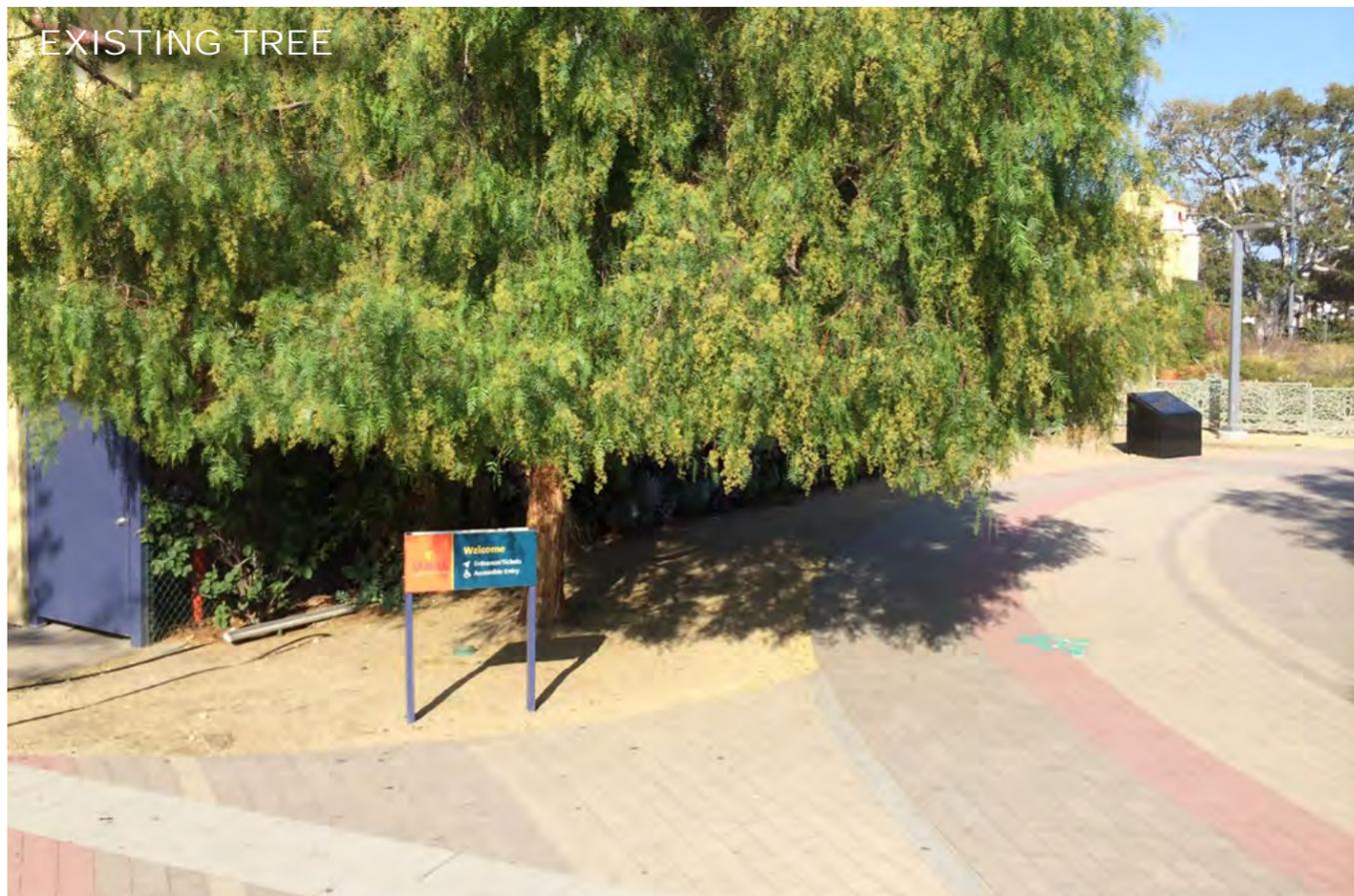




EXISTING FENCE



VAULT



EXISTING TREE



SIGNAGE

LOS ANGELES RIVER



LOS ANGELES RIVER



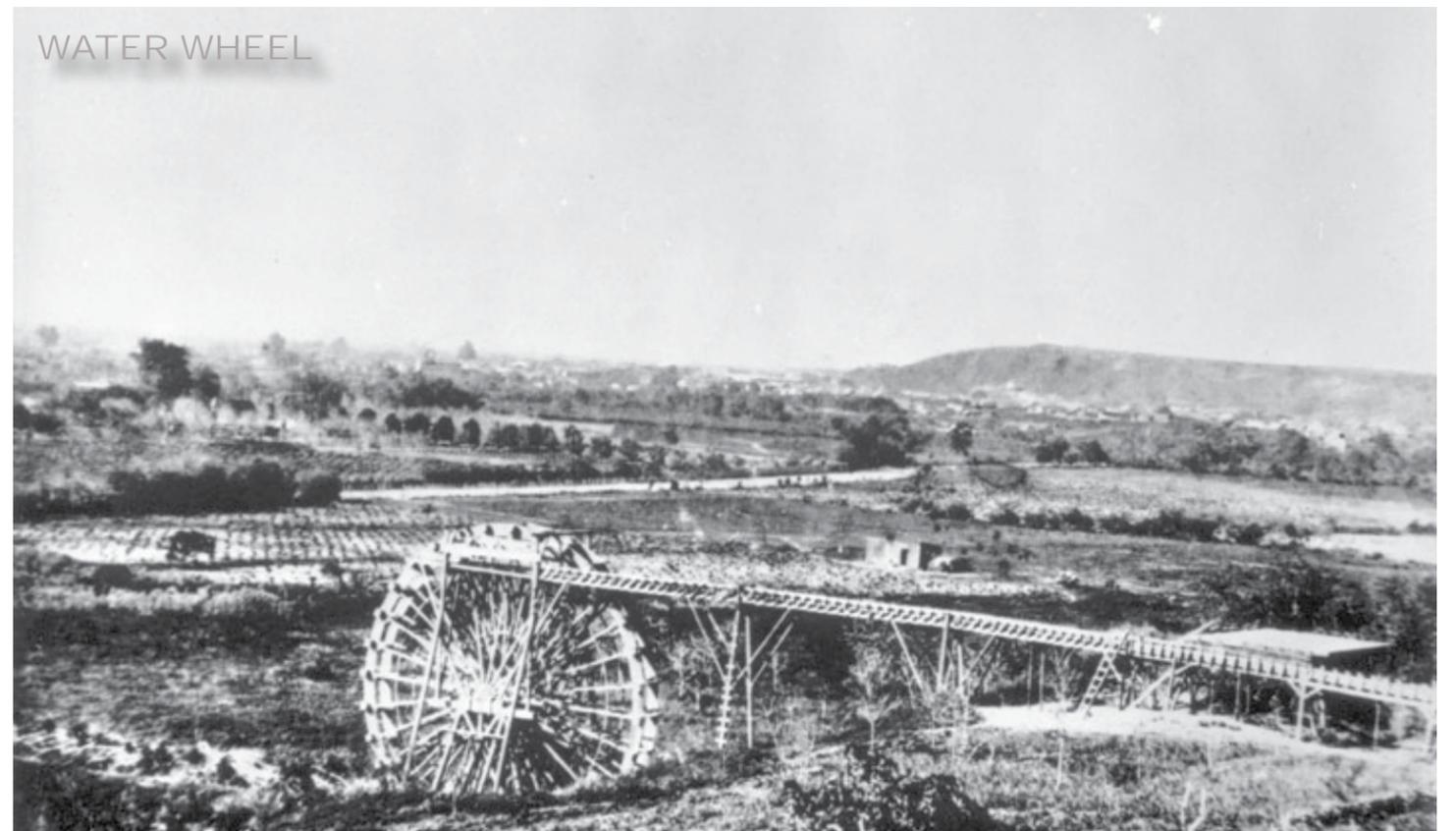
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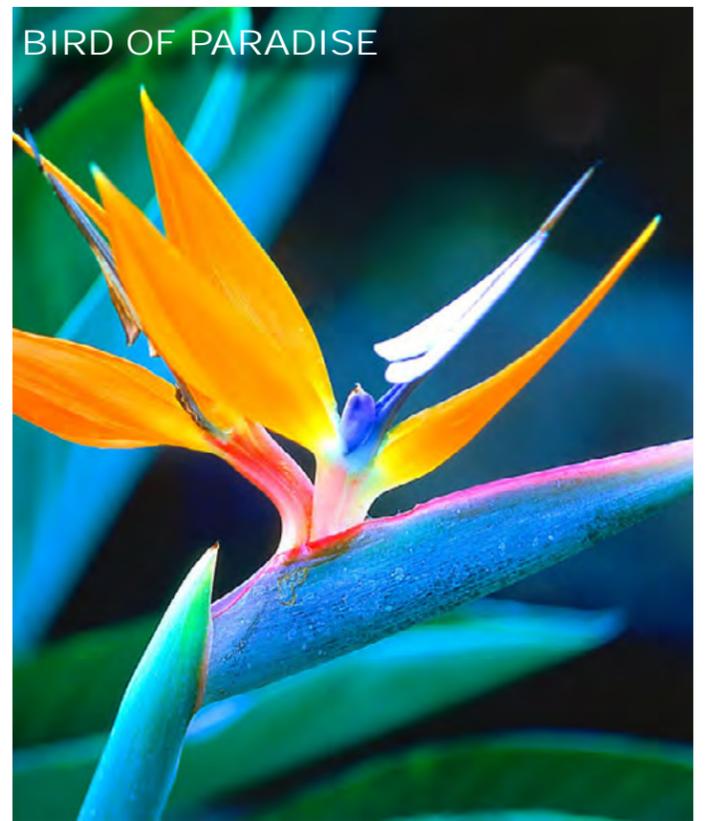
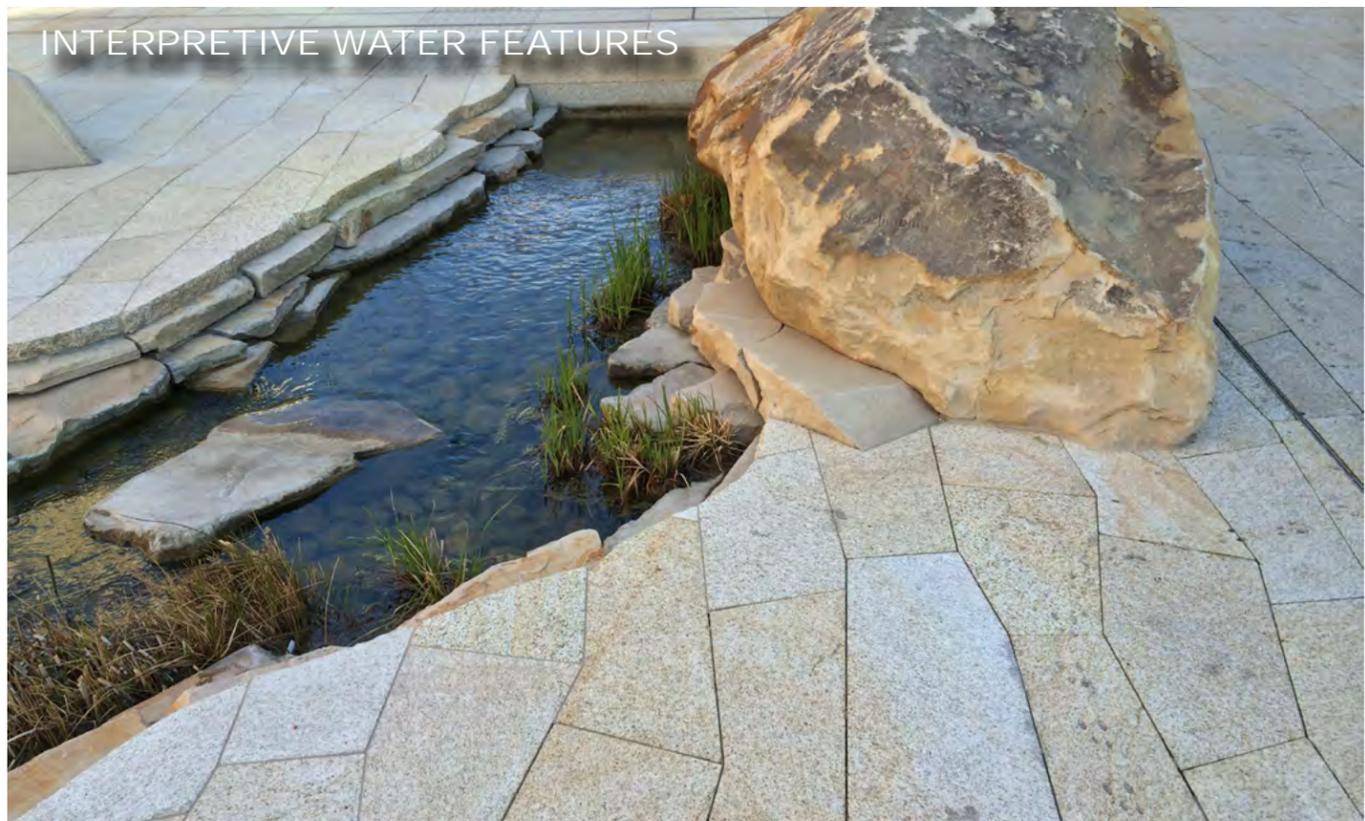
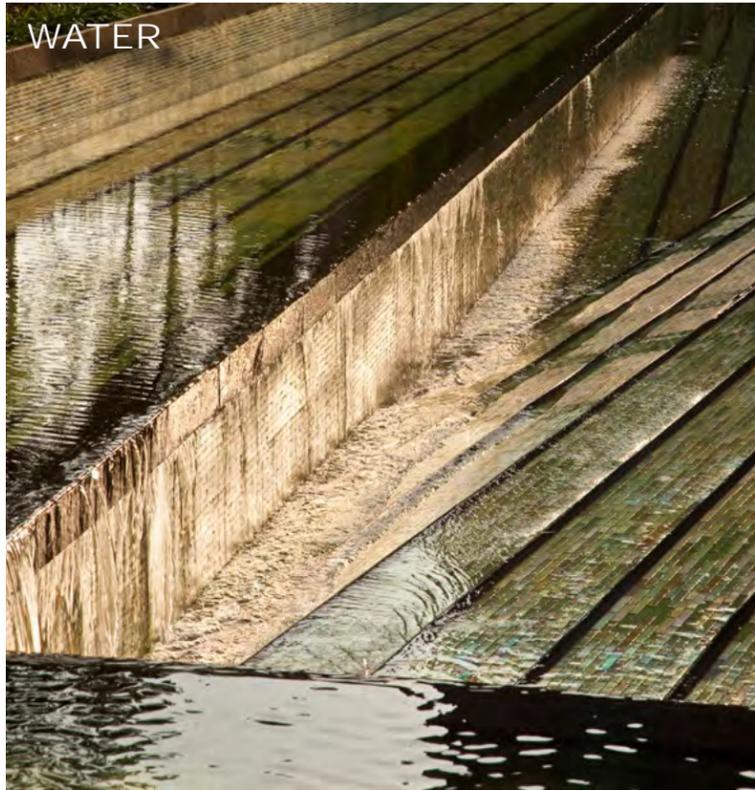
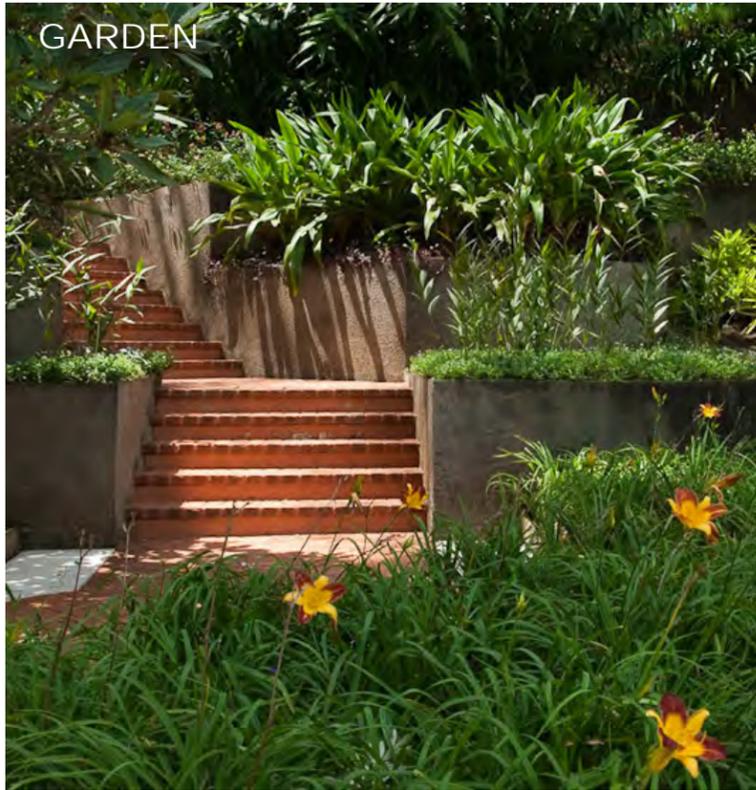


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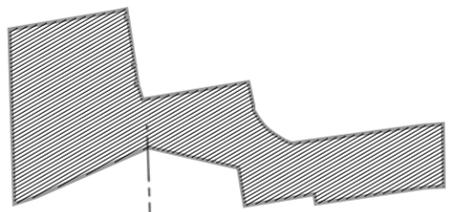
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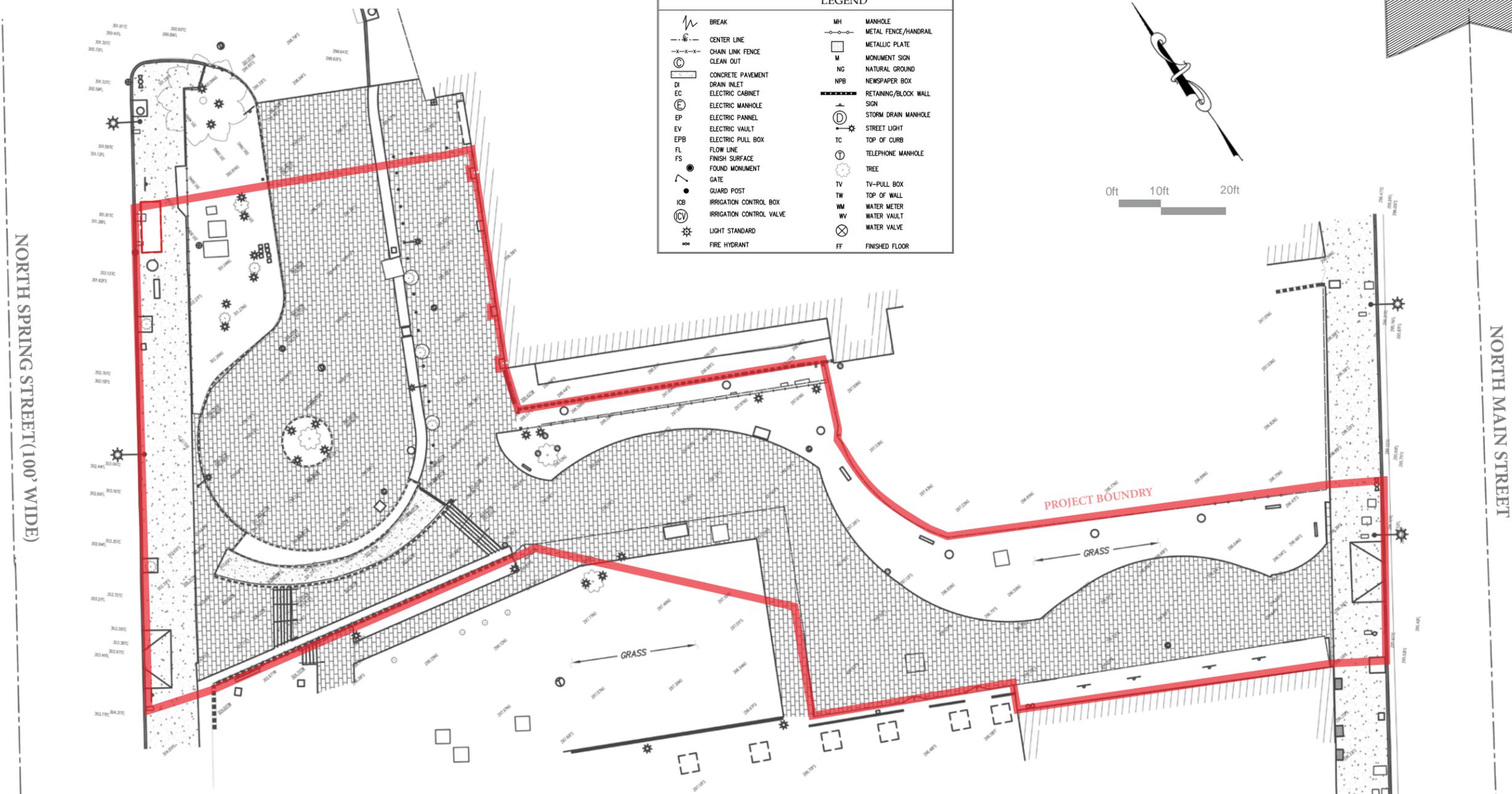


TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY

LA PLAZA DE CULTURA Y ARTES
501 N. MAIN ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012



LEGEND			
	BREAK		MANHOLE
	CENTER LINE		METAL FENCE/HANDRAIL
	CHAIN LINK FENCE		METALLIC PLATE
	CLEAN OUT		MONUMENT SIGN
	CONCRETE PAVEMENT		NATURAL GROUND
	DRAIN INLET		NEWSPAPER BOX
	ELECTRIC CABINET		RETAINING/BLOCK WALL
	ELECTRIC MANHOLE		SIGN
	ELECTRIC PANNEL		STORM DRAIN MANHOLE
	ELECTRIC VAULT		STREET LIGHT
	ELECTRIC PULL BOX		TOP OF CURB
	FLOW LINE		TELEPHONE MANHOLE
	FINISH SURFACE		TREE
	FOUND MONUMENT		TV-PULL BOX
	GATE		TOP OF WALL
	GUARD POST		WATER METER
	IRRIGATION CONTROL BOX		WATER VAULT
	IRRIGATION CONTROL VALVE		WATER VALVE
	LIGHT STANDARD		FINISHED FLOOR
	FIRE HYDRANT		



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- ① SHADE STRUCTURE
- ② EXISTING HEDGE
- ③ DECOMPOSED GRANITE
- ④ WATER FEATURE
- ⑤ PLANTING
- ⑥ REFLECTING POOL
- ⑦ INTERPRETIVE PAVEMENT
- ⑧ SWING GATE
- ⑨ WOOD SEAT
- ⑩ LIVING WALL
- ⑪ EXISTING TREE
- ⑫ MIST FOUNTAIN
- ⑬ LIGHT POLE
- ⑭ LA PLACITA CHURCH GROVE
- ⑮ RAMP
- ⑯ CIVIC STAIRCASE
- ⑰ EXISTING VINE WALL

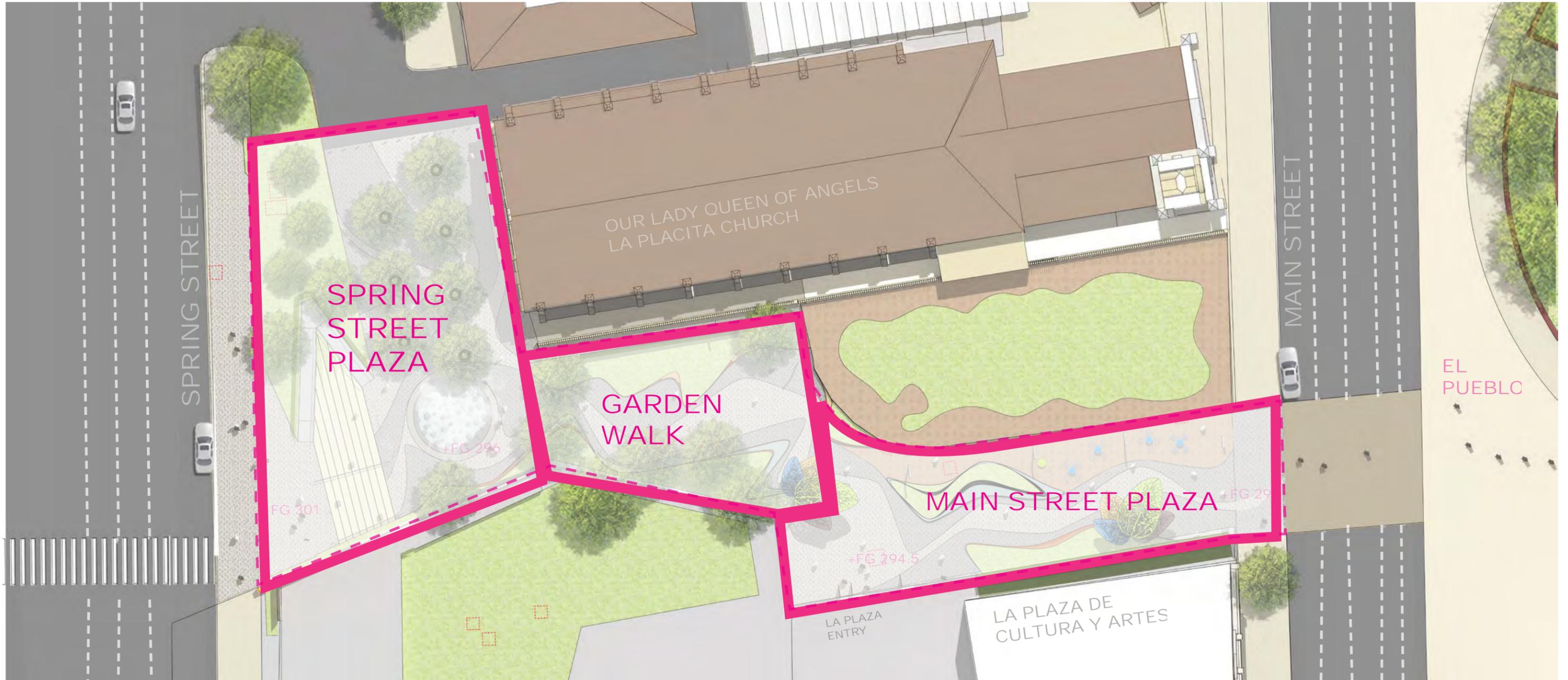


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STREET
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HAPPENINGS

The El Pueblo historic district is rich in cultural activities- past and present. For over 200 years, this historic district has been used for festivals, large gatherings, parades, celebrations and special events. To acknowledge the importance of these activities, the civic stair located along Spring Street will incorporate L.E.D. text in the face of each step to announce various 'happenings' in the LA Plaza Paseo.

CULTURAL LANDSCAPE

The original founders of Los Angeles were thorough in their understanding of the area's various resources such as the river, topography, vegetation, wetlands and soils. This understanding became the framework for the modern city that Los Angeles is today. Our buildings, streets and in some respects our open space parks were informed by generations of settlers seeking to make this city great. To acknowledge the importance of our physical environment, historic maps and other data will be scribed or laser cut into the corten steel planter walls and serve as an educational and artistic feature throughout the plaza.

THE MEANDERING RIVER

Over 200 years ago, the Los Angeles River was a wild, untamed waterway draining the area that today, is known as Los Angeles County. Over time, as the City grew, it became necessary to engineer the river into a series of dams and concrete channels in order to control flooding and prevent potential hazards to neighborhoods and streets. The engineering of the river forever changed the historical look and feel of the river to this very day. In acknowledgement of what the Los Angeles River once was, the LA Plaza Paseo design will integrate an artistic interpretation of the river through colorful blue paving and water features.



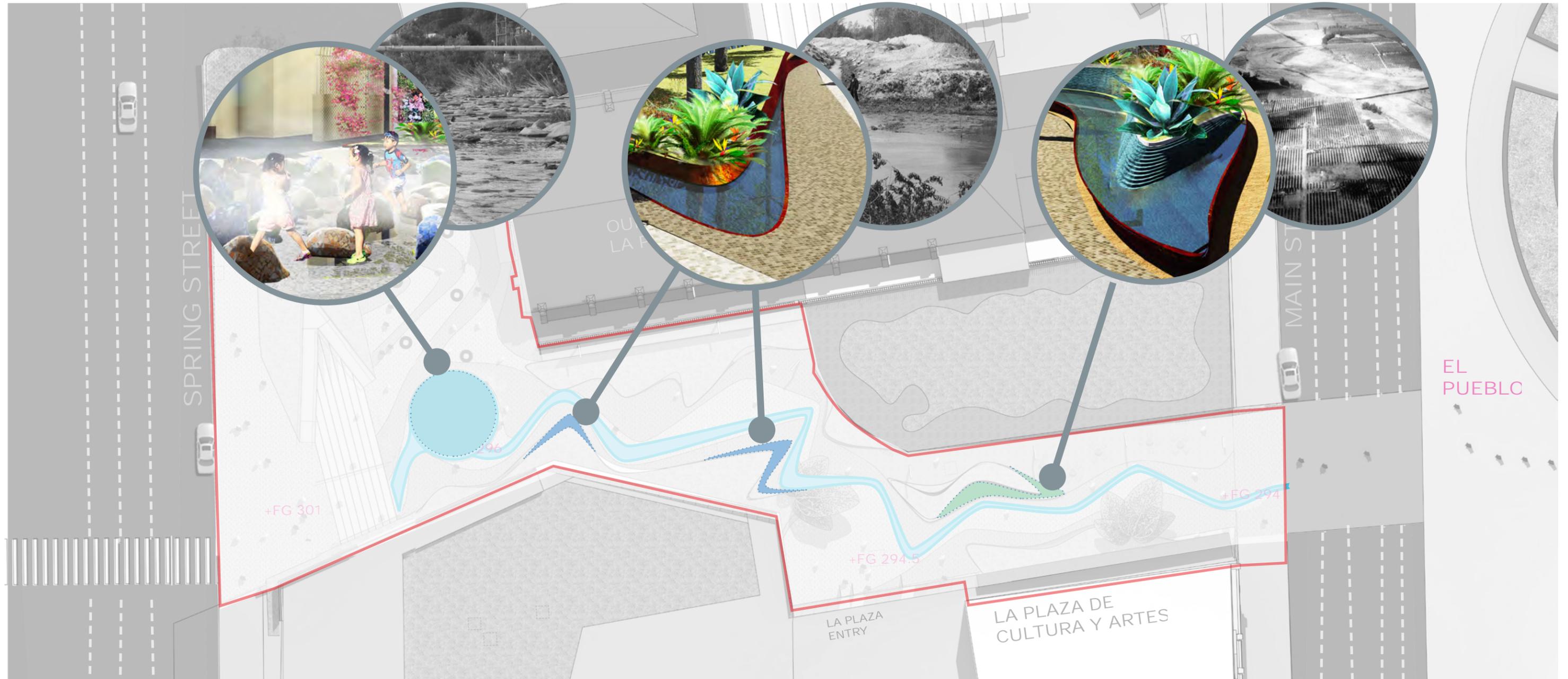
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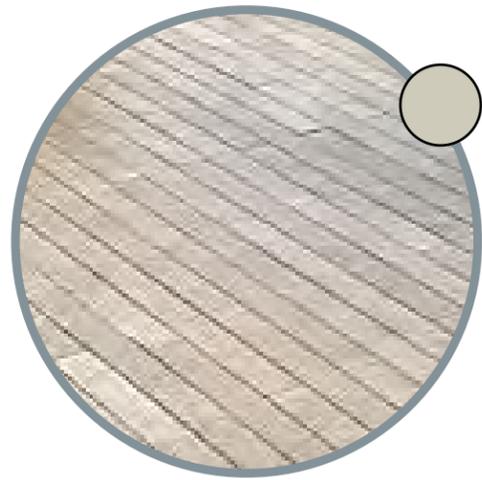
The design of the LA Plaza Paseo will integrate a historical theme throughout the varied spaces and surfaces of the new plaza. The sites diverse storytellers (early settlers, the Los Angeles River, important cultural activities, etc) will be re-interpreted as paving motifs, carved feature walls, water features, shade structures and planting arrangements.

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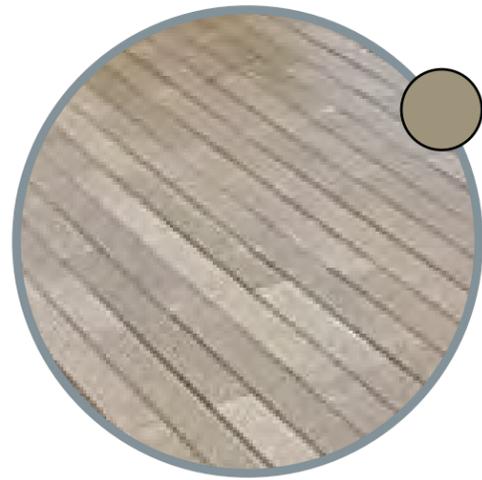
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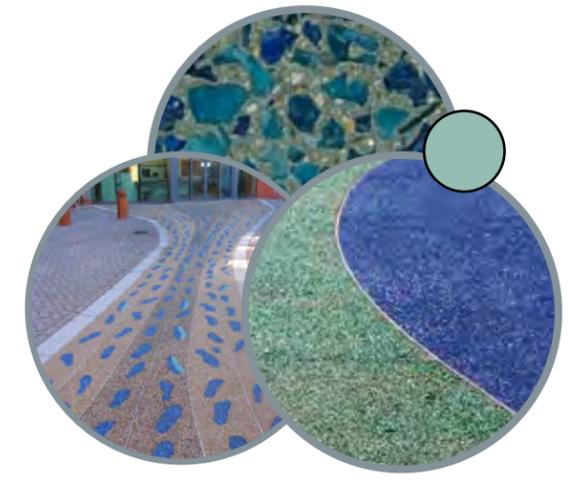
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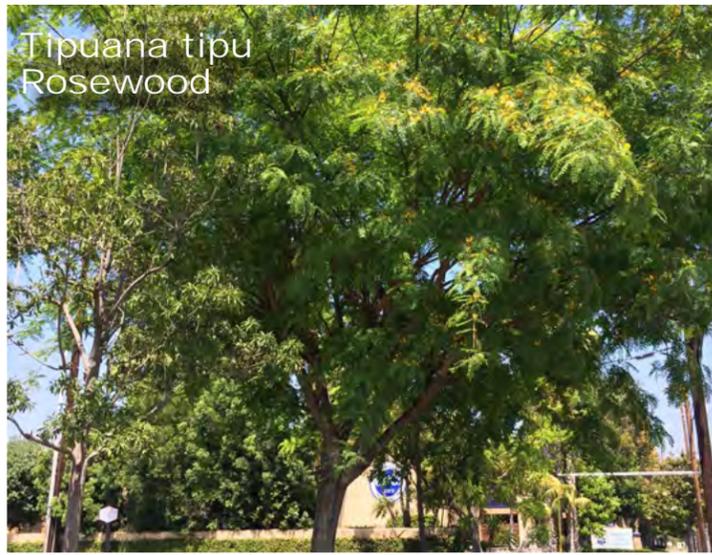
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LITHOCRETE
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TREES



SHRUBS AND GROUNDCOVERS



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- ② EXISTING HEDGE
- ③ DECOMPOSED GRANITE PAVING
- ④ CORTEN PLANTER
- ⑤ WATER FEATURE
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- ⑩ BUILT-IN SEATING
- ⑪ INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE



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- ⑨ PLANTING



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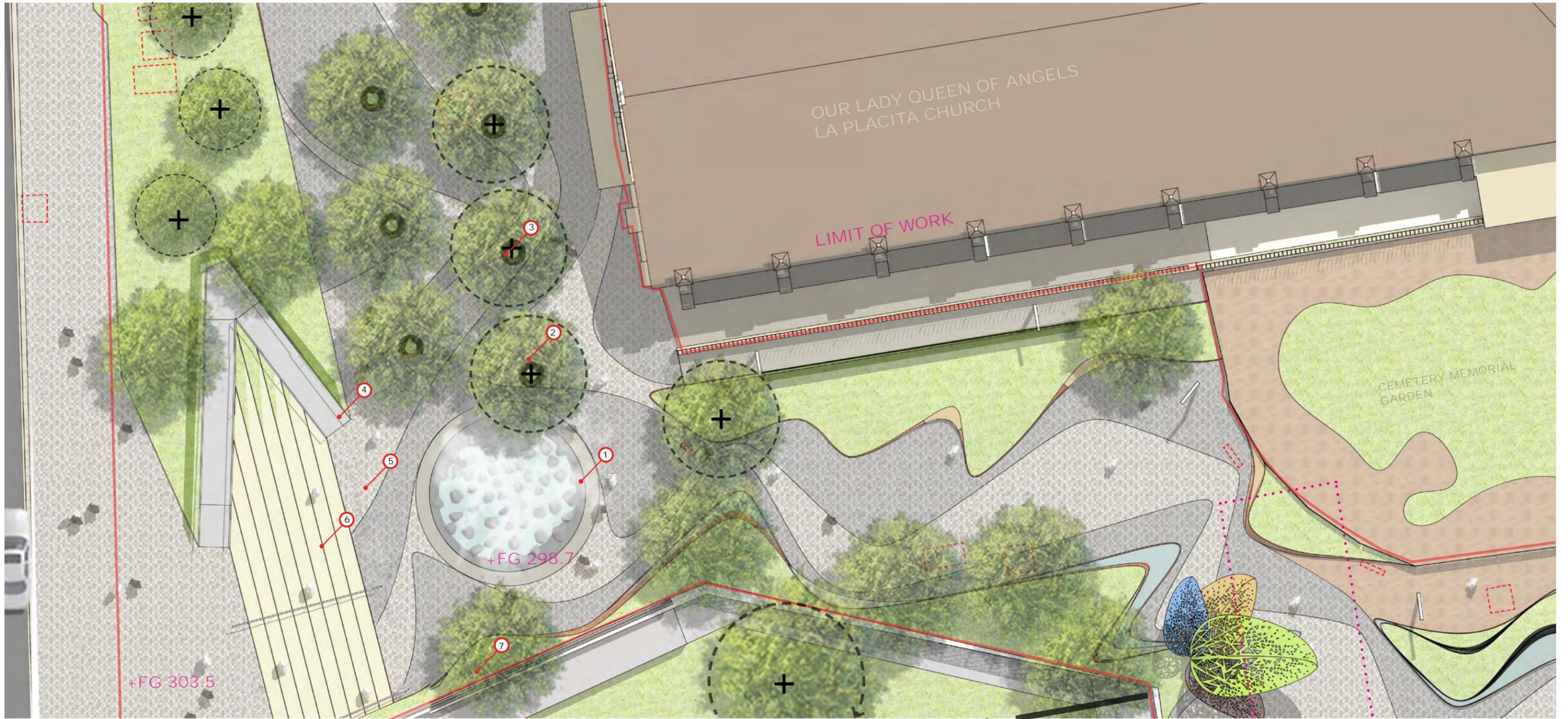
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4 CAMPO SANTO CEMETERY



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2 WATER FEATURE

4 PLANTS

4 NATIVE/SEMI-NATIVE TREES

4 THE LIVING WALL

3 NATIVE/SEMI-NATIVE SHRUBS

2 PLANTER

1 SHALLOW WATER FEATURE





2 SEATING

1 ART PAVEMENT

3 THE LIVING WALL





4 THE GROVE

1 MIST FOUNTAIN

2 CIVIC STEPS

3 ART PAVING

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ATTACHMENT B

**LA PLAZA DE CULTURA Y ARTES PASEO PROJECT
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**SECOND ADDENDUM TO THE
FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
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SECTION 1

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS

1.1 INTRODUCTION

The County of Los Angeles (County), serving as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA), certified a Final Environmental Impact Report (2004 EIR) for the LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes Project (LA Plaza Project) on September 14, 2004 (Sapphos Environmental, 2004a). Portions of the LA Plaza Project were developed consistent with the 2004 EIR. Then various project revisions were proposed in September 2010 (2010 Revised LA Plaza Project). The proposed revisions were analyzed in an Addendum to the 2004 EIR (2010 Addendum) (Sapphos Environmental 2010).

The current proposal, referred to as the 2014 LA Plaza Paseo Project (or Paseo Project), proposes refinements in design of the existing outdoor paseos and pedestrian walkways component of the LA Plaza Project between Main and Spring Streets, as modified by the 2010 Revised LA Plaza Project and 2010 Addendum, to further enhance pedestrian amenities and connectivity and to complement the surrounding historic context with a colorful design concept and a variety of passive uses. Consistent with the LA Plaza Project approved in 2004 and the 2010 Revised LA Plaza Project, the Paseo Project proposes re-design and re-development of the paseos, walkways, and other pedestrian elements and outdoor spaces all located in the 500 Block of Main Street, as further described below.

This document is an Addendum to the 2004 EIR to address further modifications to the project analyzed in the 2010 Addendum. It has been prepared to evaluate potential environmental impacts associated with proposed changes in the previously approved project. Pursuant to Section 15164 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the County as the lead agency shall prepare an Addendum to the previously certified EIR if some changes or additions are necessary, but none of the conditions described in Section 15162 calling for the preparation of a subsequent EIR have occurred. The scope of this Second Addendum focuses on the environmental effects associated with specific revisions that are proposed for the Paseo Project.

If some changes or additions are necessary, but none of the conditions calling for preparation of a subsequent EIR have occurred, the lead agency shall prepare an addendum to the previously certified EIR (CEQA Guidelines §15164(a)). The addendum need not be circulated for public review (CEQA Guidelines §15164(c)); however, the addendum must be considered by the decision making body along with the previously certified EIR prior to making a decision on the project (CEQA Guidelines 15164(d)).

Section 15162 of the State CEQA Guidelines provides the scenarios for preparing a subsequent EIR after an EIR has been certified. Consistent with those requirements, the analysis in this Addendum demonstrates that (1) the Paseo Project would not involve substantial changes that would result in new significant environmental effects, or a substantial increase in the severity of significant effects previously identified in the certified EIR; (2) that substantial changes with respect to the circumstances under which the Paseo Project would be undertaken that would result in new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of significant effects previously identified in the certified EIR have not occurred; and (3) that new information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the previous EIR was certified as complete, and which shows that the project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous EIR or significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the previous EIR, does not exist.

This Addendum to the 2004 EIR demonstrates that the environmental analysis, impacts, and mitigation requirements identified in the 2004 EIR for the LA Plaza Project remain substantively unchanged by the paseo re-design and pedestrian amenities described herein. Therefore, the County has prepared an

Addendum pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15164 as required when some changes or additions are necessary but none of the factors requiring a subsequent EIR have occurred. This decision is based on substantial evidence, as set forth in the following discussion of the proposed project modifications and the environmental impacts of those modifications as evaluated in a post-certification initial study checklist.

1.2 SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS

To reach the conclusions presented in this Addendum, the County conducted a comprehensive review of the 2014 LA Plaza Paseo Project, including all new design features and information. The conclusions of this review are discussed in detail in Section 3 and Appendix A of this document, which evaluate potential impacts to each issue area identified in the County's post-certification CEQA Checklist, developed per CEQA Guidelines Appendix G for completeness. The analysis concluded that implementation of the Paseo Project would not result in any new significant impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified impact above those disclosed in the certified 2004 EIR.

New information reviewed by the County and incorporated into this analysis does not show that the Paseo Project would result in significant effects not discussed in the 2004 EIR or result in a substantial increase in the severity of significant effects discussed in the 2004 EIR.

SECTION 2

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This section describes the project location, project background and development history, and the design modifications and pedestrian enhancements proposed by the Paseo Project. It includes a summary of the project development history that has occurred at LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes, including a timeline of (1) project components proposed and developed pursuant to the 2004 EIR; (2) project revisions and development under the 2010 Addendum; and (3) proposed refinements in design of the existing outdoor paseo now proposed by the 2014 LA Plaza Paseo Project. The project history is discussed chronologically in Section 2.2, below. The refinements currently proposed under the Paseo Project are then described in Section 2.3.

2.1 PROJECT LOCATION

2.1.1 LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes

LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes is located on North Main Street in the city of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, between Cesar E. Chavez Avenue to the north and Arcadia Street to the south. The LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes site analyzed in the 2004 EIR is comprised of four separate areas located on both sides of Spring Street, which runs north/south through the project area:

- County of Los Angeles Parking Lot 15 (Assessor's Parcel Number [APN] 5408-005-903 and 5408-005-904)
- County of Los Angeles Parking Lot 25 (APN 5408-006-900)
- City of Los Angeles Parking Lot 1 (APN 5408-007-901)
- A portion of the 500 block of North Main Street, situated between the Church of Nuestra Señora la Reina de Los Angeles (known locally as the Plaza Church) to the north and City and County Lots 1 and 25 to the south (APN 5408-007-904).

The Los Angeles County and City Civic Center is located approximately 0.25 mile south/southwest of the project site. Union Station is located two blocks to the east, and Chinatown is located one block to the north. Figure 2-1 shows the LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes site as reflected in the 2004 EIR (prior to development of portions of the project).

2.1.2 Paseo Project Location

The Paseo Project proposes re-design of the outdoor paseo portion of the LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes center, extending from North Main Street to Spring Street between the LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes center and Plaza Church (refer to Figure 2-2). The Paseo Project area does not encompass any portion of County Parking Lot 15, County Parking Lot 25, or City Parking Lot 1 and has been designed to avoid the recently discovered historic cemetery adjacent to the Plaza Church. The historic cemetery is located on an approximately 0.36-acre lot situated between the Plaza Church to the northeast and the Plaza House to the southwest. Upon its discovery, the cemetery was landscaped as a memorial garden and enclosed by a decorative fence to protect it from further disturbance or development. No portion of the historic cemetery or surrounding buffer area within the decorative fence is included in the Paseo Project site.

References in this Addendum to the project site and/or Paseo Project area refer to the limited outdoor area between Main Street and Spring Street where paseo design refinements and/or pedestrian enhancements are proposed under the Paseo Project. Figure 2-2 shows the Paseo Project area and conceptual site plan, which is further described in Section 2.3, below.

Figure 2-2. Paseo Project Area and Conceptual Site Plan



Source: LA Plaza Paseo, 100% Schematic Landscape Design (SWA Landscape Architecture 2014)

2.2 PROJECT BACKGROUND AND HISTORY

2.2.1 2004 Approved LA Plaza Project

The approved LA Plaza Project, analyzed as Alternative A.1.2 in the 2004 EIR, proposed a combination of rehabilitated historic buildings, new construction, and landscaped outdoor spaces to provide day and evening programming that integrated art, culture, and education to allow visitors to understand and appreciate the diverse contributions of early Mexican American settlers to the history of Los Angeles. The purpose of the LA Plaza Project was to provide the regional and local community with a pedestrian-oriented Mexican-American cultural heritage center that would serve as a venue for community needs such as local performances, temporary exhibitions, corporate meetings, cultural activities, and other public and private events.

Planned programming at the site included multi-purpose facilities to be used for family and cultural affairs such as weddings and quinceañeras, interactive educational opportunities, and cultural and performing arts opportunities to complement the existing resources provided by the nearby Los Angeles Plaza Historic District, Chinatown, the Los Angeles County and City Civic Center, and the Music Center (Sapphos Environmental 2004a). Programming facilities included a theater performing arts center, a discovery center, visitor information, bookstore, café, exhibition gallery, genealogical center, educational resource center, parenting/tutoring center, art and music classrooms, office space, and a small school offering day and evening courses in the fields of visual arts, digital media arts, music, theater, dance, history and culture, cooking, and literature.

The originally approved project, analyzed as Alternative A.1.2 in the 2004 EIR, included four major components, as described below.

2.2.1.1 Rehabilitation/Adaptive Reuse of the Plaza House and Vickrey-Brunswig Building

The approved project included rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of the historic Plaza House and Vickrey-Brunswig Building in accordance with the *Secretary of Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties*. Both buildings would be rehabilitated and adaptively reused, according to best practices in historic preservation, in their entirety to provide approximately 14,100 square feet of interior space within the Plaza House and approximately 28,000 square feet of interior space in the Vickrey-Brunswig Building to support project programming.

2.2.1.2 New Cultural Center Building

The approved project included development of approximately 39,200 square feet of newly constructed interior building space for programming, including areas for community events and a variety of public-oriented programming uses. The new building would be located adjacent to the west side (rear) of the Plaza House and Vickrey-Brunswig Building and would require demolition and removal of the Brunswig Annex.

2.2.1.3 Theater Performing Arts Center

The approved 2004 LA Plaza Project included development of a new 25,000 square foot theater performing arts center, including a 500-seat theater, at the location of County Parking Lot 25. The performing arts center would accommodate local events as well as large world-class performances.

2.2.1.4 Outdoor Areas

The approved project included a total of 1.35 acres of outdoor areas, including paseos, pedestrian walkways, outdoor classroom space, and a memorial garden to commemorate the original location of the

City's first cemetery (known as the Campo Santo). A pedestrian-oriented environment would be created by removing vehicular traffic from most of New High Street and Republic Street and creating a New High Street turnaround and pedestrian drop-off and pick-up area for the LA Plaza Project and Plaza Church. The old and new construction would be linked to Spring Street by a pedestrian bridge and linked together by a series of paseos and pedestrian walkways, forming a park-like setting and outdoor open spaces available to the public during daytime hours.

The two major features approved within the outdoor space were an outdoor classroom and the Campo Santo Memorial Garden. Although in 2004 the historic cemetery was believed to have been relocated out of the project area in the nineteenth century, the establishment of a 0.10-acre Campo Santo Memorial Garden was proposed to honor the City's first settlers and commemorate the original site of the settlement's first cemetery. The memorial garden would provide a formal garden, with grass, orchard, and flowers, adjacent to the south side of the Plaza Church. The outdoor classroom would accommodate up to 200 students or visitors at one time for outdoor events, including classes, performances, musical concerts, weddings and parties, and festivals. The outdoor classroom would be located east of the Campo Santo Memorial Garden adjacent to the south side of Plaza Church.

The paseo and pedestrian walkways would include a landscaped setting including hardscape and softscape elements. The main plaza would be oriented from west to east, providing a connection to the adjacent public streets, North Main Street, Spring Street, and Arcadia Street. The pedestrian improvements would accommodate residents and visitors who choose to utilize existing available alternative methods of travel, including bus, light rail (Metro Rail), and the train (Metrolink and Amtrak). The existing pedestrian and open space connection from Union Station to the El Pueblo Plaza area east of the project site could be extended through the suggested Campo Santo Memorial Garden and paseos. Identification markers and appropriate streetscape enhancements could be provided at strategic locations, such as along Arcadia Street and Cesar E. Chavez Avenue, to identify the El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historic District and to enhance way finding to guide pedestrian movements.

The pedestrian entrance from North Main Street would be marked by a series of colored plaster finish walls, with ironwork panels and plantings to create a secure but visible space. The interior open space would be developed in both natural landscaped passive park areas and hardscape areas for exhibition and gathering. The paving throughout this area would be of colored concrete to provide visual vibrancy, and the plaza area would include a discovery garden, children's discovery center, outdoor seating area, outdoor classrooms space, and a water feature around which the pedestrian circulation would be organized. Landscape elements of the project would be developed with a palette of Southern California native and drought-tolerant plants, and other plants traditional to early Mexican and Spanish settlements of California.

Components of the originally approved LA Plaza Project are shown in Figure 2-3.

2.2.2 Development Pursuant to Approved LA Plaza Project

Following certification of the 2004 EIR and approval of the LA Plaza Project, project development was commenced and several project components were completed. The Brunswig Annex was demolished in 2007 in accordance with the approved LA Plaza Project and 2004 EIR. Rehabilitation of the Plaza House and Vickrey-Brunswig Building was completed in 2009. In addition to structural modifications to the buildings' shells and cores and seismic strengthening measures, rehabilitation efforts included rehabilitation of the storefront facades, restoration of missing exterior architectural detailing, repair of exterior masonry, replacement of the featured Plaza House skylight, repair of interior wood elements, and repair and replacement of windows, interior columns, floors, and ceilings, as required. Photos 2-1 through 2-6 reflect the completed rehabilitation efforts.

Figure 2-3. Approved 2004 LA Plaza Project Site Plan



SOURCE: Sapphos Environmental, Inc., Levin & Associates Architects, Rios Associates Inc., Photographer: I.K. Curtis

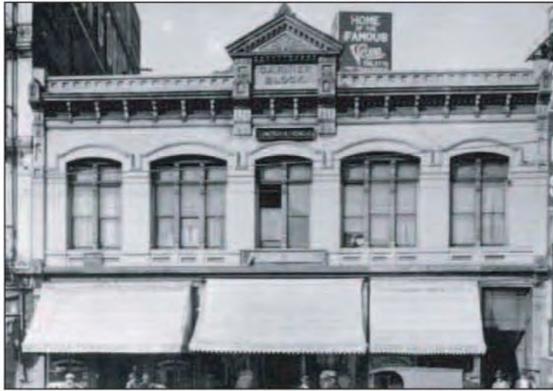


Proposed Project Boundary

FIGURE 4.2.A-1
 Alternative A.1.2 Site Plan

Source: Plaza de Cultura y Artes Environmental Impact Report, Volume III, Final Environmental Impact Report (Sapphos Environmental 2004a)

Photo 2-1. Plaza House Circa 1920



Plaza House (then known as Garnier Block), circa 1920

Photo 2-2. Plaza House Circa 2001



Plaza House, circa 2001

Photo 2-3. Plaza House 2010



Photo 2-4. Vickrey-Brunwig Building Circa 1920



Looking west, the Vickrey-Brunwig Building, circa 1920

Photo 2-5. Vickrey-Brunwig Building Circa 2001



Vickrey-Brunwig Building, circa 2001

Photo 2-6. Vickrey-Brunwig Building 2010



Source: Addendum to the Environmental Impact Report for LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes (Sapphos Environmental 2010).

2.2.3 2010 Revised LA Plaza Project

In 2010, various refinements to the LA Plaza Project were proposed by the County to support a designation of the LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes as a Smithsonian Affiliate. Smithsonian Affiliates are partnerships between the Smithsonian Institution and affiliated organizations established to facilitate the sharing of Smithsonian resources with local communities and provide broader opportunities than those found in standard museum loan programs. In addition to artifact loans, Smithsonian Affiliations provides member organizations with a variety of additional resources, including education and performing arts programs, expert speakers, teacher workshops, and technical assistance.

The 2010 Refined LA Plaza Project proposed various physical and programming refinements aimed at supporting the achievement of project objectives itemized in the certified 2004 EIR, facilitating the flow of visitor traffic through the Plaza House and Vickrey-Brunswig Building and between Main Street and Spring Street, allowing visitors to easily access exhibits on the first and second floors of the two historic buildings, and supporting the designation of the center as a Smithsonian Affiliate.

The refined site plan modified the overall spatial configuration of the overall plan approved in the 2004 EIR in regard to relative sizes, locations, and spatial relationships of program activities. The LA Plaza Project included two newly constructed buildings, a theater performing arts center and a new cultural center building, that were intended for community events and other public uses. The 2010 Refined LA Plaza Project eliminated the two new buildings and refocused the space on outdoor activities. In lieu of the buildings, the refined site plan created new outdoor locations for community events, such as a patio area with shade canopy, outdoor classrooms, a performance stage with shade canopy, and a large lawn area. These spaces and functions would be supported by a new Restroom/Lobby Building.

Specific project refinements, as described in the 2010 Addendum, are generally described below.

2.2.3.1 Elimination of Theater Performing Arts Center

The previously approved theater performing arts center, which would have been located on County Lot 25, was eliminated in the 2010 refined site plan. In the 2010 Revised LA Plaza Project, the area would continue to be used for parking.

2.2.3.2 Elimination of New Cultural Center Building

The approved LA Plaza Project included development of a new cultural center building, which would have been located west (to the rear) of the Plaza House and Vickrey-Brunswig Building and intended for community events and public-oriented uses. This original project component was eliminated in the 2010 Refined LA Plaza Project. The 2010 Refined LA Plaza Project proposes development of the area with a Central Plant Workshop, Restroom/Lobby Building, and shaded open patio area. This area includes the former location of the Brunswig Annex, which was demolished consistent with the 2004 EIR, and is currently being used for the project mechanical enclosure.

2.2.3.3 Addition of Restroom/Lobby Building

Construction of a new 5,562-square-foot Restroom/Lobby Building to the west of the Vickrey-Brunswig Building was proposed primarily on the building footprint of the Brunswig Annex. The Restroom/Lobby Building would be substantially smaller than the originally proposed new cultural center building in height, massing, and proportion, and would conform to the design specifications contained in the certified EIR.

2.2.3.4 Addition of Patio with Shade Canopy

The 2010 Refined LA Plaza Project included an outdoor patio area with a colorful shade canopy located west of the Plaza House and north of the Restroom/Lobby Building. The patio would be an open structure that provides public event space to facilitate programs of a Mexican American cultural heritage center.

2.2.3.5 Addition of Performance Stage with Canopy

The 2010 Refined LA Plaza Project proposed an outdoor performance stage with a shade canopy to replace comparable event space that would have been provided by the new theater performing arts center proposed as part of the approved LA Plaza Project. The performance stage would be located adjacent to a large lawn area and include a colorful shade canopy.

2.2.3.6 Addition of Central Plant Workshop

In the 2010 Refined LA Plaza Project, the central plant area of the property that is located to the rear (northwest) of the Vickrey-Brunswick Building would be developed with a new workshop that supports exhibit and gallery uses.

2.2.3.7 Minor Modification to Rehabilitation Scheme of the Plaza House and Vickrey-Brunswick Building

The 2010 Revised LA Plaza Project proposed minor modification to the rehabilitation schemes of the Plaza House and Vickrey-Brunswick Building. Specifically, a wall in a secondary corridor of the second floor of the Plaza House would be partially removed to widen an existing doorway adjacent to the opening connecting the Plaza House to the second floor of the Vickrey-Brunswick Building. Acoustic paneling would be utilized in high traffic areas of both buildings, specifically in proposed gallery spaces, classrooms, conference rooms, and corridors to provide increased sound absorption. In the Vickrey-Brunswick Building, the following additional modifications were proposed:

- Rather than re-creation of a window opening at the west end masonry wall, a door would be developed to provide additional first-floor access.
- A new interior staircase would be rotated 180 degrees to support museum and programming circulation requirements.
- A portion of the dumbwaiter enclosure would be removed to comply with seismic retrofit requirements. Remaining portions of the dumbwaiter enclosure on the second and third floors would be preserved for educational purposes related to the history of the building.
- Additional brace frames would be installed to meet code requirements. Upper portions of the brace frames would be left exposed to reveal an aspect of the building's structural framework to the public; lower portions would be covered per code requirements.
- Existing spatial divisions (not original to the building) within approved office space areas would be removed to support an open office plan and multipurpose space on the fifth floor.
- Partial glass walls would be used to define classrooms and training rooms on the third, fourth, and fifth floors.
- Treatment of deep cosmetic splits in exposed structural columns to address potential safety concerns (i.e., splinters from the exposed wood) would be completed through use of Plexiglas covers to preserve visibility of the columns, or installation of reversible wood cladding, or a

combination of the two to preserve at least one visible example of the structural columns to convey the building's historic character and cover remaining columns with wood cladding.

- Identification of an interior paint scheme consisting of shades of white (no paint scheme was identified in the 2004 EIR or LA Plaza Project).

2.2.3.8 Relocation and Reconfiguration of Outdoor Area

The 2010 Refined LA Plaza Project proposed relocation and reconfiguration of previously approved outdoor areas. The proposed project revisions are generally addressed in five revised elements:

- Campo Santo Memorial Garden – the Campo Santo Memorial Garden would be relocated to the easternmost stretch between the Plaza House and Plaza Church, near the entrance to the site from North Main Street. The Memorial Garden would be re-designed as an olive grove and water feature.
- Outdoor Classrooms – the space for outdoor classrooms would be relocated from the approved location adjacent to the south side of the Plaza Church and redistributed into three separate outdoor classroom areas in the large lawn area proposed in the 2010 Revised LA Plaza Project.
- Paseos and Pedestrian Walkways – the 2010 Refined LA Plaza Project alters the location and size of paseos and pedestrian walkways identified in the approved LA Plaza Project and 2004 EIR and introduces a variety of new associated elements, including a lawn area in the center of the site, patio area, and outdoor performance stage. The outdoor areas would expand the pedestrian uses within the site to create an ambulatory circuit for visitors, enriched by an art wall, media screens, water jets, green screens, and fence panels. The central lawn area would be planted with umbrella sleeves to create opportunities for temporary multipurpose uses. Partially transparent sliding fence panels would also be developed to create the possibility of various configurations of the area, providing visual access throughout the site and potentially enabling concurrent uses.
- Fire Department Access and Turnaround - The existing access along Republic Street east of the Vickrey-Brunswick Building and adjacent to City Parking Lot 1 would be reconfigured to ensure adequate space for fire trucks to satisfy code requirements.
- Edge Plantings - The 2010 Refined LA Plaza Project site plan proposes edge plantings in County Parking Lot 25, along the perimeter of the outdoor classroom area, in areas bordering Spring Street (including a proposed vegetable garden), and at the New High Street turnaround and drop-off plaza.

The 2010 Revised LA Plaza Project conceptual site plan is shown in Figure 2-4.

Figure 2-4. 2010 Revised LA Plaza Project Conceptual Site Plan



SOURCE: Rios Clementi Hale Studios, April 27, 2010

Source: Addendum to the Environmental Impact Report for LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes (Sapphos Environmental 2010).

2.2.4 Development Pursuant to 2010 Revised LA Plaza Project

Construction of the 2010 project refinements was initiated following County consideration of the 2010 Addendum and approval of the 2010 Revised LA Plaza Project. Earthmoving activities associated with development of outdoor areas south of the Plaza Church resulted in the inadvertent discovery of the historic cemetery (previously believed to have been relocated off-site) and unearthing of human remains in October 2010. The inadvertent discovery of the cemetery resulted in the cessation of 2010 Revised LA Plaza Project development activities.

Since the discovery, the County has undertaken substantial consultation with interested stakeholders regarding treatment of the historic cemetery. Ultimately, the remains were reburied in their original location and the geographical extent of the historic cemetery was delineated. The historic cemetery and a protective buffer were enclosed within a permanent, decorative fence and a historic cemetery memorial garden (similar to the proposed commemorative Campo Santo Memorial Garden) was created in the area overlying the historic cemetery, including landscaping with native plants and interpretive signage.

With the historic cemetery delineated, fenced off, and protected from further disturbance or development, the remaining 2010 Revised LA Plaza Project components were developed, including the Restroom/Lobby Building, lawn area, outdoor performance stage, shaded patio area, New High Street turnaround, and decorative paved walkway through the project site connecting North Main Street and Spring Street.

The existing walkway connecting North Main Street and Spring Street and the New High Street turnaround are the focus of the proposed Paseo Project.

2.3 2014 LA PLAZA PASEO PROJECT

The County now proposes additional design and pedestrian enhancements specifically for the existing paved walkway through the project site connecting North Main Street and Spring Street and the New High Street turnaround constructed pursuant to the 2010 Addendum. The Paseo Project proposes further enhancement of the passive pedestrian areas through a conceptual design plan inspired by the area's cultural history. The County proposes a conceptual design that includes a series of new passive features that could include historic narratives on pavings and walls, water elements, special lighting features, and seating and planting arrangements. The cultural landscape will be illustrated through the application of historic maps and related information through various media techniques onto vertical and horizontal landscape surfaces contained within the paseo to serve as an educational and artistic feature throughout the plaza. The paseo will also integrate an artistic interpretation of the Los Angeles River through colorful paving and water features to reflect the importance of the river in the early establishment of the settlement. The Paseo Project proposes installation of approximately four wayfinding directional signs, 6 to 7 feet tall and spaced throughout the paseo to enhance the overall historic paseo interpretive experience by providing directional information along with historic narratives integrated into the signs.

The Paseo Project defines three separate pedestrian areas within the previously constructed paseo between North Main Street and Spring Street: the Main Street Plaza, Garden Walk, and Spring Street Plaza, as further described below. Figures 2-5 through 2-8 contain the detailed Paseo Project site plans. The project would extend to the edge of the curb on North Main Street and Spring Street, and the County plans to coordinate with the City of Los Angeles to continue decorative paving within the City's right of way.

The project is proposed to be completed in one phase during the late fall and winter of 2014-2015, if approved. All features of the project's construction and operation have been designed to avoid any adverse impacts on the protected and fenced historic cemetery and cemetery memorial garden, and other sensitive areas adjacent to the Paseo Project area, as further described below.

Figure 2-5. Paseo Project Areas



Source: LA Plaza Paseo, 100% Schematic Landscape Design (SWA Landscape Architecture 2014)

Figure 2-6. Main Street Plaza Site Plan



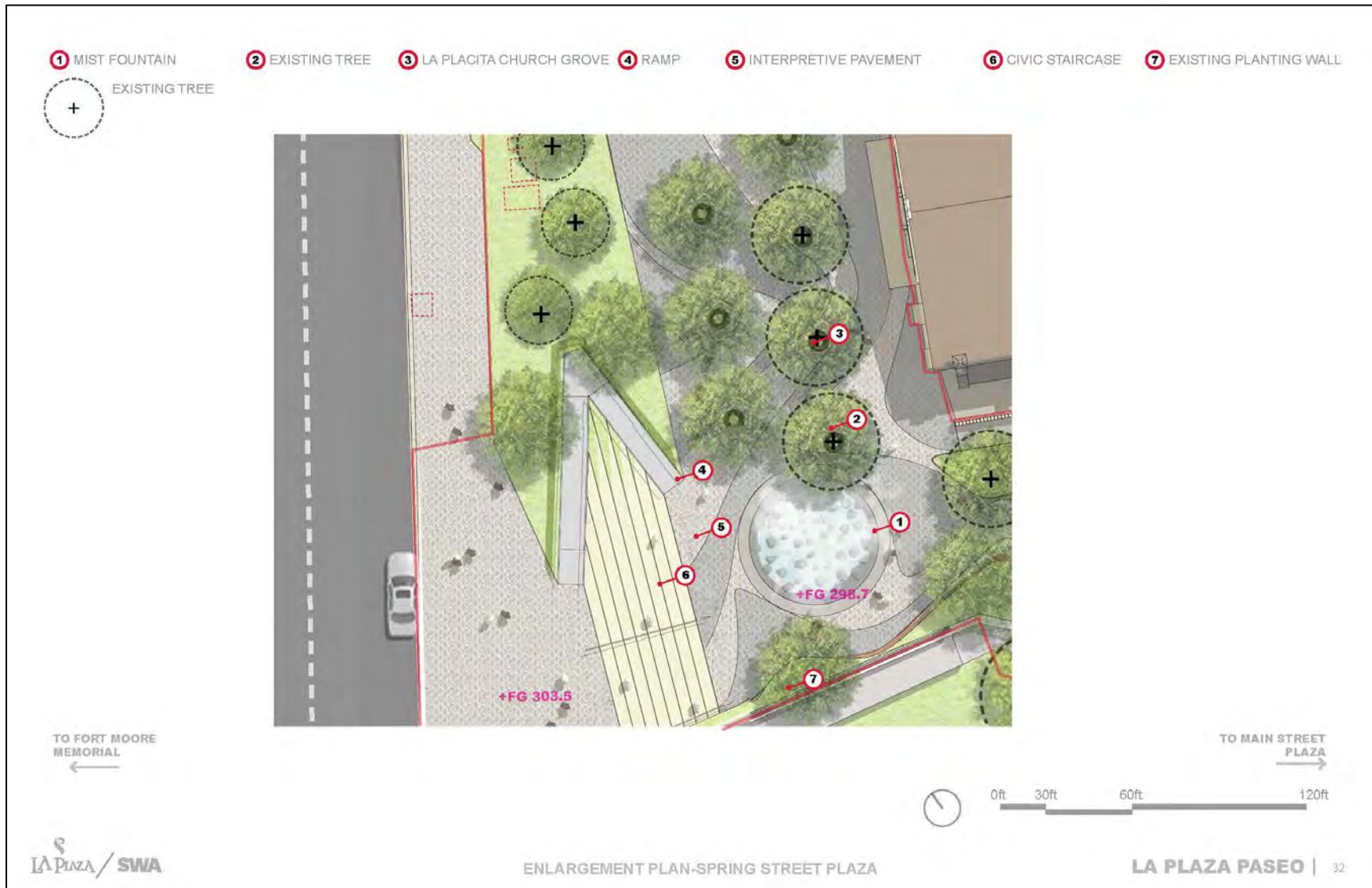
Source: LA Plaza Paseo, 100% Schematic Landscape Design (SWA Landscape Architecture 2014)

Figure 2-7. Garden Walk Site Plan



Source: LA Plaza Paseo, 100% Schematic Landscape Design (SWA Landscape Architecture 2014)

Figure 2-8. Spring Street Plaza Site Plan



Source: LA Plaza Paseo, 100% Schematic Landscape Design (SWA Landscape Architecture 2014)

2.3.1 Paseo Project Design Considerations

This Paseo Project area has been carefully designed to avoid impacts to the adjacent fenced historic cemetery and other sensitive resources, including through minimization of subsurface disturbance, utilization of existing footings for structural support of the shade structures, and limiting earthwork to areas of known artificial fill material and previous disturbance. The Paseo Project and all project components have been sited to avoid any disturbance within the fenced historic cemetery, including the surrounding buffer area, which is also fenced off and protected from further disturbance.

The Paseo Project incorporates methods for installation and anchoring of the two sunshades and other hardscaping features to minimize subsurface ground disturbance, thereby reducing the potential for impacts to archaeological resources and substantially reducing the likelihood of discovering human remains during project implementation. The approach for anchoring the sunshade structures involves two steps: (1) identifying existing concrete pilings to be used as a structural anchor for the shades; and (2) creating shallow concrete footings that fit within the vertical profile of existing engineered fill for necessary supplemental support (refer to Figure 3-1, below).

As reflected in Figure 3-1, this approach would eliminate the need for any new subsurface intrusions. Tying into the existing footings would allow structural support of the shade structures through utilization of existing subsurface facilities/fixtures, rather than excavation and/or drilling of new subsurface footings/anchors. Additional necessary structural support would be provided through shallow concrete footings that would be located entirely within artificial engineered fill material with little to no potential to contain sensitive archaeological resources. The proposed approach limits the feasible locations of the shade structures, as they must be sited where these existing anchors exist and can be utilized. However, this approach would facilitate development of the shade elements without the need for any new subsurface disturbance outside of areas of engineered fill, thereby substantially minimizing the potential for impact to any potential buried sensitive resources.

All proposed water features, planter walls, and seating elements of the project will utilize a similar approach for anchoring features into shallow footings in engineered fill material, and eliminating the need for new subsurface ground disturbance. Removal of the existing pavers and development of the shallow footings would require minimal (surficial) earthmoving and grading within the project area; however, all earthmoving activities would be limited to areas known to contain artificial engineered fill material, with little to no potential to contain sensitive resources. Water features would be shallow, containing limited volumes of water, and constructed above-ground and/or in very shallow footings in artificial fill areas. The use of above-ground planters is proposed to accommodate new plantings and eliminate the potential for root intrusion into subsurface areas.

The Paseo Project will utilize existing subsurface utilities as a resource for potable water, storm drainage, and electrical service. The proposed water features would circulate small amounts of water in an entirely self-contained system. An existing subsurface concrete vault located in the Main Street Plaza area may also be used as part of the water circulation system for the new water feature in that area. The elevated water feature would be self-contained and engineered to perform with no water discharge or spillage onto adjacent sensitive areas or the adjacent historic cemetery. Site drainage has been designed to further recycle water away from sensitive areas.

Several existing light poles and interpretive signs located within the Paseo Project area will remain in place to further reduce any subsurface disturbance. New wayfinding signage will utilize the approach described above to avoid new subsurface disturbance in areas of native soil.

2.3.2 Main Street Plaza

The Main Street Plaza would encompass the eastern portion of the existing paseo area between the historic cemetery and the Plaza House and extending to the face of the curb along Main Street (refer to Figure 2-5). The area is intended to provide multiple functions. It would contain two artistic shade structures, informal seating areas, an elevated cascading water feature, and native plantings. Proposed hardscaping includes stone, concrete unit pavers, colored concrete, decomposed granite (DG), and patterned/mosaic paving.

The two shade structures would be located on the south side of the Paseo, near the historic Plaza House and fenced LA Plaza lawn area, across from the historic cemetery memorial garden. The sunshades would consist of petal-like shade structures, perforated with geometric patterns. The shades would span approximately 18 feet in horizontal expanse at the top, and the “petals” would range from approximately 11 feet at the lowest point to 20 feet in height. The sunshades would be made of a lightweight metal painted in vibrant colors.

2.3.3 The Garden Walk

The Garden Walk area would be centrally located within the paseo, situated in between the LA Plaza lawn area and the west end of the Plaza Church. The Paseo Project includes a minor realignment of the existing fence surrounding the LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes lawn area, at the eastern end of the Garden Walk, to provide a wider passageway around the fenced historic cemetery and memorial garden within this section and allow for additional plantings.

The Garden Walk is proposed as a densely vegetated garden area with an enhanced canopy of new trees, colorful understory plantings, and raised corten steel planter walls to accommodate the root mass of the new plantings and limit subsurface disturbance. With the realignment of an existing fence, the garden walk will also incorporate a handful of existing trees from the LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes lawn area to complement the newly planted trees (minimum of five). Fixed seating would be provided as an integrated part of the corten steel planter walls.

The existing Living Wall located along the southern boundary of the Plaza Church will be retained as a feature of the Garden Walk. Constructed in 2010, the Living Wall consists of vertically planted succulents and other colorful plant species that offer visitors a unique visual experience.

To further enhance this space, a simple watercourse is also proposed in this area and will be engineered within areas of existing artificial fill. Lighting for this area will highlight the walking surface, water feature, the Living Wall, seating areas and the planting arrangements.

2.3.4 Spring Street Plaza

Development of the Spring Street Plaza is proposed at the location of the New High Street turnaround developed consistent with the 2010 Revised LA Plaza Project. The New High Street turnaround and the existing coral tree contained within it would be removed to allow development of this area as a multiple use plaza. The existing mature tree has declined in health over the past four years and its long-term viability is uncertain. A recent arborist report dated July 29, 2014 concluded that, due to the tree’s overall condition of decline, it will not provide the expected benefits and will eventually fail (Arsen Margossian, certified arborist). Removal of the tree would open the area to allow development of a new plaza and the planning of new trees. It would also allow for improved pedestrian circulation and outdoor programming. Removal would occur in the typical non-nesting bird season (September 15th through March 15th).

The New High Street turnaround is not critical to site access. There are adequate parking and drop-off areas in adjacent areas and the enhanced pedestrian facilities proposed by the Paseo Project would reduce reliance on vehicular transportation by creating a unique, enjoyable walking experience.

The plaza would include approximately eight newly-planted shade trees, civic steps, an accessible ramp, understory plantings, and a mist fountain (that can be turned on or off) embedded with sculptural “boulders” made of mosaic tiles and other colorful materials. The Spring Street Plaza was designed to address a 4-foot grade change and the western façade of the Plaza Church. The civic steps would incorporate L.E.D. text in the face of each step to announce events in the LA Plaza.

Simulated conceptual images of the Paseo Project are included in Figures 2-9 through 2-16.

Figure 2-9. Simulated View – Main Street Plaza from Main Street Looking West



Source: LA Plaza Paseo, 100% Schematic Landscape Design (SWA Landscape Architecture 2014)

Figure 2-10. Simulated View. Main Street Plaza Water Feature Looking West



Source: LA Plaza Paseo, 100% Schematic Landscape Design (SWA Landscape Architecture 2014)

Figure 2-11. Simulated View. Main Street Plaza from LA Plaza Entrance Looking West



Source: LA Plaza Paseo, 100% Schematic Landscape Design (SWA Landscape Architecture 2014)

Figure 2-12. Simulated View. Garden Walk Looking East to Main Street



Source: LA Plaza Paseo, 100% Schematic Landscape Design (SWA Landscape Architecture 2014)

Figure 2-13. Simulated View. Garden Walk Looking West to Spring Street



Source: LA Plaza Paseo, 100% Schematic Landscape Design (SWA Landscape Architecture 2014)

Figure 2-14. Simulated View. Spring Street Plaza Mist Fountain Looking Northeast



Source: LA Plaza Paseo, 100% Schematic Landscape Design (SWA Landscape Architecture 2014)

Figure 2-15. Simulated View. Spring Street Plaza from West of Church Looking South



Source: LA Plaza Paseo, 100% Schematic Landscape Design (SWA Landscape Architecture 2014)

Figure 2-16. Simulated View. Spring Street Plaza Looking West to Spring Street



Source: LA Plaza Paseo, 100% Schematic Landscape Design (SWA Landscape Architecture 2014)

SECTION 3

IMPACT ANALYSIS OF THE 2014 LA PLAZA PASEO PROJECT

The County completed a post-EIR CEQA checklist to analyze the 2014 LA Plaza Paseo Project's potential to result in new or substantially more severe significant impacts above those identified and disclosed in the 2004 EIR prepared for the approved LA Plaza Project (refer to Appendix A).

In summary, due to the proximity of the fenced historic cemetery and memorial garden adjacent to the Paseo Project area, Cultural Resources are reviewed. At the time of preparation of the 2004 EIR, no greenhouse gas (GHG) analysis was required during CEQA review; however, that issue area was subsequently addressed in the 2010 Addendum after the Appendix G checklist was amended to include GHG emissions. Since then, courts have determined that greenhouse gases do not constitute "new information" for purposes of an addendum analysis if the certified EIR was completed, as it was here, before the State CEQA Guidelines required an analysis of greenhouse gas emissions and/or climate change. The relevant portions of the post-certification CEQA Checklist (Appendix A) have been completed to reflect no new or more severe impacts associated with GHG emissions. Therefore, consistent with recent case law and Appendix A of this Addendum, no further analysis of GHG emissions is necessary.

It was determined that no further analysis of these issue areas is necessary for the Paseo Project Addendum (refer to Appendix A):

- Aesthetics
- Agriculture and Forestry Resources
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Geology and Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Permitting
- Mineral Resources
- Noise
- Population and Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Transportation and Traffic
- Utilities and Service Systems

3.1 CULTURAL RESOURCES

This analysis is undertaken to determine if the Paseo Project's proposed refinements to the LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes project, as updated by the 2010 Addendum, would result in new or substantially more severe significant impacts in relation to cultural resources than those disclosed in the certified 2004 EIR. The potential for the Paseo Project to result in new or more severe significant impacts to cultural resources was evaluated under thresholds of significance established by the State CEQA Guidelines.

3.1.1 Environmental Setting

In terms of historic/cultural setting, the Paseo Project area was historically occupied by Native Americans known as the Gabrielino (sometimes spelled Gabrieleño), who were so named by Spaniards after nearby Mission San Gabriel. Many modern Gabrielino refer to themselves as the Tongva. Tongva lands encompassed the greater Los Angeles Basin and three Channel Islands: San Clemente, San Nicolas, and Santa Catalina. Their neighbors included the Chumash to the northwest, the Tataviam and Serrano to the north, the Cahuilla to the east, and the Juaneño and Luiseño to the south.

The North Main Street area of the project site is within the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) listed Los Angeles Plaza Historic District (also known as El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historic District). Listed on the NRHP in 1972, the district represents a rare, intact, and diverse group of historic and cultural resources that exemplify the early settlement, founding, and expansion of Los Angeles. These resources include buildings, features, and sites from the city's Spanish, Mexican, and early American periods, and range from 18th-century adobe buildings and large Victorian commercial blocks to Spanish Colonial Revival buildings from the early 20th century.

Among the contributors to the district are: (1) adjacent to the north boundary of the Paseo Project site, the 1822 La Iglesia de Nuestra Señora Reina de Los Angeles (also known as the Plaza Church); (2) adjacent to the south boundary of the project area, the 1883 Plaza House (also known as the Garnier Block, 507-511 North Main Street); and (3) further south, the 1888 Vickrey-Brunswick Building (501 North Main Street). One block east of the project site, the Los Angeles Plaza Historic District includes the Plaza Park (originally established at its present location between 1825 and 1830 following recurring flooding of the Los Angeles River). The Plaza Park took its current circular shape in the 1860s.

Other historic resources contributing to the district and in the vicinity of the Paseo Project area include the historic Avila Adobe (the oldest house in Los Angeles, built in 1818), and Olvera Street, along which many of the plaza district's historic buildings were located and which was converted into a colorful Mexican marketplace reflective of the city's Spanish and Mexican heritage in 1930.

In addition, the recently discovered historic cemetery and memorial garden, adjacent to the Plaza Church, has been found eligible as a contributor to the district. The Los Angeles Plaza Cemetery site represents a significant portion of a Catholic burial ground that was in use from circa 1820 through 1844. Originally part of the 2004 LA Plaza Project area, the Los Angeles Plaza Church Cemetery included burial areas north, south, and possibly east of the Plaza Church. The southern area, which is now the site of the historic cemetery memorial garden, is located on an approximately 0.36-acre lot situated between the Old Plaza Church to the northeast and the Plaza House to the southwest. The cemetery and a protective buffer surrounding the historic cemetery is presently fenced off, protected from further disturbance or development, and landscaped as a memorial garden enclosed by a decorative fence.

At the time of certification of the 2004 EIR, the North Main Street area of the project site also included the Brunswick Annex, two vacant lots, and two streets (Republic Street and New High Street), though partial development of the LA Plaza Project and 2010 Revised LA Plaza Project has since altered these uses.

3.1.2 Impact Analysis

Appendix G of the State CEQA Guidelines provides sample checklist questions for use in determining a project's potential for significant environmental effects. Based on the post-certification CEQA checklist completed for the Paseo Project (see Appendix A), it was determined that the revisions proposed under the Paseo Project would have no potential to result in new or more severe impacts to unique paleontological resources or geologic features. Therefore, no further analysis under that threshold is

considered in this Addendum. The following impact analysis is based on the remaining CEQA Guidelines thresholds, which state that a potentially significant impact to cultural resources could result if the Paseo Project would:

- Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in Section 15064.5;
- Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to Section 15064.5; or
- Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries.

Each threshold is addressed separately in this section.

3.1.2.1 Substantial Adverse Change in Significance of a Historical Resource

The Paseo Project would not create new significant impacts or increase the severity of impacts to a historical resource beyond those impacts identified and disclosed in the certified 2004 EIR. This conclusion is based on a comparison of the elements of the 2004 project and 2014 project in light of the guidelines and recommendations of the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties (Secretary of the Interior's Standards)*.¹ In accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines, a project that has been determined to be in conformance with the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards* is generally considered to be a project that will not cause a significant adverse impact to a historic resource.²

Significant adverse impacts to historic resources originally identified and disclosed in the 2004 EIR included impacts to the Brunswig Annex, a historical resource that was demolished as part of the approved project. Significant adverse impacts related to the destruction of this historical resource were partially mitigated (though not to the level of less than significant) through Historic American Buildings Survey documentation of the resource. Two additional historic resources, the Vickrey-Brunswig Building and Plaza House, both contributors to the NRHP-listed El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historic District, were rehabilitated as part of the approved project. In the course of project implementation, significant adverse impacts to the adaptively-reused historic buildings were avoided through mitigation measure CUL-3, requiring plan review and documented conformance with the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards*.

As adopted in the 2004 EIR, mitigation measure CUL-3 would reduce any potential impacts to less than significant through conformance with the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards* (Mitigation Measure CUL-3: "Significant impacts to adaptively reused historic structures shall be avoided through conformance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards.") Indirect impacts to the setting of historic resources can also be mitigated through Standards conformance.

The Paseo Project does not include the removal or alteration of any historic resource or built environment property. Moreover, each element of the Paseo Project would comply with the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards*, as discussed below.

The Paseo Project does not involve the direct alteration or modification of historical resources; therefore, this analysis focuses on the potential for any indirect impacts to historical resources—namely, the

¹ Weeks, Kay D. and Anne E. Grimmer. 1995. *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties: with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring and Reconstructing Historic Buildings*. U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service Cultural Resource Stewardship and Partnerships, Heritage Preservation Services, Washington, DC.

² California Code of Regulations. Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Section 15126.4(b)(1).

adjacent Plaza Church, Plaza House, Vickrey-Brunswick building, and the surrounding NRHP-listed El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historic District. In examining potential indirect impacts, the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards* provide guidance recognized by CEQA as mitigating potential adverse direct and indirect impacts caused by a project to below the level of significance. The goal of the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards* is to outline approaches and guidelines that allow for the retention of and/or sensitive changes to the distinctive materials and features that lend a historical resource its significance. Two aspects of historic integrity—"setting" and "feeling"—can be significantly, adversely changed through indirect impacts. However, when additions and new construction adjacent to historic resources are carried out according to the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards*, the historical resource retains its historic integrity and thereby continues to convey the reasons for its significance.

According to the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards*, new construction in or near historic properties, including districts, should be differentiated but compatible; attention should be devoted to ensuring that the new construction is complementary to the historic property but does not create a false sense of history by imitating or replicating a historic building or property. The *Secretary of the Interior's Standards* include setting, in terms of the character of the surrounding environment, as a character-defining feature that weighs in the analysis of a resource's retention of historic integrity.

This analysis includes discussions of principal project elements, with a focus on the following standards that relate to indirect impacts to setting and feeling:

- (1) **Standard No. 2:** "The historic character of a property will be retained and preserved. The removal of distinctive materials or alteration of features, spaces, and spatial relationships that characterize a property will be avoided."
- (2) **Standard No. 3:** New construction should not "create a false sense of historic development, such as adding conjectural features or elements from other historic properties."
- (3) **Standard No. 9:** (1) "New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property." (2) "The new work shall be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment."
- (4) **Standard No. 10:** "New additions and adjacent or related new construction will be undertaken in a such manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired."

2014 Project Elements

This analysis covers the following three project elements: overall site plan, hardscaping/landscaping elements, and shade structures.

Overall Site Plan and Configuration

While the basic components of proposed outdoor pedestrian areas of the 2004 LA Plaza Project and 2014 LA Plaza Paseo Project are similar, the Paseo Project site plan proposes refinements in the overall spatial configuration of a plan that was largely conceptual in nature as of 2004. The 2004 LA Plaza Project included walkways and landscaping features throughout the paseo. The Paseo Project specifies locations and design details for these and other elements throughout the Paseo Project area.

As described in the project description, plans for the eastern portion of the Paseo Project area, the Main Street Plaza, include two artistic shade structures, an informal seating area, a cascading water feature, and

native plantings. Proposed hardscaping includes stone, concrete unit pavers, colored concrete, decomposed granite, and patterned/mosaic paving. The central portion of the paseo, the Garden Walk, is proposed as a densely vegetated garden area with canopy trees, colorful understory plantings, and raised corten-steel planter walls. A simple, aboveground watercourse is also proposed in this area. At the western area of the paseo, the Spring Street Plaza would entail the removal of a paved vehicular turnaround at New High Street, at the rear (western) elevation of the Plaza Church, and the development of a landscaped plaza. The Spring Street Plaza would include shade trees, “civic steps,” understory plantings, and a mist fountain embedded with sculptural “boulders” made of mosaic tiles and other colorful materials. The civic steps would incorporate L.E.D. text in the face of each step to announce events in the LA Plaza.

The *Secretary of the Interior’s Standards* recommend that new construction or additions adjacent to historic buildings or districts be sensitive to the relationship between historic buildings and site features and character. The Paseo Project would retain the spatial relationships currently characterizing the walkway/outdoor area between the Plaza House, La Plaza Church, and adjacent El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historic District. The Paseo Project is not proposed along the street or thoroughfare but rather in a previously underutilized space adjacent to the side elevations of the Plaza House and La Plaza Church. Therefore, in terms of location, the elements of the Paseo Project are visually subordinate to the adjacent historic resources and would not unduly interrupt or change the relationship between the historic buildings and their site and setting.

In massing and scale, as well, the features of the Paseo Project would be visually subordinate to adjacent historic buildings. No built intrusions or diminishing views of the historic district or its contributors would occur as a result of development of the Paseo Project. The two planned sunshades, while modern in character and materials, would be reversible, clearly differentiated, and visually subordinate to the historic buildings and district (further analysis on the sunshades is provided below).

In terms of layout and use, the refined site plan accommodates new programming features that would fulfill the original objectives of the approved LA Plaza Project, within the context of the historic district and its visual and spatial character. The Paseo Project does not propose the removal or alteration of any historic resource, nor would it obscure any significant viewsheds to or from the principal elevations of neighboring historic buildings or the adjacent El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historic District. The Paseo Project calls for the incorporation of interpretive information, to be etched into hardscaping and vertical rises of stairs at the Paseo Project site; this project element does not constitute a significant visual intrusion that would impact the setting or character of the district. In addition, the Paseo Project calls for the use of L.E.D. lighting on stairs, to announce upcoming events. While this feature represents a clear contrast with the character of the late nineteenth-century historic buildings and district, it would not constitute a significant new impact such that the adjacent historic buildings or district would no longer convey the reasons for their significance.

In addition, the 2014 project does not introduce other new features or visual intrusions that would significantly impact the integrity of the adjacent historic buildings or the setting of the historic district.

In summary, the overall spatial configuration of the Paseo Project would be in conformance with the LA Plaza Project features approved in the 2004 EIR and with the *Secretary of the Interior’s Standards*. Therefore, overall site plan refinements proposed as part of the Paseo project would not result in new significant impacts or to increase the severity of impacts identified in the 2004 EIR. The implementation of CUL-3 will ensure continuing Paseo Project compliance with the *Secretary of the Interior’s Standards*. Therefore, consistent with accepted CEQA standards, no significant impact to historical resources associated with proposed changes in the overall site plan and configuration of the Paseo Project would occur.

Hardscaping and Landscaping

Landscaping and hardscaping, including scale, materials and locations, proposed in the Paseo Project would be in conformance with the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards*. In terms of materials and design, proposed hardscaping materials and features would not remove distinctive materials or alter features, spaces, or spatial relationships that currently characterize the plaza or that characterize the adjacent historic properties. The Paseo Project components are not conjectural and would not create a false sense of history. The landscaping and planters would be compatible with but clearly distinguishable from similar elements in and around the neighboring historic properties and district.

In addition, the proposed landscaping would be visually subordinate to the historic buildings, clearly recognizable as newer features, and appropriately sited so as to not create a false historic appearance. The proposed hardscaping and landscaping elements would not compete with the existing spatial relationships of the historic buildings or the El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historic District.

Therefore, the hardscaping and landscaping elements proposed by the Paseo Project would be in conformance with the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards* and the approved 2004 EIR. Continued application of CUL-3 would ensure further compliance with the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards*; therefore, no significant impact to historical resources under CEQA would occur.

Addition of Two Artistic Shade Structures

The Paseo Project proposes two shade structures that would constitute a new element that was not included in the approved LA Plaza Project. The shade structures would be consistent with the LA Plaza Project's proposed use and program of the Paseo Project site as an outdoor gathering area.

The two shade structures would be located on the south side of the Main Street Plaza area, near the historic Plaza House and fenced LA Plaza lawn area, across from the historic cemetery memorial garden. The shade structures would consist of petal-like sunshades, perforated with geometric patterns. The shades would span approximately 18 feet in horizontal expanse at the top, and the "petals" would range from approximately 11 feet at the lowest point to 20 feet in height. The sunshades would be made of steel and painted in vibrant colors.

While modern in character and materials, the sunshades would be in conformance with the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards*. The vibrant colors of the sunshades, while contrasting with generally earth-toned colors of the adjacent historic properties and district, would be compatible with the colors employed in signage for the associated Mexican-American Museum on the site, as well as the adjacent Olvera Street marketplace. In addition, installation of the sunshades would not compromise or radically alter the features and spatial relationships that characterize adjacent historic properties or the El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historic District.

Insofar as the shade structures do not attach to the historic buildings but are anchored to existing footings in the ground, they would not destroy historic materials of the neighboring historic buildings. As an open structure, the shade structures do not visually conflict with the massing of the historic buildings and would therefore be appropriate within the context of the site.

In addition, the sunshades would be located within the interior portion of the Paseo Project area, rather than on the street or sidewalk of the historic district. Given this location within the paseo, the sunshades would have limited visual impact on the historic resources facing North Main Street, Spring Street, or the overall character and appearance of the El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historic District.

As stated in Standard #9, the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards* recommend that new additions and adjacent related construction to historic properties be differentiated from but compatible with the historic properties. The modern materials and character of the sunshades easily differentiate them from adjacent historic properties. In scale and massing, the sunshades would be sufficiently compatible with the adjacent historic properties.

With their vibrant colors and modern materials and design, the shade structures would not constitute an aesthetic break from the style and character of the surrounding late-nineteenth-century historic district and buildings. But given their subordinate location, along the sides of historic buildings rather than on the streetscape, their compatible size/scale relative to the scale of adjacent historic resources, as well as their reversibility, the sunshades would not result in a significant adverse impact to cultural resources related to a change that causes a historic resource to no longer convey the reasons for its significance. If removed in the future, the sunshades would leave the essential form and integrity of the adjacent historic resources and district, including the Vickrey-Brunswig Building and the Plaza House, uncompromised. Therefore, the shade structures proposed as part of the 2014 Paseo Project are in compliance with the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards* and no significant impact on a historical resource would occur under CEQA.

Consistent with CEQA, implementation of mitigation measure CUL-3 would minimize potential significant adverse impacts to historical resources through conformance with the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards*. As with the approved 2004 LA Plaza Project, continued implementation of mitigation measure CUL-3 would avoid significant impacts to historical resources as a result of implementation of the Paseo Project.

3.1.2.2 Substantial Adverse Change in Significance of an Archaeological Resource

The Paseo Project would not result in new significant impacts to or increase the severity of impacts in relation to cultural resources related to a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource.

The certified 2004 EIR found that development of the LA Plaza Project would have the potential to result in a significant adverse impact to cultural resources through the uncovering and/or destruction of unknown archeological resources (Sapphos Environmental 2004a). CUL-1 was adopted in order to reduce significant impacts related to archaeological resources to below the level of significance.

Similarly, Paseo Project refinements would be located within the same project area previously analyzed and would not involve an increase in grading or new construction. The Paseo Project area remains sensitive, and the potential for significant adverse impacts to archaeological resources continues to exist. Therefore, this impact, and the associated mitigation measure (CUL-1) remain applicable to the Paseo Project.

While the potential impact and corresponding mitigation measure remain relevant and applicable, CUL-1 has been refined in light of the 2010 discovery of the historic cemetery. Refinements are not substantive; rather, they represent clarifications regarding the presence of known resources and provide additional detail regarding the required documentation protocols, staff qualifications, and the steps that would be taken in the event of a cultural resources discovery. Mitigation measure CUL-1 has been refined as follows:

Measure CUL-1 The County of Los Angeles shall ensure that impacts to cultural resources as a result of the potential for earthmoving activity to uncover archeological resources is below the level of significance through monitoring by a qualified archaeologist of all subsurface operations, including but not limited to grading,

excavation, trenching, and recording of any archeological resources encountered during construction. The plans and specifications for all ground-disturbing activities shall identify the need for archeological monitoring. The archaeologist shall be on site during any activity when soil is to be moved or exported. The archaeologist shall be authorized to halt the project in the area of a finding, and mark, collect, and evaluate any archaeological materials discovered during construction. In addition, an exploratory archaeological excavation shall be made (i.e., a sample test pit) to assess the presence of cultural resources.

Copies of any archaeological surveys, studies, or reports of field observation during grading and land modification shall be prepared and certified by the attendant archaeologist and submitted to the County of Los Angeles within 90 days of the last day of archaeological fieldwork and to the South Central Coastal Information Center at California State University Fullerton. Any artifacts recovered during mitigation shall be deposited in an accredited and permanent scientific or educational institution for the benefit of current and future generations. All archaeological work shall be supervised by an archaeologist meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards for archaeology.

A Native American monitor, selected from the contact list provided by the Native American Heritage Commission, shall be present to monitor all ground-disturbing construction activities within the Garden Walk and Main Street Plaza project areas for the presence of potentially significant Native American resources. The monitor shall complete a daily log documenting construction activities and observations.

(refer to CUL-1, Sapphos Environmental, 2004b)

Implementation of modified CUL-1 would reduce potential significant impacts to cultural resources to less than significant. Therefore, the Paseo Project would not result in new significant impacts or an increase in the severity of impacts disclosed in the 2004 EIR.

3.1.2.3 Disturb Human Remains

The Paseo Project would not result in new significant impacts or increase the severity of previously identified significant impacts to cultural resources related to the disturbance of human remains. The certified 2004 EIR found that development of the recommended project would have the potential to result in impacts to cultural resources through the unanticipated discovery of human remains. CUL-4 was adopted in order to reduce significant impacts related to the unanticipated discovery of human remains to below the level of significance.

While the potential impact and corresponding mitigation measure remain relevant, CUL-4 has been modified in light of the 2010 discovery of the historic cemetery. References to current regulatory requirements related to discovery of human remains have been added and the area in which construction activities must cease following an inadvertent discovery has been specified. Mitigation measure CUL-4 has been refined as follows:

Measure CUL-4 The County of Los Angeles shall ensure that impacts to cultural resources related to the unanticipated discovery of human remains be reduced to below the level of significance by ensuring that in the event human remains are encountered, construction in the area of finding (within 8 m [25 feet]) shall cease and the remains shall stay in situ, pending definition of an appropriate plan. The Los Angeles County Department of Coroner shall be contacted to make a determination of origin and

disposition pursuant to State of California Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 and Public Resources Code Section 5097.98. In the event that the remains are of Native American origin, the coroner shall contact the Native American Heritage Commission, which will provide direction regarding next steps.

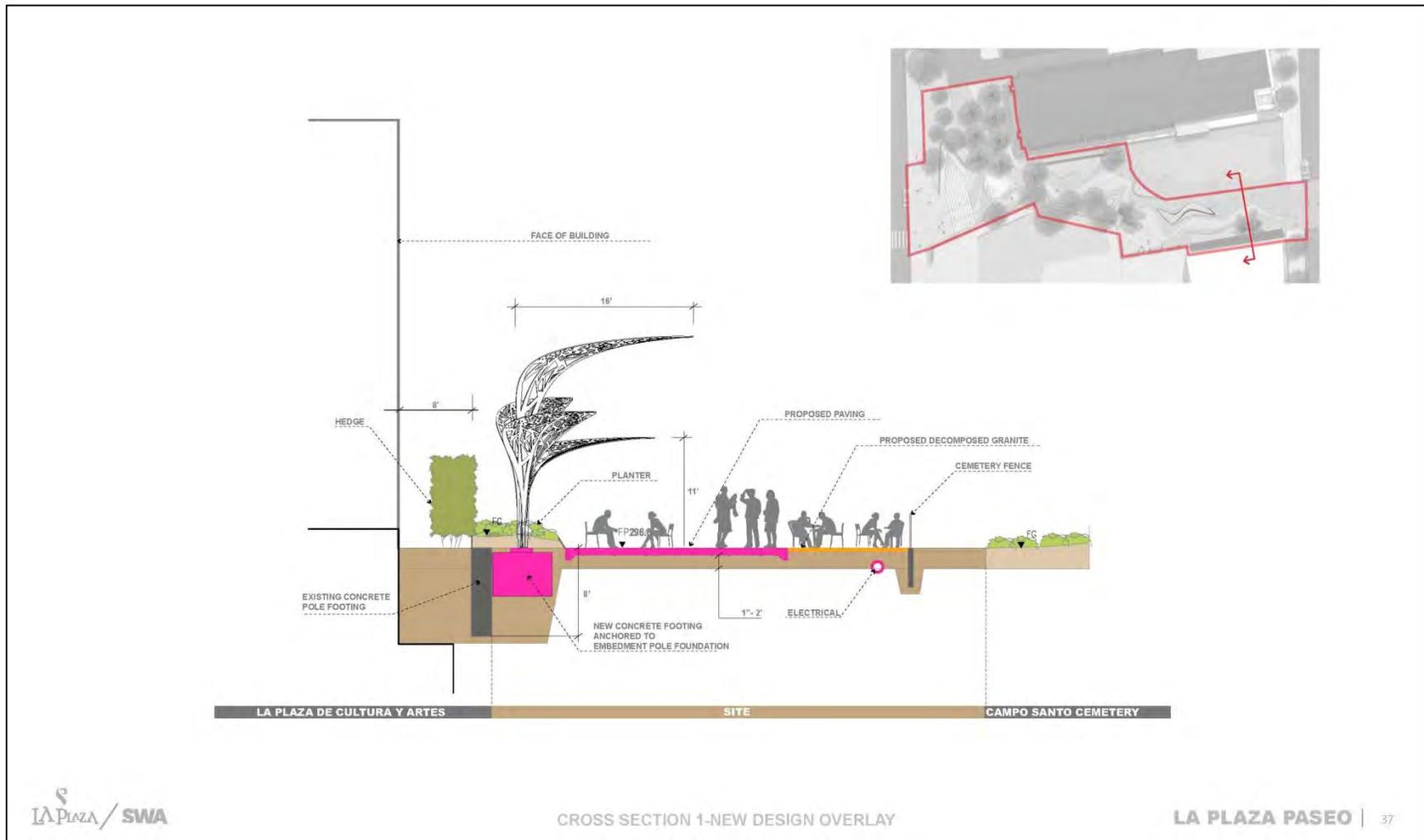
(refer to CUL-4, Sapphos Environmental, 2004b)

Implementation of refined CUL-4 would reduce potential significant impacts to cultural resources associated with the inadvertent discovery of human remains to less than significant. In addition, the Paseo Project incorporates methods for installation and anchoring of the two sunshades and other hardscaping features to minimize subsurface ground disturbance to areas of known engineered fill material, thereby reducing the potential for inadvertent disturbance of archaeological resources and reducing the likelihood of discovering human remains during project implementation.

Figure 3-1 depicts the proposed approach and reflects the areas of proposed disturbance as entirely contained within existing artificial fill material, with little to no potential to contain sensitive archaeological resources. All proposed water features, planter walls, and seating elements of the project would utilize a similar approach for anchoring features into shallow footings and avoiding subsurface ground disturbance.

Therefore, the Paseo Project would not result in new significant impacts or increase the severity of previously identified significant impacts disclosed in the 2004 EIR.

Figure 3-1. Paseo Project – Shade structures anchored to existing footings for minimal ground disturbance.



Source: LA Plaza Paseo, 100% Schematic Landscape Design (SWA Landscape Architecture 2014).

SECTION 4 CONCLUSION

The County reviewed the previously certified 2004 EIR and 2010 EIR Addendum for the LA Plaza Project in conjunction with the current proposal and determined that the proposed modifications described in the 2014 LA Plaza Paseo Project would not result in any new or significantly adverse environmental impacts or any substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified significant effect.

The County proposes modifications to the previously-approved LA Plaza Project and 2010 Revised LA Plaza Project consistent with the 2014 LA Plaza Paseo Project as described herein. For all environmental resource areas, review of the 2014 LA Plaza Paseo Project indicates that the proposed modifications are in substantial conformance with the analysis of the certified 2004 EIR and 2010 Addendum.

Based on the impact analysis provided above, and the review of potential impacts in the post-EIR CEQA checklist (Appendix A), the 2014 LA Plaza Paseo Project would not result in new significant impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of impacts previously identified during CEQA review of the approved LA Plaza Project. No significant, adverse, and unavoidable impacts to the environment as a result of the Paseo Project have been identified when considering the mitigation measures included as part of the original LA Plaza Project. Thus, the Paseo Project would not result in any conditions that would trigger preparation of a subsequent or supplemental EIR.

Approval of the Paseo Project is not expected to have any significant, adverse, and unavoidable impacts, either long-term or short-term, nor will it cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly, provided all applicable mitigation measures are implemented. The Mitigation Monitoring Program prepared in conjunction with the 2004 EIR remains valid and applies to the Paseo Project and Second Addendum. Clarifications to measures identified to reduce impacts to cultural resources have been made to address the discovery of the historic cemetery and modernize the measures consistent with current practice; though no substantial additions or changes are necessary. In summary, the analysis concludes that none of the conditions described in Section 15162 of the CEQA Guidelines calling for preparation of a subsequent EIR have occurred, and thus an Addendum to the 2004 EIR is required to satisfy CEQA requirements for the proposed Paseo Project.

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Appendix A

Post-EIR Initial Study and Checklist LA Plaza Paseo Project

Post EIR - Initial Study and Checklist

CEQA Guidelines Sections 15063, 15162, and 15164

1. PROJECT DETAILS

Project Title: LA Plaza Paseo Project

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Project Location: The project site is located within the outdoor paseo portion of the LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes center, extending from North Main Street to Spring Street between the LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes center and Plaza Church.

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Approved 2004 LA Plaza Project. The LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes Project (which was approved in 2004 in conjunction with County's certification of the 2004 Final EIR prepared for the project) proposed a combination of rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of historic buildings and new construction to develop a multi-purpose cultural center to serve the local and visiting community. The project included rehabilitation of the historic Plaza House and Vickrey-Brunswick Building, demolition of the historic Brunswick Annex, construction of a new cultural center building, construction of a new theater performing arts center, and development of approximately 1.35 acres of outdoor areas, including paseos, pedestrian walkways, outdoor classroom space, and a memorial garden to commemorate the original location of the city's first cemetery. Proposed outdoor areas included closure of New High Street to vehicular traffic to facilitate the pedestrian-oriented environment and development of a variety of landscaped setting with a variety of different hardscape and softscape elements. Landscaped elements included natural passive park areas, colored plaster finish walls, ironwork panels and fencing, water features, and native plantings to create a visually vibrant outdoor area.

2010 Revised LA Plaza Project. Several project revisions were proposed in 2010, primarily designed around elimination of the new cultural center building and new theater performing arts center to refocus the project area on outdoor activities and spaces. The 2010 project refinements added an outdoor patio area with colorful shade canopy, an outdoor performance stage with colorful shade canopy, a large open lawn area, similar passive paseos and pedestrian walkways, and development of a new restroom/lobby building to support these additional outdoor uses. The 2010 revised project carried forward substantially similar passive outdoor area components, including paseos and pedestrian walkways, decorative pavings, landscaping and native plantings, removal of vehicular traffic and development of the New High Street turnaround, a commemorative memorial garden, water features, and various outdoor classroom spaces. The 2010 Revised LA Plaza Project made minor modifications to the rehabilitation schemes of the Plaza House and Vickrey-Brunswig Building and also made slight modifications to Republic Street to provide improved fire truck access and turnaround.

2014 LA Plaza Paseo Project. The revised LA Plaza Paseo Project (Paseo Project) updates and modifies the design details of the outdoor pedestrian walkway area. It includes development of three outdoor areas to improve the pedestrian pathway from North Main Street to Spring Street that was developed pursuant to the approved project and 2010 Revised LA Plaza Project. The 2014 Paseo Project proposes vibrant, modern design elements to create a memorable pedestrian experience, while also providing interpretive historic features to complement the surrounding historic context. The Paseo Project would include artistic shade structures, colored pavings, informal seating areas, water features, native plantings, colorful understory plantings and planter walls, a mist fountain, and colorful mosaic features. Corten steel planters throughout the paseo will be scribed or laser cut with historic maps and information to serve as an educational and artistic feature. The New High Street turnaround constructed consistent with the approved 2004 project and 2010 revised project would be removed and redesigned as a multi-purpose outdoor plaza to further pedestrian circulation and passive open space uses in the project area. The civic steps adjacent to Spring Street will incorporate L.E.D. text in the face of each step to announce various events in the LA Plaza Paseo.

3. PURPOSE OF CHECKLIST:

Section 15162 of the CEQA Guidelines describes the scenarios in which preparation of a subsequent EIR would be required due to project revisions made after an EIR has been certified. Consistent with Section 15162, the brief analysis below demonstrates that:

- 1) The 2014 LA Plaza Paseo Project would not involve substantial changes that would result in new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of significant effects previously identified in the 2004 EIR certified for the approved LA Plaza Project;

- 2) The 2014 LA Plaza Paseo Project would not involve substantial changes with respect to the circumstances under which the Paseo Project would be undertaken that would result in new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of significant effects previously identified in the certified 2004 EIR; and
- 3) The identification of new information of substantial importance would not result in new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of significant effects previously identified in the certified 2004 EIR, or result in the identification of new or considerably different feasible mitigation measures or project alternatives that would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project.

Additionally, Section 15164 of the CEQA Guidelines provides the authority for preparing an Addendum to a previously certified EIR. As required in Subsection (e) of Section 15164, substantial evidence supporting the lead agency's decision not to prepare a subsequent EIR pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 is provided. The analysis below strictly relates to the changes associated with the 2014 LA Plaza Paseo Project. It should also be noted that the information below is focused as a post-EIR CEQA checklist in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162 and 15164. Based on the following analysis, preparation of a subsequent EIR to address the 2014 LA Plaza Paseo Project would not be required based on the following analysis.

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1. AESTHETICS. Would the project:

- a. Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?

Less Than Significant Impact. For CEQA purposes, a scenic vista is generally defined as a viewpoint that provides expansive views of a highly valued landscape for the benefit of the general public. The Paseo Project is proposed in a highly urbanized area of downtown Los Angeles. There are no scenic vistas in or surrounding the project area and although the project includes colorful and vibrant design details, the proposed paseo would be indistinguishable in expansive views of the larger Los Angeles cityscape.

The Paseo Project would not result in any new or more severe adverse effects on a scenic vista and no further analysis of this issue is required.

- b. Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?

Less Than Significant Impact. The project site contains scenic resources, including the multiple historic structures and trees and plantings in the almost entirely urbanized area. However, although visible from many highly utilized surrounding public vantage points, the site is not visible from any designated or proposed scenic highways. Therefore, the Paseo Project would not result in a new or more severe impact associated with substantial damage to a scenic resource in proximity of a scenic highway and no further analysis of this issue is required.

- c. Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?

Less Than Significant Impact. The Paseo Project proposes redevelopment of the pedestrian walkway through the project area with bold and vibrant design elements. The proposed revisions would change the existing visual character of the site through the addition of more modern and artistic design elements. Visual resources in the project area include historic buildings within the project site, open outdoor multi-purpose cultural center spaces, and trees and plantings. The project site would be visible from surrounding streets and other public

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areas that accommodate a high number of viewers.

Proposed project design elements are not expected to substantially degrade the visual character or quality of the project area. The project would be consistent with the colorful outdoor uses and spaces of the adjacent LA Plaza cultural center and would also reflect the historic Mexican-American heritage of the project vicinity. The Paseo Project would be consistent with other vibrant cultural areas in the project area, including the Mexican marketplace along Olvera Street and the Plaza Park. Removal of existing roadways and development of additional landscaping, educational elements, water features, and trees would provide a beneficial impact at the project site.

No new or more severe impacts resulting from a substantial degradation of the visual character or quality of the site would occur, and no further analysis of this issue is required.

- d. Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?

Less Than Significant Impact. The Paseo Project would include light poles throughout the paseo and other ambient and/or safety lighting. The Paseo Project also proposes use of L.E.D. lights in the civic steps to provide information on upcoming LA Plaza events and “happenings”. The existing pedestrian walkway includes similar exterior safety lighting and light poles and the proposed lighting is consistent with the surrounding urban context. Existing nighttime views include high levels of illumination from surrounding development in all directions, including exterior lighting on building, traffic facilities and lights, and multiple light towers in the on-site City and County parking lots. The proposed L.E.D. lights in the civic steps would be below the surface elevation of Spring Street, on the east-facing front face of each step. The L.E.D. lights would not be visible from Spring Street, and views would be predominantly limited to the Spring Street Plaza and Garden Walk areas of the proposed paseo. The proposed open air paseo would not result in the development of structures of a bulk and/or height that would create substantial shade or shadows on adjacent areas or buildings.

Lighting associated with the proposed Paseo Project would be consistent with existing conditions and the surrounding urban setting, and no new or more severe impacts associated with the creation of substantial light, glare, or sources of shade would occur. No further analysis of this issue is necessary.

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2. AGRICULTURE AND FOREST RESOURCES. In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state’s inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assessment Project and the Forest Legacy Assessment project; and forest carbon measurement methodology provided in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board. Would the project:

- a. Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?

No Impact. There are no Prime Farmlands, Unique Farmlands, Farmlands of Statewide Importance, or existing agricultural uses in the project vicinity pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency. The Paseo Project would not result in a new or more severe impact associated with the conversion of Farmland to non-agricultural use and no further analysis of this issue is required.

- b. Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?

No Impact. The project site is not zoned for agricultural use, and no agriculturally zoned areas are present in the surrounding urbanized area. No portion of the project site or surrounding area is subject to a Williamson Act Contract. Therefore, the Paseo Project would not conflict with existing zoning for agricultural uses or a Williamson Act Contract. No new or more severe impact would occur and no further analysis of this topic is required.

- c. Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code Section

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12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code Section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code Section 51104(g))?

No Impact. The project site is located in a highly urbanized area in downtown Los Angeles and does not include any forest or timberland. No portion of the project site or the surrounding area is zoned for or currently used as forest land. Therefore, the 2014 LA Plaza Paseo Project would not conflict with or otherwise affect forest land or timberland as defined by the Public Resources Code. Forest and timberlands were not considered under CEQA at the time the 2004 EIR was prepared and certified. However, due to the absence of any potential for adverse effects on these resources, no further analysis of this topic is required in the Addendum.

d. Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to a non-forest use?

No Impact. As stated above, the project site is not zoned for forest land and does not include any forest or timberland. Therefore, the Paseo Project would not result in the loss or conversion of forest land or timberland. No new or more severe impacts would occur and no further analysis of this topic is required.

e. Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?

No Impact. As noted above, the project site and surrounding vicinity do not contain any agricultural or forest resources and do not support any existing agricultural or forest uses. The proposed redesign of the existing pedestrian pathway and other changes proposed as part of the Paseo Project would not result in any indirect effects on agricultural or forest uses, as there are no agricultural or forest resources or support facilities in the project vicinity. Therefore, development of the Paseo Project would not result in a new or more severe impact associated

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with the conversion of farmland or forest land to non-agricultural or non-forest use and no further analysis of this topic is required.

3. AIR QUALITY. Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:

- a. Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?

Less Than Significant Impact. The Paseo Project is within the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) portion of the South Coast Air Basin, which is in nonattainment for both federal and state ozone (O₃) standards and federal and state particulate matter (PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}) standards and lead. The proposed Paseo Project would be consistent with the Los Angeles Central City Community Plan land use designations and zoning for the area and would not result in a land use that substantially differs from existing conditions or intensifies use above those analyzed in the 2004 EIR. The project would not induce substantial population growth that would be outside of growth predictions in the SCAQMD’s 2012 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) and the proposed passive open air recreational facilities would not otherwise conflict with or obstruct implementation of the 2012 AQMP. No new or more severe impacts associated with obstruction of applicable air quality plans would occur and no further analysis is required.

- b. Violate any air quality standard or contribute to an existing or projected air quality violation?

Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated. Short-term construction and operational air quality impacts were analyzed in the 2004 certified EIR in association with the approved LA Plaza Project, which included proposed construction of two new buildings totaling approximately 55,300 square feet, rehabilitation of two historic structures, demolition of one historic structure and one County parking lot, and development of various open outdoor pathways and spaces. The Paseo Project no longer proposes development of new buildings, rehabilitation of existing structures, or demolition of historic structures or parking facilities, but would entail construction and maintenance of similar open air passive recreational facilities within a substantially reduced footprint. Therefore, construction and operation of the Paseo Project would be expected to result in substantially reduced air quality emissions and impacts. The 2004 EIR determined that all air quality impacts associated with development of the larger

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LA Plaza Project would be reduced to less than significant with implementation of identified mitigation measures, with the exception of NOx emissions during peak construction periods. Identified mitigation measures Air-1 through Air-12 would remain applicable to the Paseo Project. Because development proposed under the Paseo Project is substantially reduced in comparison to the approved LA Plaza Project, no new air quality violation or more severe increase in existing violations than those analyzed in the 2004 EIR would occur.

Measure Air-1

The County of Los Angeles shall ensure that the plans and specifications identify the requirement to comply with SCAQMD regulations, including Rule 402 and Rule 403. The specifications shall require the construction contractor to present a Rule 402/Rule 403 compliance plan at the construction start-up meeting, prior to demolition, construction staging, or grading. The Rule 402/Rule 403 compliance plan would likely include measure Air-2 through Air-12 or comparable measures to prevent nuisance dust and visible emissions. The County of Los Angeles shall ensure that the construction activities related to the project shall comply with SCAQMD regulations, including Rule 402 and Rule 403. Rule 402 specifies that there shall be no dust impacts off site that would be sufficient to cause a nuisance. Rule 403 specifies that construction activities shall restrict visible emissions from occurring. The contractor’s Rule 402/Rule 403 compliance plan will be subject to approval by the County. Weekly inspections shall be undertaken by the County to ensure conformance with the approved Rule 402/Rule 403 compliance plan.

Measure Air-2

Soil moistening shall be required to treat exposed soil during construction to avoid fugitive dust emissions, ensure compliance with current air quality standards, and avoid contributions to cumulative increases in criteria pollutants. The County of Los Angeles shall ensure that the plans and specifications include the requirement for the construction contractor to ensure that soil is moistened prior to grading and that soil moisture content is maintained at a minimum of 12 percent for all grading activities. The construction contractor shall demonstrate compliance with this measure through the submission of weekly monitoring reports to the County of Los Angeles. At a minimum, persons conducting active operations within the boundaries of the South Coast Air Basin shall utilize one or

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more of the applicable best available control measures to minimize fugitive dust emissions from each fugitive dust source type that is part of the active operation.

Measure Air-3

Soil moistening shall be required to treat grading areas during construction to avoid fugitive dust emissions, ensure compliance with current air quality standards, and avoid contributions to cumulative increases in criteria pollutants. The County of Los Angeles shall ensure that the plans and specifications include the requirement for the construction contractor to ensure that soil shall be moistened not more than 15 minutes prior to moving soil and three times a day, or four times a day under windy conditions, in order to maintain a soil moisture content of 12 percent.

Measure Air-4

Application of water or a chemical stabilizer shall be required to treat grading areas during construction to avoid fugitive dust emissions, ensure compliance with current air quality standards, and avoid contributions to cumulative increases in criteria pollutants. The County of Los Angeles shall ensure that the plans and specifications include the requirement for the construction contractor to apply water or a chemical stabilizer to maintain a stabilized surface on the last day of active operations prior to a weekend or holiday.

Measure Air-5

Moistening or covering of excavated soil piles shall be required to treat grading areas during construction to avoid fugitive dust emissions, ensure compliance with current air quality standards, and avoid contributions to cumulative increases in critical pollutants. The County of Los Angeles shall ensure that the plans and specifications include the requirement for the construction contractor to ensure that excavated soil piles are watered hourly for the duration of construction or covered with temporary coverings.

Measure Air-6

Discontinuing grading activities during windy conditions shall be required to treat grading areas during construction to avoid fugitive dust emissions, ensure compliance with current air quality standards, and avoid contributions to cumulative increases in critical pollutants. The County of Los Angeles shall

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ensure that the plans and specifications include the requirement for the construction contractor to cease grading during periods when winds exceed 25 miles per hour.

Measure Air-7

Moistening excavated soil prior to loading on trucks shall be required at all grading areas during construction to avoid fugitive dust emissions, ensure compliance with current air quality standards, and avoid contributions to cumulative increases in critical pollutants. The County of Los Angeles shall ensure that the plans and specifications include the requirement for the construction contractor to moisten excavated soil prior to loading on trucks.

Measure Air-8

Transport of soils to and from the project site shall be conducted in a manner that avoids fugitive dust emissions, ensures compliance with current air quality standards, and avoids contributions to cumulative increases in criteria pollutants. The County of Los Angeles shall ensure that the plans and specifications include the requirement for the construction contractor to cover all loads of dirt leaving the site or to leave sufficient freeboard capacity in the truck to prevent fugitive dust emissions en route to the disposal site.

Measure Air-9

Washing of wheels leaving the construction site shall be required to avoid fugitive dust emissions, ensure compliance with current air quality standards, and avoid contributions to cumulative increases in criteria pollutants. The County of Los Angeles shall ensure that the plans and specifications include the requirement for the construction contractor to clean adjacent streets of tracked dirt at the end of each workday or install on site wheel-washing facilities.

Measure Air-10

Turning off engines and equipment when not in use shall be required to reduce vehicular emissions. The County of Los Angeles shall ensure that the plans and specifications include the requirement for the construction contractor to reduce idling emissions by turning off equipment and truck engines when not in use for five minutes or more.

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Measure Air-11

Concurrent use of multiple pieces of heavy equipment shall be prohibited to the maximum extent feasible to reduce vehicular emissions. The County of Los Angeles shall ensure that the plans and specifications include the requirement reducing concurrent use of multiple pieces of heavy equipment to the maximum extent feasible during construction activities.

Measure Air-12

Carpooling and use of public transportation shall be encouraged to reduce vehicular emissions. The County of Los Angeles shall ensure that the plans and specifications include the requirement for the construction contractor to encourage construction workers to use public transit and carpools.

2004 EIR mitigation measures Air-1 through Air-12 would remain applicable to the Paseo Project prior to and throughout construction. The Paseo Project would not create any new or more severe impacts associated with violations of air quality standards. No further analysis of this issue is required.

- c. Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?

Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated. The Paseo Project would result in the emission of air pollutants in the South Coast Air Basin, which is currently in non-attainment of federal and state air quality standards for ozone, PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}, and lead. Project construction would result in the emission of ozone precursors and other criteria pollutants. However, the scale and extent of construction proposed in conjunction with the Paseo Project is substantially reduced in comparison to construction activities analyzed in the 2004 EIR for the approved LA Plaza Project. The 2004 EIR identified potentially significant impacts associated with an increase in criteria pollutants that would be reduced to levels of insignificance with implementation of identified mitigation measures, with the exception of NOx emissions, which were identified as significant and unavoidable. The Paseo Project would also contribute to emissions of criteria pollutants, but the overall amount of development and

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associated air emissions would not exceed what was analyzed in the 2004 EIR. Implementation of mitigation measures identified in the 2004 EIR would further reduce any potential impacts.

2004 EIR mitigation measures Air-1 through Air-12 would remain applicable to the Paseo Project prior to and throughout construction. The Paseo Project would not create any new or more severe impacts associated with the emission of criteria pollutants. No further analysis of this issue is required.

d. Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?

Less Than Significant Impact. Consistent with the 2004 EIR, no sensitive receptors (i.e., long-term health care centers, retirement homes, residences, schools, playgrounds, childcare centers) are located within 0.25 mile of the project site. Therefore, the potential for exposure of sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations is low. Emissions associated with the Paseo Project would be less than those associated with development of the approved LA Plaza Project due to the reduced construction activities and development proposed. Implementation of mitigation measures identified in the 2004 EIR would further reduce any potential for impacts.

No new or more severe impacts associated with exposure of sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations would occur and no further analysis is required.

e. Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?

Less Than Significant Impact. No objectionable odors are anticipated as a result of either construction or operation of the Paseo Project. The Paseo Project would be constructed using conventional building materials typical of construction projects of a similar type and size. Any odors that may be generated during construction would be localized and temporary in nature and would not affect a substantial number of people or result in a nuisance as defined by SCAQMD Rule 402.

According to the SCAQMD *CEQA Air Quality Handbook*, land uses associated with odor complaints typically include agricultural uses, wastewater treatment plants, food processing plants, chemical plants, composting, refineries, landfills, dairies, and fiberglass molding. The Paseo Project would not involve these types of uses or other uses considered likely to create

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odors. No new or more severe impacts would occur and no further analysis of this issue is required.

4. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES. Would the project:

- a. Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?

Less Than Significant Impact. The Paseo Project proposes changes to the existing pedestrian walkway through the downtown Los Angeles LA Plaza cultural center. The Initial Study completed for the approved LA Plaza Project determined that the approved project would not result in significant adverse effect to biological resources; therefore, this issue area was not carried forward for analysis in the EIR. The project site is located in a highly urbanized area and consists largely of hardscape pathways, vehicular access, and landscaping elements. Site surveys conducted in 2001 indicated that the site did not support suitable habitat for any listed or special status species and additional subsequent development pursuant to the 2004 EIR and 2010 Addendum has further minimized the natural habitat value of the site. The Paseo Project location does not support suitable habitat for candidate, sensitive, or special status species.

The Paseo Project would include the removal of one mature ornamental cockspur coral tree (*Erythrina crista-galli*) tree in the center median of the New High Street turnaround and passenger drop-off area, which could provide marginal habitat for nesting or migratory birds. However, due to the high vehicular and pedestrian traffic in the area, the tree is not expected to support more than occasional and/or temporary occupancy by birds. Removal would also occur in the typical non-nesting bird season (September 15th through March 15th). Therefore, the Paseo Project would not result in new or more severe adverse effects on biological resources and no further analysis of this issue is required in the Addendum.

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b. Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

No Impact. The project site is currently developed with a hardscape pedestrian pathway features, New High Street turnaround and passenger drop-off / pick-up area, and landscaped elements. There is no riparian habitat or other sensitive natural communities within the project site or surrounding areas. Previous studies have not identified the presence of any drainages or other features that would have the potential to support riparian or wetland vegetation, nor have more recent developments created any such features. The Paseo Project would not result in new or more severe impacts to riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community. No further analysis of this issue is required.

c. Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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No Impact. The project site is currently developed with hardscape pedestrian pathways, a vehicular passenger drop-off and pick-up area, and landscaped elements. The project site does not support any wetlands or other jurisdictional features, including federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and no impacts associated with direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means would occur. Therefore, the Paseo Project would not result in new or more severe impacts to wetlands and no further analysis is required.

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d. Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Less Than Significant Impact. As previously described, the project site consists of pedestrian, traffic, and landscaped facilities within a highly urbanized area of downtown Los Angeles. It is surrounded on all sides by additional urban development, including buildings, parking lots, and streets. There are no open spaces, water bodies, or stream courses in the project site or surrounding areas that would facilitate the movement of migratory fish or wildlife. Therefore, redevelopment of the Paseo Project would not result in new or more severe impacts to the movement of any migratory fish or wildlife species, established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or native wildlife nursery sites. Consistent with the approved LA Plaza Project, no further analysis is required.

e. Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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No Impact. The Paseo Project would not substantially affect biological resources and would not conflict with local policies designed to protect biological resources, including the County of Los Angeles Oak Tree Ordinance. The County Oak Tree Ordinance affords mature oak trees consideration and protection; however, site reconnaissance conducted at the time of analysis of the approved LA Plaza Project did not identify any oak trees on the project site or in the immediate vicinity. The Paseo Project would include removal of one mature ornamental and non-native cockspur coral tree, which is not afforded any special protection by local policies. A July 2013 tree assessment determined that the tree was in decline and subject to failure in the future (Bardez 2013). The Paseo Project would not result in new or more severe impacts to biological resources, or conflict with local policies or ordinances intended to protect biological resources. No further analysis is required.

f. Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP), Natural Community Conservation Plan (NCCP),	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?

No Impact. According to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife California Regional Conservation Plans Map, no Habitat Conservation Plans have been developed for any areas within the project site or surrounding areas. The Paseo Project would not conflict with the provisions of any adopted habitat conservation plan, natural community conservation plan, or other approved habitat conservation plan. No new or more severe impacts would occur, and no further analysis is required.

5. CULTURAL RESOURCES. Would the project:

- a. Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5?

Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporation. The project site is located within a significant historic area of downtown Los Angeles. There are multiple identified historic resources directly adjacent to the Paseo Project site and in surrounding areas, including the historic Plaza House and Vickrey-Brunswig Building (rehabilitated pursuant to the approved LA Plaza Project and 2004 EIR), both of which are contributors to the National Register of Historic Places-listed El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historic District. Development of the Paseo Project would generally be consistent with other passive recreational uses proposed by the approved LA Plaza Project and 2010 Revised LA Plaza Project. However, due to the significance of the historic district surrounding the project site, this issue will be considered in further detail in the Addendum.

- b. Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5?

Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporation. The project site is located within an area of high archaeological sensitivity in downtown Los Angeles. The 2004 EIR identified the potential for significant impacts on archaeological resources due to the high number of archaeological sites and isolates in close proximity of the project site. Development of the Paseo Project would generally be consistent with other passive recreational uses

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proposed by the approved LA Plaza Project and 2010 Revised LA Plaza Project. However, due to the highly sensitive nature of the project site and subsequent discovery of the historic cemetery in the area adjacent to the proposed Paseo Project, this issue will be considered in further detail in the Addendum.

- c. Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?

Less Than Significant Impact. A fossil record search and review of the appropriate Dibblee Map was conducted during analysis of the approved LA Plaza Project in conjunction with the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County to identify the nearest known records for paleontological resources. The search determined that the project site is overlain by a layer of Quaternary Alluvium material that is not paleontologically sensitive and underlain by deeper fossil-bearing units with the potential to contain paleontological resources. Surface disturbance associated with the Paseo Project would be limited to areas of artificial fill material and alluvium and would not affect deeper fossil-bearing units. Therefore, no new or more severe impacts to paleontological resources or sites would occur as a result of the Paseo Project, and no further analysis is required.

- d. Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?

Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated. The project site is located within an area of high archaeological sensitivity in downtown Los Angeles. Development of approved LA Plaza Project and 2010 Revised LA Plaza Project components in October 2010 resulted in the inadvertent discovery of an historic cemetery within the LA Plaza project area. The 2004 EIR identified the potential for significant impacts related to the inadvertent discovery of human remains due to the documented original location of the historic cemetery. However, at the time of preparation of the 2004 EIR, the historic cemetery was believed to have been relocated off-site. Development of the Paseo Project would generally be consistent with other passive recreational uses proposed by the approved LA Plaza Project and 2010 Revised LA Plaza Project. However, due to the highly sensitive nature of the project site and subsequent discovery of the historic cemetery in the area adjacent to the proposed Paseo Project, this issue will be considered in further detail in the Addendum.

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6. GEOLOGY AND SOILS. Would the project:

a. Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:

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| i. Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist–Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known active fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ii. Strong seismic ground shaking? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| iii. Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| iv. Landslides? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Less Than Significant Impact. Geologic conditions at the project site were analyzed during preparation of the 2004 EIR and the site was found to consist of Quaternary alluvium and existing artificial fill associated with previous development of the project site and surrounding areas. The 2004 EIR identified various geologic hazards at the project site, including seismic shaking and liquefaction. The 2004 EIR found that potential adverse effects associated with these geologic hazards would be minimized to a less than significant level through the incorporation of standard engineering design standards of the California Building Code (CBC) and County of Los Angeles Building Code. The 2004 EIR noted that the Plaza House would be rehabilitated pursuant to the lesser standards of the High Risk Level established by Chapter 96 of the County of Los Angeles Building Code, and that potentially significant impacts associated with strong ground shaking would remain. Risks associated with surface rupture and landslides were determined to be low due to the absence of faults that exhibit a surface expression or moderate to steep slopes in the project vicinity.

The Paseo Project does not propose any modifications to the Plaza House and, similar to the

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approved LA Plaza Project, would incorporate all applicable standards of the CBC and County of Los Angeles Building Code. Compliance with existing standards, including California Geological Survey Special Publication 117 and CBC standards for investigating and mitigating site conditions related to liquefaction, would minimize potential impacts to less than significant. The limited development proposed by the Paseo Project would be subject to current building code requirements, and no new or more severe impacts associated with seismic shaking or liquefaction would result.

- b. Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?

Less Than Significant Impact. The 2004 EIR identified a potential for project development to result in soil erosion or loss of topsoil due to uncontrolled drainage during construction. Development of the Paseo Project would require grading, excavation to support shade structures, benches, and landscaping foundations, and other construction activities that have the potential to disturb existing soils and expose soils to rainfall and wind, thereby resulting in minor soil erosion during construction. These effects are consistent with those identified in the 2004 EIR for the approved LA Plaza Project and would be further minimized by the limited duration and nature of proposed construction activities, absence of steep slopes and significant drainage courses at the project site, and implementation of existing regulations, including Best Management Practices (BMPs) implemented through the required National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and associated urban storm water management plan (refer also to Section 9, Hydrology and Water Quality, below). No mitigation was necessary in the 2004 EIR for development of the approved LA Plaza Project, and the Paseo Project would involve minor earthwork consistent with activities originally proposed in the approved LA Plaza Project. The Paseo Project would not result in new or more severe impacts associated with soil erosion and no further analysis is required.

- c. Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?

Less Than Significant Impact. The 2004 EIR determined that some geologic units beneath the project site may have a low risk of susceptibility for unstable conditions, including

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consolidation, settlement, and hydroconsolidation. Potential impacts were determined to be less than significant through compliance with current applicable building codes, including compliance with geotechnical and soils engineering analyses recommendations. The Paseo Project proposes modification of existing hardscape pathways and plantings with similar facilities and would not generate a new use that would be more susceptible to risks associated with unstable geologic conditions.

The 2004 EIR also identified a potential for subsidence in the project area as a result of significant historic oil extraction in the area, which has caused some minor surface subsidence in the project area. However, the subsidence has been distributed across a broad area, thereby further minimizing impacts, and no substantial effects are known to have occurred. The Paseo Project does not propose any subsurface withdrawals or extraction that could potentially worsen existing subsidence, and redevelopment of the pedestrian paseo would not result in the development of facilities that would be significantly impacted by low levels of subsidence that have occurred in the project area in the past. No substantial effects have been observed as a result of the historic petroleum activities, and the Paseo Project is not expected to create new potential for or worsen existing subsidence.

Consistent with the 2004 EIR and approved LA Plaza Project, potential impacts associated with unstable geologic conditions, including subsidence, would be minimized to less than significant through compliance with existing engineering techniques and requirements. No new or more severe impacts would occur as a result of the Paseo Project, and no further analysis is required.

- d. Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?

Less Than Significant Impact. Expansive soils are typically associated with fine-grained clayey soils that have the potential to shrink and swell with repeated cycles of wetting and drying. The project site is comprised of soils high in granular content and low in clay; this type of geologic unit has a very low risk factor for expansion. The Paseo Project is located within the approved project site on similar soils. Therefore, no new or more severe impacts related to the presence of expansive soils would occur and no further analysis is required.

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e. Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

No Impact. The project site and project developments completed pursuant to the 2004 EIR and 2010 Addendum utilize existing municipal wastewater systems, and proposed revisions to the pedestrian walkway would not require the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems at the site. Therefore, the Paseo Project would not result in new or more severe impacts related to the ability of soils to support septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems, and no further analysis of this issue is required.

7. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS. Would the project:

a. Generate greenhouse gas (GHGs) emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Less Than Significant Impact. Gases that trap heat in the atmosphere are referred to as greenhouse gases since they have effects that are analogous to the way in which a greenhouse retains heat. Greenhouse gases are emitted by both natural processes and human activities. The accumulation of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere affects the earth’s temperature. The State of California has undertaken initiatives designed to address the effects of greenhouse gas emissions and to establish targets and emission reduction strategies for greenhouse gas emissions in California. At the time of preparation of the 2004 EIR, an evaluation of potential impacts related to greenhouse gas emissions was not required under CEQA; however, this issue was substantively addressed in the 2010 Addendum. Courts have subsequently held that greenhouse gases do not constitute “new information” for purposes of an addendum analysis if the certified EIR was completed, as it was here, before the State CEQA Guidelines required an analysis of greenhouse gas emissions and/or climate change.

Consistent with the 2010 Revised LA Plaza Project, the Paseo Project proposes project revisions and refinements that would expand and/or enhance existing outdoor pedestrian and passive recreational uses. The Paseo Project would not generate operational vehicle trips or any long-term sources of GHG emissions or significant energy demands. The limited nature

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and duration of construction activities would not result in a substantial increase in short-term GHG emissions. Therefore, the Paseo Project would not result in new or more severe impacts related to GHG emissions and, consistent with recent case law, no further analysis of this issue in the Addendum is required.

- b. Conflict with any applicable plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?

Less Than Significant Impact. At the time of preparation of the 2004 EIR, an evaluation of potential impacts related to greenhouse gas emissions was not required under CEQA; however, this analysis was included in the 2010 Addendum. Courts have subsequently held that greenhouse gases do not constitute “new information” for purposes of an addendum analysis if the certified EIR was completed, as it was here, before the State CEQA Guidelines required an analysis of greenhouse gas emissions and/or climate change.

The Paseo Project would improve existing recreational open space and pedestrian facilities and proposes project refinements that would enhance and facilitate pedestrian uses, which is beneficial to regional air quality and consistent with applicable plans and policies. Therefore, the Paseo Project would not result in new or more severe impacts related to GHG emissions and, consistent with recent case law, no further analysis of this issue is required.

8. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.

Would the project:

- a. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?

Less Than Significant Impact. Construction of the Paseo Project would involve the temporary use of typical, although potentially hazardous, construction materials, including vehicle fuels, oils, transmission fluids, paints, adhesives, cleaning solvents, surface coatings, and other acidic or alkaline solutions that would require special handling, transport, and disposal. Operation of the Paseo Project may also involve the routine use and handling of small amounts of potentially hazardous materials typical of those used for cultural and/or

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recreational activities and programs, including oil for lubrication of projectors, cleaning solvents for custodial maintenance of the paseo facilities, and pesticides for landscaping. However, consistent with the approved LA Plaza Project and 2010 Revised LA Plaza Project, all potentially hazardous materials would be contained, stored, and used in accordance with manufacturers' instructions and handled in compliance with applicable standards and regulations. Any associated risk would be reduced to a less than significant level through compliance with these standards and regulations.

The Paseo Project does not propose any increased transport, use, storage, or disposal of hazardous materials. Therefore, no new or more severe impact would occur and no further analysis is required.

- b. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?

Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporation. As with the approved LA Plaza Project and the 2010 Revised LA Plaza Project, the Paseo Project would require the use of hazardous materials during construction activities, which would create the potential for accidental leakage or spillage of construction equipment fuels, lubricants, or other hazardous materials. Risks would be typical of other construction activities and minimized through compliance with existing regulations regarding the proper handling, storage, and transport of hazardous materials. Construction activities would be limited in duration and nature and the Paseo Project would be subject to mitigation requirements identified in the 2004 EIR to minimize impacts associated with the accidental release of or exposure to potentially hazardous materials, including the following requirements set out in 2004 EIR mitigation measures Hydro-1, Hydro-2, and Hydro-3:

Measure Hydro-1

The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works (LACDPW) shall require the construction contractor to avoid erosion, transport of pollutants, and siltation during construction of all elements of the Plaza de Cultura y Arte. Prior to final grading plans, the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works shall require that the construction contractor for all elements of the proposed project

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be required to comply with the revised General Construction Activity Storm Water Permit. Such compliance measures would, at a minimum, include the preparation of a Notice of Intent (NOI) and the implementation of a local Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and a Wet Season Erosion Control Plan (for work between October 15 and April 15). These plans shall incorporate all applicable BMPs, as described in the California Storm Water Best Management Practice Handbook, Construction Activity, into the construction phase of the project. Prior to issuance of a building permit for the project, temporary measures must be implemented to prevent transport of Pollutants of Concern from the construction site to the storm drainage system. The BMPs shall apply to both the actual work areas and contractor staging areas. Selection of construction-related BMPs would be in accordance with the requirements of the City of Los Angeles Storm Water Program, Development Best Management Practices Handbook, Part A, Construction Activities.

Measure Hydro-2

Prior to issuance of a building permit for the project, the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Building Safety Division, shall review the final grading plans for all elements to ensure that the plans and specifications require the construction contractor to prepare a SUSMP for construction activities and to implement BMPs for construction, materials, and waste-handling activities, which include the following:

- Schedule excavation, grading, and paving activities for dry weather periods
- Control the amount of runoff crossing the construction site by means of berms and drainage ditches to divert water flow around the site
- Identify potential pollution sources from materials and wastes that will be used, stored, or disposed of on the job site
- Inform contractors and subcontractors about the clean storm water requirements and enforce their responsibilities in pollution prevention

The construction contractor shall incorporate SUSMP requirements and BMPs to

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mitigate storm water runoff, that include, but are not limited to, the following:

- The incorporation of bioretention facilities located within the project area
- The incorporation of catch basin filtration systems
- The use of porous pavements to reduce runoff volume

Measure Hydro-3

The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works and the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering shall require the construction contractor to undertake daily street sweeping and trash removal throughout the construction of all elements of the Plaza de Cultura y Arte to avoid degradation of water quality. Prior to issuance of a building permit for the project, the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works shall review the plans and specifications for the roadway and ensure that the construction documents include a requirement that the contractor provide daily street sweeping and trash removal to prevent degradation of water quality.

All potentially hazardous materials would be contained, stored, and used in accordance with manufacturers’ instructions and handled in compliance with applicable standards and regulations. Release and/or exposure to hazardous materials would be minimized through implementation of applicable mitigation. In addition, infrastructure to be demolished (including the existing pedestrian pathway and New High Street turnaround developed pursuant to the 2010 Addendum) is not expected to contain asbestos containing materials, lead based paint, or other hazardous substances.

The 2004 EIR identified a potential risk of the accidental release of hazardous materials as a result of the possible presence of subsurface gases in the project vicinity, including methane (CH₄) and hydrogen sulfide (H₂S). The 2004 EIR identified the possible presence of shallow subsurface gases as a concern within the general project vicinity, as documented by studies for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority subway system. There is also the potential for undocumented abandoned wells or dry holes to be located in the project area, which could serve as vertical migration pathways for gases, oil, or other petroleum-related compounds. Low levels of subsurface gases do not represent a direct hazard in open areas; however, without proper ventilation, accumulated gases can create health risks and threat of fire and/or explosion. The 2004 EIR included mitigation measures to reduce the potential for impacts associated with the subsurface gases and/or abandoned wells, including coordination with the

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California Department of Conservation Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) prior to construction and steps for mitigating impacts in the event they are discovered.

Development of the Paseo Project would require shallow earthwork in previously disturbed areas of the larger LA Plaza site and is not expected to result in the disturbance of any subsurface gases or abandoned wells. In the very low likelihood such gases were released, impacts would be minimal due to the open nature of the Paseo Project and absence of any proposed confined spaces where gases could accumulate. Although the likelihood of discovering abandoned wells is low, mitigation identified in the 2004 EIR requiring the proper sealing and abandonment of any dry wells that were discovered would apply to the Paseo Project, thereby reducing potential effects. The risk of a release of subsurface gases as a result of the Paseo Project is considered less than significant.

2004 EIR mitigation measures Hydro-1, Hydro-2, and Hydro-3 would remain applicable to the Paseo Project prior to construction. The Paseo Project would not create any new or more severe hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment. No further analysis of this issue is required.

- c. Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?

Less Than Significant Impact. The Paseo Project does not involve the routine emission or handling of hazardous materials, substances, or waste that could impact schools or other sensitive uses in the project vicinity. Development of the Paseo Project could result in an accidental spill of fuel, oils, lubricants, paint coatings, or other potentially hazardous substances during construction activities; however, any impacts would be almost exclusively limited to the immediate area of disturbance, and would not be expected to affect any adjacent or proximate areas or structures. The Paseo Project would not result in new or more severe impacts associated with the handling of hazardous substances in proximity to a school. No further evaluation of this issue is required.

- d. Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites

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compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?

Less Than Significant Impact. The LA Plaza Project site is not listed on any hazardous waste sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5, including the list of hazardous waste and substances sites maintained in the Department of Toxic Substances Control EnviroStor database, the list of leaking underground storage tank sites maintained by the California State Water Resources Control Board’s (SWRCB) GeoTracker database, or the list of solid waste disposal sites with waste constituents above hazardous waste levels outside of the waste management unit as identified by the SWRCB. No new or more severe impacts related to development within a hazardous materials site would result from the Paseo Project, and no further evaluation is required.

- e. For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?

No Impact. The project site is not located within 2 miles of an airport or within an airport planning area. It is not located within any Airport Influence Area on the Draft County of Los Angeles General Plan Airport Influence Areas Policy Map. The nearest public airports are located over 10 miles away from the project site and the Paseo Project does not propose development that would affect flight patterns or land uses associated with these airports. No new or more severe impacts associated with development in proximity of a public airport would occur, and no further analysis of this issue is required.

- f. For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?

Less Than Significant Impact. The project site is not located within 5 miles of any private airstrips; however, there are two private heliports in the vicinity of the project site. The Paseo

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Project does not propose development that would affect flight patterns or create a safety hazard to people residing or working in the vicinity of the heliports. No new or more severe impacts associated with development in the vicinity of a private airstrip or heliport would occur, and no further analysis of this issue is required.

- g. Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?

Less Than Significant Impact. The Paseo Project is proposed in the interior portions of the existing LA Plaza cultural center and would replace existing pedestrian pathway facilities with a newly-designed paseo and landscaped areas. The project would include removal of the New High Street turnaround and passenger drop-off area, but this area is not included in emergency response or evacuation plans or routes. The project would not physically impede or otherwise obstruct existing emergency response plans, emergency vehicle access, or personnel access to the LA Plaza site, which has been constructed along Republic Street. The County of Los Angeles Fire Department was consulted during preparation of the 2004 EIR, and determined that the project area is not a part of the emergency response area of the Consolidated Fire Protection District and the approved project would not have any impact on the emergency responsibilities of the Department. The Paseo Project would not result in new or more severe impacts related to emergency response or evacuation, and no further analysis of this issue is required.

- h. Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?

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Less Than Significant Impact. The Paseo Project is proposed in a highly urbanized section of central Los Angeles and there are no wildlands in the project vicinity. The Paseo Project does not propose development that would substantially increase the risk of fire or expose people or structures to the risks of wildfire. No new or more severe impacts associated with wildfire risk would result from development of the Paseo Project, and no further analysis is required.

9. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY. Would the project:

- a. Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?

Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated. Construction activities associated with development of the Paseo Project could result in the conveyance of pollutants into municipal storm drains, particularly during heavy rain events. In addition, potential changes in on-site drainage patterns resulting from project implementation could affect the quality and flow of stormwater runoff. Pollutants that could be conveyed to the storm drain system including impervious surface contaminants such as grease, oil, antifreeze, and other vehicle fluids, exposed soils, heavy metal from brake dust, litter and other debris, landscaping fertilizers, and other chemicals used for site maintenance. Removal of the New High Street turnaround and associated vehicular traffic would minimize the presence of contaminants from vehicle fluid leakage or metals, providing a beneficial impact.

The 2004 EIR identified the potential for the approved LA Plaza Project to violate water quality standards as a result of grading activities, degradation of surface water quality within the project area, and influence on polluted stormwater runoff at the site. Mitigation was identified to reduce potential impacts, including the following requirements set out in 2004 EIR mitigation measures Hydro-1, Hydro-2, and Hydro-3:

Measure Hydro-1

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of a Notice of Intent (NOI) and the implementation of a local Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and a Wet Season Erosion Control Plan (for work between October 15 and April 15). These plans shall incorporate all applicable BMPs, as described in the California Storm Water Best Management Practice Handbook, Construction Activity, into the construction phase of the project. Prior to issuance of a building permit for the project, temporary measures must be implemented to prevent transport of Pollutants of Concern from the construction site to the storm drainage system. The BMPs shall apply to both the actual work areas and contractor staging areas. Selection of construction-related BMPs would be in accordance with the requirements of the City of Los Angeles Storm Water Program, Development Best Management Practices Handbook, Part A, Construction Activities.

Measure Hydro-2

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- Inform contractors and subcontractors about the clean storm water requirements and enforce their responsibilities in pollution prevention

The construction contractor shall incorporate SUSMP requirements and BMPs to mitigate storm water runoff, that include, but are not limited to, the following:

- The incorporation of bioretention facilities located within the project area
- The incorporation of catch basin filtration systems

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The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works and the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering shall require the construction contractor to undertake daily street sweeping and trash removal throughout the construction of all elements of the Plaza de Cultura y Arte to avoid degradation of water quality. Prior to issuance of a building permit for the project, the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works shall review the plans and specifications for the roadway and ensure that the construction documents include a requirement that the contractor provide daily street sweeping and trash removal to prevent degradation of water quality.

2004 EIR mitigation measures Hydro-1, Hydro-2, and Hydro-3 would remain applicable to the Paseo Project prior to construction. With implementation of these measures, the potential for a violation of water quality standards or waste discharge requirements would be less than significant. The Paseo Project would not create any new or more severe water quality impacts above those identified in the 2004 EIR and no further analysis of this issue is required.

- b. Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?
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Less Than Significant Impact. The Paseo Project would not generate an increased water demand or utilize groundwater as a water supply source. Except for the historic cemetery memorial garden and large lawn area, the existing project site, including the pedestrian walkway and New High Street turnaround is comprised almost entirely of impervious surfaces and does not facilitate percolation and groundwater recharge. The Paseo Project would not significantly alter groundwater recharge capability at the site, and would not otherwise result in a lowering of the groundwater table level. No new or more severe impacts to groundwater would result from implementation of the Paseo Project, and no further analysis of this issue is

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| c. Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Less Than Significant Impact. The project site does not contain any streams, rivers, or large drainages that would be altered by development of the Paseo Project. Although construction activities associated with the Paseo Project could slightly alter existing drainage patterns at the site, site conditions are not highly susceptible to erosion or siltation due to the urban setting and relatively flat topography. Potential impacts resulting from the Paseo Project would be less than significant and further minimized by implementation of mitigation measures identified in the 2004 EIR and discussed in Checklist Question 9.a above in regards to water quality and discharge standards. The Paseo Project would not result in new or more severe impacts related to substantial erosion or siltation, and no further analysis is required.

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| d. Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Less Than Significant Impact. As discussed above in Checklist Question 9.c, the Paseo Project has the potential to result in minor alterations to existing onsite drainage patterns. The potential change in drainage patterns could affect the rate or amount of onsite surface flows, though any change is expected to be marginal due to the limited area and nature of development, existing impervious site conditions, and relatively flat site topography. Site drainage after development of the project would continue to direct flows to the existing municipal storm drainage facilities and is not expected to result in any on- or off-site flooding. Potential effects related to flooding as a result of the Paseo Project would be less than significant and further minimized by measures discussed in Checklist Question 9.a above in regards to water quality and discharge standards. No new or more severe impacts would occur

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as a result of the Paseo Project and no further analysis is required.

- e. Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?

Less Than Significant Impact. The Paseo Project may slightly alter drainage patterns and flows at the project site through redevelopment of the pedestrian walkway areas and removal of the New High Street turnaround. These modifications would not constitute a significant change from existing conditions and all surface flows would continue to be directed to existing municipal stormwater drainage facilities. The amount of surface flow would not be substantially increased because of the existing extent of impervious surfaces and the similar nature of proposed project components to existing facilities. No new or more severe impacts would result from implementation of the Paseo Project and no further analysis is required. See also response to Checklist Questions 9.a and 9.c, above.

- f. Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?

Less Than Significant Impact. See response to Checklist Question 9.a, above. Aside from potential minor alterations to site drainage flows and patterns, the Paseo Project is not expected to implicate surface or groundwater resources. Potential impacts would be less than significant and further minimized through implementation of measures discussed in Checklist Question 9.a above in regards to water quality and discharge standards. No new or more severe impacts associated with water quality would occur, and no further analysis is required.

- g. Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?

No Impact. The project site is not within the 100-year flood zone or designated floodplain management area and the Paseo Project does not propose the development of any housing or other habitable structures. No new or more severe impacts related to flood hazard zones would

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- h. Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?

No Impact. The project site is not located within a 100-year flood zone or designated floodplain management area. The proposed project components are similar to existing site facilities and the Paseo Project does not propose structures that would significantly alter surface flows in the project area. No new or more severe impacts associated with flood hazards would occur and no further analysis is required.

- i. Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?

Less Than Significant Impact. The project site is located directly adjacent to an area identified as at risk of inundation in the event of a dam failure in the Draft Los Angeles County Dam and Reservoir Inundation Routes Policy Map (Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning, Draft 2014). However, the Paseo Project does not significantly change existing land uses and would not result in a substantial increase in the exposure of people or structures within the project area to risks associated with flooding over existing levels. No new or more severe impacts would result from the proposed modification of existing pedestrian facilities, and no further analysis is required.

- j. Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?

Less Than Significant Impact. The project site is located approximately 14 miles from the Pacific Ocean and is not within any identified tsunami hazard areas in the Draft County of Los Angeles General Plan Tsunami Hazard Areas Map. There is no risk of inundation by seiche due to the absence of any enclosed or semi-enclosed water bodies in the project vicinity, and risk of mudflows are very low due to the predominantly flat topography of the site. No new or more severe impacts associated with inundation as a result of seiche, tsunami, or mudflow would result from implementation of the Paseo Project and no further analysis is required.

10. LAND USE AND PLANNING. Would the project:

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a. Physically divide an established community?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

No Impact. The proposed Paseo Project would be entirely located within the 500 block of North Main Street in downtown central Los Angeles. All proposed development would occur within the boundaries of the project site as it currently exists and would not physically alter surrounding parcels or properties. Development of the proposed paseo and plazas would improve pedestrian connectivity and circulation between North Main Street and Spring Street through the project site and with additional important cultural, civic, and public transportation resources in the project vicinity. Construction of the project may restrict pedestrian access within the project site in the short-term; however, any impacts would be temporary and alternate routes around the project area are available via Paseo Luis Olivares, approximately 200 feet north, and Arcadia Street, approximately 300 feet to the south. The Paseo Project would not physically divide an established community; no new or more severe impacts would occur and no further analysis is required.

b. Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Less Than Significant Impact. The project site is located within the City of Los Angeles, where development projects are typically guided by the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) and City of Los Angeles General Plan. However, the project site is owned and operated by the County of Los Angeles and, as such, is not subject to the City of Los Angeles zoning and General Plan standards pursuant to the doctrine of sovereign immunity. For informational and evaluation purposes, the 2004 EIR and 2010 Addendum evaluated the approved LA Plaza Project and 2010 Revised LA Plaza Project for consistency with City and County policies and found the project to be consistent except with respect to the proposed demolition of the Brunswig Annex. The Paseo Project does not propose demolition or modifications to any historic buildings or structures within the project site or in immediately adjacent areas.

The project would be consistent with the City’s Public Facilities zoning designation and City of

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Los Angeles Central City Community Plan goals and policies, including Objective 10.1:

To ensure that the arts, culture, and architecturally significant buildings remain central to the further development of downtown and that it remains clearly discernable and accessible to all citizens in and visitors to Los Angeles.

The Paseo Project does not propose a significantly different use at the site, which is currently comprised of a pedestrian walkway and landscaped elements. Removal of the ornamental coral tree and New High Street turnaround would not conflict with any applicable tree preservation policies or circulation and transportation standards. Therefore, implementation of the Paseo Project would not result in any new or more severe effects associated with conflicts with applicable land use plans and policies. No further analysis is required.

- c. Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?

No Impact. According to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife California Regional Conservation Plans Map, no Habitat Conservation Plans or natural community conservation plans have been developed for any areas within the project site or surrounding areas. The Paseo Project would not conflict with the provisions of any adopted habitat conservation plan, natural community conservation plan, or other approved habitat conservation plan. No new or more severe impacts would occur, and no further analysis is required.

11. MINERAL RESOURCES. Would the project:

- a. Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?

No Impact. The project site is in the highly urbanized area of central downtown Los Angeles and consists of existing pedestrian and vehicular facilities. It is not located within, but is in close proximity to, Oil and Gas Resources and Mineral Resource Zones identified on the Mineral Resources Map (Figure 9.6) of the Los Angeles County Public Review Draft General Plan 2035.

The project site is not within a designated mineral resource area and no mineral extraction operations currently occur at the project site. Development of the Paseo Project would not

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result in the loss of availability of a mineral resource that would be of value to the region or the state and would not affect existing oil and gas production in the project vicinity. Therefore, no new or more severe impacts would occur, and no further analysis of this issue is required.

- b. Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?

No Impact. See response to Checklist Question 11.a, above.

12. NOISE. Would the project result in:

- a. Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?

Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated. The project site is located in a highly urbanized area that contains various sources of noise. The most predominate existing noise sources in the project area are associated with traffic from nearby roadways and rail lines. Sensitive noise receptors in the project vicinity include Plaza Church and on-site and nearby park and recreation facilities.

Development of the Paseo Project would result in short-term construction noise as a result of heavy equipment use (e.g., bulldozers, backhoes, cranes, loaders, etc.), demolition activities, construction vehicle trips, and other earthmoving, grading, and construction activities. The Paseo Project does not propose construction activities that would generate atypical noise levels (such as impact pile driving) and noise from project construction would be typical of and generally consistent with other standard development projects. The approved LA Plaza Project proposed development of project components at a much greater scale than the Paseo Project, including demolition of existing buildings and roadways and construction of a new cultural center building and theater performing arts center. Therefore, the Paseo Project is not expected to generate construction noise levels that meet or exceed those identified for the approved project in the 2004 EIR. However, construction would occur proximate to noise-sensitive outdoor recreational areas and the Plaza Church; therefore, implementation of noise

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reducing mitigation measures identified in the 2004 EIR is appropriate.

Mitigation identified in the 2004 EIR included requirements for proper construction equipment maintenance, use of engine enclosure covers, construction monitoring to ensure compliance, limits of construction activities to 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays, and identification of Plaza Church services and events and cessation of construction activities during those times. Implementation of 2004 EIR measures Noise-1, Noise-2, and Noise-3 would reduce potential construction-related noise impacts of the Paseo Project to less than significant:

Measure Noise-1

The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works shall minimize the potential for construction noise levels to exceed County of Los Angeles noise standards by requiring the construction contractor to properly maintain all heavy equipment. Prior to the completion of final plans and specifications, the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works shall ensure that the plans and specifications include a requirement that all construction equipment shall be properly maintained. All vehicles and compressors shall utilize exhaust mufflers. Engine enclosure covers, as designed by the manufacturer, shall be in place at all times. The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works shall enforce the proper use of heavy equipment during construction of the realignment of the roadway and sidewalks to ensure conformance with the requirements of properly maintained heavy equipment.

Measure Noise-2

Prior to the completion of final plans and specifications, the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works shall ensure that the plans and specifications include a provision that restricts grading and construction activities to daily operation from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays. Unless authorized, there should be no work on Sundays or federal holidays.

Measure Noise-3

Prior to the completion of final plans and specifications, the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works shall ensure that the plans and specifications include a schedule of weekend services and events at the Plaza

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Church. The plans and specifications shall notify the contractor that the use of heavy equipment within 50 0 feet of the Plaza Church shall be prohibited during these times.

Operational noise effects of the Paseo Project are not expected to differ substantially from existing ambient noise levels. The Paseo Project does not propose a significant change in land use or development of facilities that would increase the capacity or intensity of use at the project site. The removal of the New High Street turnaround would remove vehicular traffic from the project area, resulting in a reduction in ambient noise levels. The proposed passive recreational uses would not generate operational noise levels that would be detectable in the context of the surrounding urban setting and existing traffic noise.

2004 EIR mitigation measures Noise-1, Noise-2, and Noise-3 would remain applicable to the Paseo Project prior to construction. With implementation of identified 2004 EIR mitigation measures, no new or more severe impacts above those identified in the 2004 EIR would occur. No further analysis is required.

b. Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?

Less Than Significant Impact. Construction of the Paseo Project could result in minimal amounts of groundborne vibration or noise as a result of earthmoving activities and use of heavy equipment. However, the Paseo Project does not propose construction activities that have a potential to result in significant groundborne vibration or noise, such as pile driving, blasting, or major grading activities. Minor groundborne vibration and noise would be limited to short-term construction activities and would be consistent with typical construction activities. Therefore, no new or more severe impacts associated with groundborne vibration or noise would occur and no further analysis is required.

c. A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?

Less Than Significant Impact. Refer to Checklist Question 12.a, above. The Paseo Project does not propose a significant change in the type or density of passive recreational uses at the project site and is not expected to result in any detectable change in existing ambient noise

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levels. No new or more severe impacts would occur and no further analysis is required.

- d. A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?

Less Than Significant Impact. Refer to Checklist Question 12.a, above. The Paseo Project would result in a significant temporary increase in ambient noise levels during short-term construction activities. Implementation of measures identified in the 2004 EIR would reduce construction-related noise impacts to less than significant. The Paseo Project would facilitate cultural and educational events and programs in the paseo area, which could result in periodic increases in ambient noise levels. However, increases would be consistent with adjacent uses and impacts identified in the 2004 EIR in association with the approved LA Plaza Project. No new or more severe impacts would result and no further analysis is required.

- e. For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?

No Impact. The project site is not located within 2 miles of a public use airport or within an airport land use plan. Therefore, no new or more severe impacts would occur, and no further analysis of this issue is required.

- f. For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?

Less Than Significant Impact. There are no private airstrips in the vicinity of the project site, though there are two private heliports in the project vicinity. The Paseo Project would not result in a significant change in existing land uses and proposed passive recreational uses are not expected to be significantly adversely affected by local flight patterns or air traffic noise. No new or more severe impacts would result from the Paseo Project and no further analysis is

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required.

13. POPULATION AND HOUSING. Would the project:

- a. Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?

Less Than Significant Impact. The Paseo Project proposes modification of existing passive recreational uses to incorporate revised conceptual designs for similar passive recreational uses. Development of the Paseo Project would not result in the development of residential uses or businesses that could cause job creation and/or population growth. Demands for construction workers would likely be met entirely with the local work force. The project is located in a developed area with an existing network of urban infrastructure. Project development does not propose an extension of roads or other infrastructure that would facilitate development and the project would not remove any other existing obstacle to growth. The project site is located within a highly urbanized area of downtown Los Angeles with little to no capacity for substantial growth. No new or more severe impacts associated with substantial population growth would result from implementation of the Paseo Project and no further analysis is required.

- b. Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

No Impact. The project site does not support any existing or proposed residential uses. Development of the Paseo Project would not displace existing housing or necessitate the construction of temporary or permanent replacement housing at a different location. Development of the Paseo Project is not expected to affect the location, distribution, density, or growth of existing population and housing conditions. No new or more severe impacts would occur and no further analysis of impacts associated with residential displacements is required.

- c. Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

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No Impact. The Paseo Project proposes modifications of existing passive recreational uses to incorporate revised conceptual designs for a similar passive recreational uses. The project would not result in the displacement of any people or the need for replacement housing elsewhere. No new or more severe impacts would occur as a result of development of the Paseo Project and no further analysis is required.

14. PUBLIC SERVICES. Would the project:

a. Result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:

1. Fire protection?

Less Than Significant Impact. The Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) provides fire protection and emergency medical services for the project site. The 2004 EIR determined that development of the approved LA Plaza Project would not result in a significant direct or indirect impact to fire protection services. The proposed modification of the existing pedestrian walkway and New High Street turnaround to develop a redesigned pedestrian paseo and substantially similar passive recreational uses would not substantially increase population or use of this area. Therefore, development of the Paseo Project is not expected to result in a significant increase in demand for fire protection services. Additional performance and educational events at the project site may result in a short-term population increases at the project site, but the project is located in a highly urbanized area and any marginal increase in demand would be met by the various existing fire protection resources in the downtown Los Angeles area, including three fire stations within 2 miles of the project site.

The Paseo Project protects the existing fire truck access and turnaround on Republic Street developed pursuant to the 2010 Refined LA Plaza Project. The New High Street turnaround does not provide adequate fire access due to geographic limitations and its removal would not

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substantially interfere with fire protection services. The Paseo Project would not require additional LAFD personnel or construction of new LAFD facilities.

No new or more severe impacts would occur related to fire protection services, and no further analysis is required.

2. Police protection?

Less Than Significant Impact. Police protection services in the downtown Los Angeles area are provided by the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), particularly the LAPD Central Division. The 2004 EIR determined that development of the approved LA Plaza Project would not result in a significant direct or indirect impact to police protection services. Similar to Checklist Question 14.a.1, above, the Paseo Project is not expected to result in a significant increase in demand for police protection services. Proposed development would be largely consistent with existing uses and any marginal increase in use of the site and demand for police protection would be met by existing police protection resources in the downtown Los Angeles area, including the Central Community Police Station located approximately 1 mile south of the project site. The Paseo Project would not require additional LAPD personnel or construction of new LAPD facilities.

No new or more severe impacts would occur and no further analysis is required.

3. Schools?

Less Than Significant Impact. The project site is within the boundaries of the Los Angeles Unified School District. Similar to Checklist Question 14.a.1, above, the Paseo Project is not expected to result in a significant increase in demand for school services. The project does not propose development of housing or any extension of infrastructure and would not significantly affect existing population or growth. Therefore, the Paseo Project would not result in a significant effect on local schools or the Los Angeles Unified School District. No new or more severe impacts would occur and no further analysis is required.

4. Parks?

Less Than Significant Impact. The Paseo Project is proposed in an existing historic district containing significant parks, museums, and passive recreational resources. The project proposes development that would provide additional and/or improved passive recreational

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uses within the project site, including a vibrant pedestrian paseo and open air plazas, performance and educational event space, and educational features related to the significant history of the project site and surrounding areas. The Paseo Project has been designed to avoid existing significant historic and recreational resources in the immediate vicinity and would not result in the deterioration of existing park facilities. The project would not induce substantial growth or otherwise increase demand on existing parks and recreational facilities.

No new or more severe impacts to public park facilities would occur as a result of the Paseo Project, and no further analysis is required.

5. Other public facilities?

Less Than Significant Impact. Similar to Checklist Question 14.a.1 through 14.a.4, above, the Paseo Project would not result in the need for new or altered public facilities and is not expected to have significant adverse effects on any other existing public facilities. The project area is within the highly urbanized area of downtown Los Angeles and is served by existing urban infrastructure, including nearby public transportation, libraries, post office, and hospitals. No substantial increase in population or demand on these resources would result from implementation of the Paseo Project. Therefore, no new or more severe impacts would occur and no further analysis is required.

15. RECREATION.

a. Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?

Less Than Significant Impact. Refer to Checklist Question 14.a.4, above. Similar to the analysis of potential impacts to public park facilities, the Paseo Project would not be expected to result in a significant increase in the use of existing recreational resources in the project area. Development of the Paseo Project would provide additional/improved recreational uses in the project area and has been designed to avoid other sensitive historic and/or recreational resources in adjacent areas. The project would improve connection to and circulation through the LA Plaza cultural center and provide improved pedestrian connectivity to additional significant cultural, civic, and transportation resources in the immediately surrounding area.

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The Paseo Project is a recreational improvement project and is not expected to result in any physical deterioration of existing recreational facilities. No new or more severe impacts would occur and no further analysis is required.

- b. Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?

Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated. The Paseo Project proposes the development of improved passive recreational facilities within the LA Plaza cultural center. Development of the Paseo Project could result in adverse physical effects on the environment, as described in this Addendum. However, ultimately the project is designed to provide beneficial recreational opportunities to the community and all impacts associated with its construction would be minimized to less than significant levels through implementation of mitigation measures identified in the 2004 EIR for the approved LA Plaza Project, including standard air emission, dust control, erosion and sedimentation, and noise reduction measures. The project would not result in substantial population growth and would not result in the physical deterioration of existing recreational facilities or the need for construction or expansion of existing recreational facilities outside of development of the proposed recreational project components.

With implementation of applicable mitigation identified in the 2004 EIR to reduce potential impacts associated with construction of the Paseo Project, impacts related to the construction of the proposed recreational facilities would be less than significant. No new or more severe impacts would occur and no further analysis is required.

16. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC. Would the project:

- a. Conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including mass transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation

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system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and mass transit?

Less Than Significant Impact. The Paseo Project does not propose substantial changes to existing traffic operations or facilities and, consistent with the 2004 EIR, is not expected to conflict with any applicable plan or policy designed to protect the efficiency of the circulation system. As discussed above, the project does not propose a new or substantially different use at the project site and would not result in a significant increase in population, use, or traffic at the project site. The Paseo Project would result in the development of improved pedestrian facilities and connectivity within the LA Plaza cultural center and surrounding areas, consistent with local policies encouraging development and use of pedestrian facilities and other alternative transportation.

Short-term construction activities would result in additional construction equipment and worker trips in the project area. However, proposed construction activities are limited in nature and any impacts would be limited to the period of construction, and are therefore less than significant.

Removal of the New High Street turnaround (which was developed pursuant to the 2010 Revised LA Plaza Project) would not violate traffic-related policies or plans, and would not result in a significant change to existing traffic patterns or efficiency, as adequate alternative passenger loading locations and routes exist in the immediate project vicinity. Traffic-related impacts associated with the removal of the turnaround would not be different or more severe than those addressed in the 2004 EIR in association with the proposed closure and removal of vehicular traffic from New High Street through the remainder of the project area.

Implementation of the Paseo Project would not result in any substantial increase in traffic in the project area and would improve existing pedestrian facilities and connectivity throughout the project vicinity. No new or more severe impacts related to the efficiency of circulation in the area would occur and no further analysis is required.

- b. Conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including, but not limited to, level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards

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established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?

Less Than Significant Impact. Similar to Checklist Question 16.a, above, the Paseo Project would not substantially affect existing congestion management programs, level of service standards, or other traffic operations. Development of the project would not significantly increase regional population levels or use of the site and no significant increase in traffic that could adversely affect existing levels of service or traffic operations is expected to occur. Closure of the New High Street turnaround would redirect vehicles dropping off or picking up passengers to alternative locations in the project vicinity; however, adequate alternative locations are available in the multiple City and County parking areas immediately adjacent to the LA Plaza cultural center, along Paseo Luis Olivares north of the Plaza Church, or at additional civic and public use areas in the immediate project vicinity.

No new or more severe impacts to existing levels of service or traffic congestion management plans would result from development of the Paseo Project, and no further analysis is required.

- c. Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?

No Impact. As previously described, the project site is not located within the vicinity of a public or private airport or planning boundary of any airport land use plan. Proposed open air passive recreational uses within the urban downtown would not affect flight patterns at nearby helipads or regional airports. No new or more severe impacts associated with air traffic patterns and safety would occur and no further analysis is required.

- d. Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?

Less Than Significant Impact. The Paseo Project does not propose the development of transportation facilities that could create dangerous design features or incompatible uses. Existing roadways adjacent to the project site are part of the urban roadway network and do not contain sharp turns or dangerous intersections. Removal of the New High Street

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turnaround would not substantially alter existing traffic patterns or design and would not result in design hazards or dangerous features. Proposed passive recreational uses would be consistent with existing conditions and surrounding uses. No new or more severe impacts related to traffic design hazards would result from implementation of the Paseo Project, and no further analysis is required.

e. Result in inadequate emergency access?

Less Than Significant Impact. The project site is within a developed downtown urban area with existing access from all adjacent areas. The 2004 EIR determined that development of the approved LA Plaza Project and cultural center would not result in any significant impacts related to emergency access. Since that time, additional access has been developed along Republic Street to facilitate improved fire truck access and a turnaround area. The Paseo Project does not propose modifications to existing emergency access routes in the project vicinity or on-site emergency access facilities along Republic Street. The New High Street turnaround and passenger drop off-area is not designed to accommodate large emergency vehicles and is not a part of the LA Plaza cultural center’s emergency access system. Removal of the turnaround would not significantly affect existing emergency access. No new or more severe impacts on emergency access would occur as a result of the Paseo Project and no further analysis is required.

f. Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities?

Less Than Significant Impact. The Paseo Project proposes various pedestrian-friendly recreational improvements at the LA Plaza cultural center site, which would improve pedestrian facilities and connectivity within the downtown urban area. The project area is served by extensive existing public transit options, including the Metro rail, Metro bus system, and a series of bicycle and pedestrian networks. Union Station is located approximately two blocks east of the project site. The Initial Study Checklist completed in preparation of the 2004 EIR determined that the proposed LA Plaza Project would not conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative modes of transportation. The Paseo Project would be compatible with existing public transit facilities and networks in the downtown area and would improve pedestrian facilities at the project site. No new or more severe impacts to public transit

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would occur as a result of development of the Paseo Project and no further analysis of this issue is required.

17. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS. Would the project:

- a. Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?

Less Than Significant Impact. The Paseo Project would not generate domestic or industrial wastewater and does not propose the development, modification, or use of any wastewater treatment facilities or systems. The proposed passive recreational uses would not provide new wastewater services or require connection to existing wastewater systems. The 2004 EIR determined that development of the approved LA Plaza Project would not result in an exceedance of wastewater treatment requirements. Development and operation of the project would not result in exceedances or conflicts with wastewater treatment requirements of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board. No new or more severe impact would occur and no further analysis is required.

- b. Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?

Less Than Significant Impact. Similar to Checklist Question 17.a, above, development of the Paseo Project would not result in or require construction or expansion of any water or wastewater treatment facilities. The project does not propose a new or substantially different use at the project site and would not result in an increase in the square footage of on-site development that would increase demands on existing utility systems. No City or County water or wastewater systems would be affected by development of the proposed open space paseo and recreational plaza areas. The 2004 EIR determined that development of the approved LA Plaza Project would not result in any impacts associated with the construction of new or expanded water or wastewater facilities. No new or more severe impacts to water or wastewater treatment facilities would occur and no further analysis is required.

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c. Require or result in the construction of new stormwater drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Less Than Significant Impact. As discussed in Checklist Question 9.d, above, the Paseo Project has the potential to result in minor alterations to existing on-site drainage patterns. The potential change in drainage patterns could affect the rate or amount of onsite surface flows, but any change is expected to be marginal due to the limited area and nature of development, existing impervious site conditions, and relatively flat site topography. Site drainage after development of the project would continue to direct flows to the existing municipal storm drainage facilities and the project would not result in or require construction or expansion of any stormwater drainage facilities. Removal of the New High Street turnaround and the addition of proposed landscaping and softscape elements may reduce total stormwater runoff at the site. No new or more severe impacts would occur as a result of the Paseo Project and no further analysis is required.

d. Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Less Than Significant Impact. The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) supplies water to the project area and the availability of sufficient LADWP water supplies to serve the approved LA Plaza Project was confirmed in the 2004 EIR. The Paseo Project proposes development and maintenance of several water features, including cascading water features and a mist fountain within the multi-use plazas, but would not require any other permanent domestic or industrial water supplies. Development of the Paseo Project would be generally consistent with existing uses and would not result in a substantial increase in development or water supply demands within LADWP's service area. Minimal water demands associated with development and operation of the Paseo Project would not require development of new or expanded water supply facilities or entitlements. No new or more severe impacts would occur and no further analysis is required.

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e. Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Less Than Significant Impact. Refer to Checklist Question 17.b, above. The Paseo Project would not result in a new source of wastewater beyond what was considered in the 2004 EIR and would not affect existing wastewater treatment facilities. No new or more severe impacts associated with wastewater treatment facilities would occur and no further analysis is required.

f. Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporation. Implementation of the Paseo Project would result in the generation of solid waste during both construction and operation. Construction waste would include demolition materials (e.g., wood, concrete, asphalt, cardboard, brick, glass, plastic, and metal) through demolition and removal of existing paving and hardscape elements, landscaping, and roadway components within the New High Street turnaround. Operational waste would be minimal and would consist of occasional waste generated by users of the paseo and plaza areas.

Sunshine Canyon Landfill County Extension, located at 14747 San Fernando Road, Sylmar, California, approximately 26.75 miles northwest of the project site, was determined to have adequate capacity to accommodate the construction and solid waste disposal needs of the approved LA Plaza Project. Solid waste generated through development of the Paseo Project is expected to be substantially less than that of the approved LA Plaza Project due to the reduced amount of development proposed. The Sunshine Canyon Landfill currently estimates that it has adequate capacity to meet demands until approximately year 2037. The Paseo Project would incorporate mitigation identified in the 2004 EIR to reduce the volume of solid waste requiring disposal to further reduce potential impacts.

Measure Utilities-1

Diversion of at least 50 percent of the construction solid waste shall be undertaken to ensure compliance with applicable federal, state, and local

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statutes related to solid waste and reduce direct and cumulative impacts from construction to below the level of significance. Prior to issuance of a building permit for the project, the County shall ensure that the plans and specifications include the requirement for the construction contractor to comply with the Solid Waste Management Act of 1989. To ensure conformance with the Solid Waste Management Act of 1989, the County of Los Angeles shall require the construction contractor to manage the solid waste generated during construction of the project on site by diverting at least 50 percent of it from disposal in landfills, particularly Class III landfills, through source reduction, reuse, and recycling of construction and demolition debris. The construction contractor shall submit a construction solid waste management plan to the County for approval prior to issuance of a building permit for the project. The construction contractor shall demonstrate compliance with the solid waste management plan through the submission of weekly reports during demolition activities that estimate total solid waste generated and diversion of 50 percent of the solid waste.

2004 EIR mitigation measure Utilities-1 would remain applicable to the Paseo Project to reduce the volume of solid waste requiring disposal at County landfills. With implementation of identified 2004 EIR mitigation measure, no new or more severe impacts would occur. No further analysis is required.

g. Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?

Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated. The Paseo Project would not result in the generation of substantial amounts of solid waste after construction, and all operational waste would be disposed of in accordance with applicable local and state laws and regulations. Solid waste management in the State is primarily guided by the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939) which emphasizes resource conservation through reduction, recycling, and reuse of solid waste. The Paseo Project would incorporate mitigation identified in the 2004 EIR to ensure compliance with applicable solid waste regulations, including by providing clearly marked, source-sorted receptacles to facilitate recycling.

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Measure Utilities-2

Trash and recycling receptacles shall be incorporated into the proposed project to ensure compliance with applicable federal, state, and local statutes related to solid waste and reduce direct and cumulative impacts from project operation and maintenance to below the level of significance. Prior to issuance of a building permit for the project, the County shall ensure that the plans and specifications designate locations for trash receptacles and recycling receptacles in conformance with California Solid Waste Reuse and Recycling Access Act of 1991. Wherever trash receptacles are provided through the proposed project site, a recycling receptacle for plastic, aluminum, and metal shall also be provided. Signs encouraging patrons to recycle shall be posted near each recycling receptacle.

2004 EIR mitigation measure Utilities-2 would remain applicable to the Paseo Project to ensure compliance with applicable regulations and ensure potential impacts associated with solid waste are less than significant. With implementation of identified 2004 EIR mitigation measure, no new or more severe impacts would occur. No further analysis is required.

h. Other utilities and service systems?

Less Than Significant Impact. Proposed passive recreational uses associated with the Paseo Project would not adversely affect other existing utilities and service systems in the project area beyond what was analyzed in the 2004 EIR. The Paseo Project would not require significant electrical or gas services that could not be accommodated by the existing urban service systems. No new or more severe impacts would occur and no further analysis is required.

18. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE.

a. Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or

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restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?

Less Than Significant Impact. Similar to the approved LA Plaza Project, the project site is devoid of any natural vegetation and does not provide any suitable habitat to support fish or wildlife species. The project site is in a fully developed area of downtown Los Angeles, and consists of existing paved walkways and roadways. Therefore, development of the Paseo Project would not have the potential to significantly degrade the quality of the environment or habitat of a fish or wildlife species. No new or more severe impact on biological resources would occur.

- b. Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? (“Cumulatively considerable” means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?
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Less Than Significant Impact. The potential impacts associated with development of the Paseo Project, when considered in connection with other related projects in the vicinity, would not rise to a level of cumulative significance. The project proposes passive recreational uses in the highly urbanized area of downtown central Los Angeles. The adverse effects of the Paseo Project would be generally limited to short-term construction activities and further reduced through implementation of mitigation measures identified in the 2004 EIR. No new or significantly changed land use is proposed and development would be consistent with existing conditions and development in the surrounding area. The proposed modification of the existing pedestrian pathway to incorporate new conceptual design details developed in the Paseo Project, would not result in any new or more severe cumulative impacts.

- c. Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either
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directly or indirectly?

Less Than Significant Impact. As set forth above, the Paseo Project would redesign existing passive recreational uses with new conceptual designs for a more vibrant pedestrian and educational area. Project-related impacts would be greatly minimized due to the consistency in land use and urban nature of the project site. The project would provide a beneficial recreational and cultural resource for residents and visitors to Los Angeles historic district. No new or more severe effect on human beings would result.