The Department of Public Works owns and operates two maintenance yards near the Los Angeles County+USC Medical Center—an 8-acre Flood Control District yard (2275 Alcazar Street) and an 11-acre road yard (1525 Alcazar Street). Dating back to 1905, the yards are old, dilapidated and not code compliant. The layout of the yards does not support contemporary workshops, warehouses, and vehicle maintenance best practices. Additionally, the buildings are energy-inefficient with high operational costs. The Department has sought to upgrade the yards for a number of years.

The County is nearing completion of the Los Angeles County+USC Medical Center Master Plan, which calls for an influx of new community beneficial uses as well as planning for DHS’ future needs. The plan envisions a vibrant active campus. As more improvements take place at the Medical Center campus, the DPW yards will increasingly become an incompatible land use. DPW has determined that the two yards could be consolidated into one by reconstructing them on the larger parcel located at 1525 Alcazar Street. The new layout and construction would greatly improve the efficiency of DPW’s operations while also reducing operating costs.
The Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) has expressed a strong interest in developing multi-use space at the smaller DPW yard located at 2275 Alcazar Street for art storage and conservation, exhibits, and public events, such as art workshops and outdoor events. This expansion supports the future direction of LACMA as well as their upcoming construction plans at their main campus. Additionally, LACMA is in discussions with the City of Hope regarding joint use of any new space at Alcazar Street. The two entities would provide art services for health and healing such as art-related activities for children while parents undergo health screenings. LACMA’s interest in 2275 Alcazar street represents an exciting opportunity for the residents surrounding the medical center campus as well as for the Department of Public Works.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board direct the Chief Executive Officer and the Department of Public Works to conduct a feasibility analysis of the consolidation of the two DPW yards located on Alcazar Street into one single yard on the 1525 Alcazar Street site and report back in 45 days 21 days. The feasibility analysis should include full construction cost estimates and potential schedule for the new consolidated yard, program details, site analyses, and potential interim relocation sites.

I, FURTHER, MOVE that the Board direct the CEO to work with LACMA to assess the feasibility of providing active storage and art programing at the 2275 Alcazar Street site including a construction cost estimate and potential schedule and report back in 45 days 21 days.