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The community surrounding the University of Southern California Health Sciences Campus (USC HSC), including the Los Angeles County USC Medical Center, has experienced significant change in the last several years. USC is the largest private employer in the City, and has undergone significant University and facilities development during the past decade to continue to support its academic mission through the year 2030.

A General Plan Amendment has been filed with the Planning Department by USC to change the street classification of San Pablo Street from Secondary Highway to a modified collector street. This Amendment would allow for pedestrian enhancements and aesthetic improvements and streetscape beautification for San Pablo Street, Alcazar Street, Playground Street, Eastlake Avenue, Norfolk Street, Biggy Street, Soto Street between Alcazar and Lancaster Street, and Zonal Avenue between San Pablo Street and Mission Street.

Streetscapes will be designed in accordance with the City's Bicycle Plan and the proposed improvements will promote walkability and enhance linkages between two City Parks (Lincoln Park and Hazard Park). Implementation of the streetscape beautification plan will require modified street standards for: road widths, sidewalk widths, enhanced paving in intersections, enhanced paving in sidewalks, enhanced pedestrian lighting, street trees, street furniture and street lights.

Planning for USC HSC and the surrounding areas so far has been done largely on a case-by-case basis. As USC HSC pursues this cohesive streetscape beautification project, a review of the existing approved projects, with conditions for public works improvements from the Department of City Planning, and permits needs to be performed to inform required modifications.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct the Department of Planning, in coordination with the Department of Transportation, the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Bureau of Engineering, the Bureau of Street Services, and the Bureau of Street Lighting, to review the existing street standards involving street dedications, street improvements, street lights, and street trees in DIR 2003 2104 SPR and DIR 2006-928-SPR-M1 for conditions that are no longer relevant within the proposed streetscape beautification project.

I FURTHER MOVE that City Planning and the affected bureaus and/or departments be directed to report back on the feasibility of identified conditions.

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