



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: December 15, 2015

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Engineering Division, Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Acceptance Of Bicycle And Pedestrian Easement Gift At 350 Hitchcock Way

RECOMMENDATION: That Council:

- A. Adopt, by reading of title only, A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Accepting an Easement for Use as a Public Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathway, and all Related Purposes, on the Real Property Commonly Known As 350 Hitchcock Way, and Consenting to the Recordation of the Easement Deed in the Official Records, County of Santa Barbara; and
- B. Authorize and direct the Public Works Director to execute IRS Form 8283 acknowledging the easement as a charitable donation to the City.

DISCUSSION:

The owner of the property at 350 Hitchcock Way (the "Property") is proposing to build a new automotive facility development at this site. The project includes demolition of an existing 2,363 square foot office/showroom, 567 square foot storage area, and 15,936 square foot service bay structure, and construction of a new two-story 36,752 square foot automotive dealership. A lot split on this Property is also pending under separate application. The owner of the Property was informed of the Upper State Street Study and Council Resolution of May 2007 that identifies the location of a potential bicycle/pedestrian path through the Property. This potential bicycle/pedestrian path is a long term goal of the City.

In order to facilitate the City's goal, the owner of the Property has offered to donate an easement over the Property for use as a bicycle and pedestrian pathway. The offered easement is a key component of the potential bicycle/pedestrian path. Since the easement is being offered as a gift, the Property owner has requested that the City execute IRS Form 8283, acknowledging the easement as a charitable donation to the City.

Staff recommends that Council adopt a resolution accepting the easement for use as a bicycle and pedestrian pathway and authorize and direct the Public Works Director to execute IRS Form 8283 at the request of the Property owner. The easement will be recorded with the County Clerk Recorded for the County of Santa Barbara. Acceptance of this easement will allow the City the opportunity to design and build a potential bicycle/pedestrian path, if and when funding becomes available.

ATTACHMENT: Vicinity Map

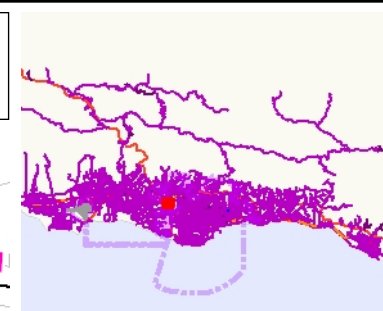
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APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office



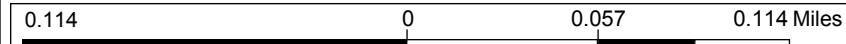
350 Hitchcock Way Easement



Legend

- City Limits
- Parks
- Assessor's Parcels - City
- Pacific Ocean
- Street Centerlines

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