



PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

November 11, 2021

Norman Mundy, City of Los Angeles Dept. of Public Works
Bureau of Engineering

Via email: norman.mundy@lacity.org

Keith Mozee, Executive Director & General Manager
StreetsLA

Via email: keith.mozee@lacity.org

Re: STAP IS / DRAFT MND Project Comments – OPPOSE MND and request full EIR

Dear Mr. Mundy and Mr. Mozee:

Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) for 48 years has been the most broad-based community organization and voice of Pacific Palisades. We have commented on numerous past occasions on the STAP program – in StreetsLA workshops, at meetings and in letters submitted to relevant City officials¹ – expressing support for the program in general but also advising City officials of the Palisades community's serious safety concerns related to digital signage and our desire to retain our existing street furniture.

While recognizing and supporting the need for an expanded transit shelter program, PPCC believes that given the scope of the proposed project and the many potential impacts of digital signage on public safety, it is inappropriate to seek clearance of the program through a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). Rather, we recommend that a full Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the program be done to identify possible negative impacts on public safety and the environment and to determine if mitigations can address these impacts or whether a project alternative is the best course of action.

Additionally, although we've received oral assurances from certain StreetsLA officials in the past, **we now respectfully request written confirmation from City authorities that Pacific Palisades will be permitted to retain its existing bus benches and related street furniture**, as described in our letters linked below.

Thank you for your anticipated courtesy and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Executive Committee, Pacific Palisades Community Council

David Card, Chair

Christina Spitz, Secretary

David Kaplan, Vice-Chair

John Padden, Organization Representative, P.R.I.D.E.

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Joanna Spak, Area 1 Representative (Castellammare, Paseo Miramar)

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¹ 11/20/20 Letter: <http://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/PPCC-PRIDE-Digital-Ads-Letter.pdf>

11/21/20 Letter: <http://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Digital-Ads-Letter-Bd-Pub-Works1.pdf>

12/01/20 Letter: <http://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/PPCC-Letter-Motion-STAP-RFP.pdf>