

CRISIS AND BRIDGE HOUSING FACILITIES AT 18616 W. TOPHAM ST. CD 3 TINY HOME VILLAGE PROJECT (C.F. 20-0841) CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) NOTICE OF EXEMPTION (NOE)

Dear President Martinez and Honorable Members:

On June 24, 2020, a motion was introduced, relative to the proposed strategy and funding recommendations to implement the COVID-19 Homelessness Roadmap, moving that City Council immediately allocate monies from the COVID-19 Federal Relief Fund to the Bureau of Engineering to initiate the environmental analysis for homeless shelter projects. 18616 W. Topham St. in Council District 3, which is currently developed with a MTA Orange Line Busway Station transit parking lot, has been identified as a homeless shelter project site.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Council determine the Crisis and Bridge Housing facility on 18616 W. Topham St. which allows for the lease of this property and use as a temporary shelter for those experiencing homelessness, is statutorily exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act exemption determinations under Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(4) as a specific action necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency, Public Resources Code section 21080.27 (AB 1197) applicable to City of Los Angeles bridge homeless shelters; and, because the project is partly funded by "Homeless Emergency Aid Program funds," it is exempt under Governor's Order N-32-20. Please refer to the attachment with an NOE for the project.

PROJECT LOCATION: 18616 W. Topham St., Reseda, CA 91335. The project site is located along the Orange Line Bus Way at the Reseda Station, just west of Reseda Blvd. in the Reseda area of the Reseda-West Van Nuys Community Plan Area in the City of Los Angeles Council District 03 (CD 03), Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 7212-701-8BRK, see *Figure 1 – Project Site Location*. T.G. 530-H7,J7 & 560-H1,J1

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT The proposed project consists of the construction of a new homeless shelter at a Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) owned parcel that includes a tiny home village of small, detached, pre-fabricated cabins assembled on site with beds for up to 146 individuals, two hygiene trailers with restrooms, showers, lavatories, drinking fountains, perimeter security fencing, and designated seating areas for food services for people experiencing homelessness. The nature of this project is to serve the local homeless community within the vicinity of the project. The purpose of the project is to provide emergency shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness to help bridge their transition from living on the streets to finding services and, ultimately, living in transitional and/or permanent housing. The project includes approximately 76 tiny homes; 71 with double beds (142 occupants), four with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant single beds, and there is one tiny home for storage that has no beds. There are also two 320-sf prefabricated structures for administration and laundry facilities. The Project Site is approximately 32,500-square feet (sf) and is currently developed as a MTA parking lot. The project includes beds in crisis and bridge housing for up to 146 people experiencing homelessness. Project beneficiaries include the homeless community, the public and local businesses. A third-party service provider will operate the project for the City and it is anticipated that a lease or similar operating and/or funding agreement may be executed, as well as a lease with MTA for use of the site.. (Please see the attached narrative for more details).