



## City of Needles, California Request for City Council Action

☒ CITY COUNCIL ☐ NPUA

☒ Regular ☐ Special

**Meeting Date:** May 14, 2024

**Title:** City Council Resolution No. 2024-22. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Needles, California finding that Abandonment of an Unused Portion of Right-of-Way along "O" Street, South of Market Street, Adjacent to Assessor's Parcel Numbers 0185-046-13 and 0185-085-29, is in Compliance with the General Plan

**Background:** "O" Street south of Market Street is a road that previously provided transportation through the City of Needles, which was separated into two sections with the construction of the I-40, with the highway in-between each section, making the section of "O" Street, South of Market Street and terminating at the I-40, an area of right-of-way that serves no purpose.

Before the City Council may vacate the right-of-way, pursuant to Section 65402 of the Government Code, the Planning Commission must first consider and determine whether the vacation of the easement conforms to the General Plan and forward that determination to the City Council.

On May 8, 2024, the Planning Commission held a public hearing for the proposed abandonment. No public testimony was received, and the Planning Commission unanimously recommended the abandonment to the City Council for Approval.

**Public Notification:** A public hearing notice was published in the Needles Desert Star newspaper on April 17, 2024, sent to each property owner within three hundred feet (300') of the property being considered for vacation, and posted in two conspicuous locations within the City.

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Environmental Impact:** Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and the City's local CEQA Guidelines, City Staff determined that the project is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. City Staff found that there is no possible significant effect directly related to the Project, therefore no further action is required under CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines (14 CCR § 15061(b)(3)), and independently, the Project is categorically exempt (class 5) pursuant to Section 15305 of the State CEQA Guidelines (14 CCR § 15305).

**Recommended Action:** Adopt Resolution 2024-22, finding that the abandonment of the road right-of-way consisting of an unused portion of right-of-way along "O" Street, South of Market Street, adjacent to Assessor's Parcel Numbers 0185-046-13 and 0185-085-29, is in compliance with the General Plan.

**Submitted By:** Kathy Raasch, Interim Development Services Director

**City Manager Approval:** Patrick J. Martinez Date: 5/9/2024

**Other Department Approval (when required):** \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: ☐

Not Approved: ☐

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Other: ☐

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