CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

TRAFFIC & PARKING COMMISSION

May 4, 2015

TO: Traffic & Parking Commission

FROM: Aaron Kunz, Deputy Director of Transportation

SUBJECT: Introduction to North Santa Monica Boulevard Construction Mitigation

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The City Council has directed staff to develop a traffic mitigation plan for the Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction project in consultation with the Traffic & Parking Commission (TPC). At the March 5, 2015 TPC meeting, the Psomas team presented an overview of traffic modeling conducted as part of the City Council's review of lane closure alternatives and an overview of possible traffic mitigation options.

At the May 4, 2015 TPC meeting, the Psomas team will present the "baseline" traffic mitigation measures typical of public construction projects. The presentation will also include typical measures that will be required of the construction contractor and ones that will be required of the construction manager. Attached is a PowerPoint of Psomas' presentation.

Psomas is scheduled to return to the June 4, 2015 TPC meeting to focus on potential construction mitigation measures specific to the Santa Monica Boulevard reconstruction project.

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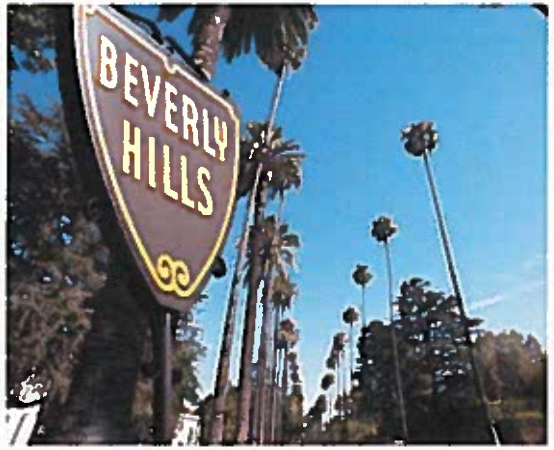

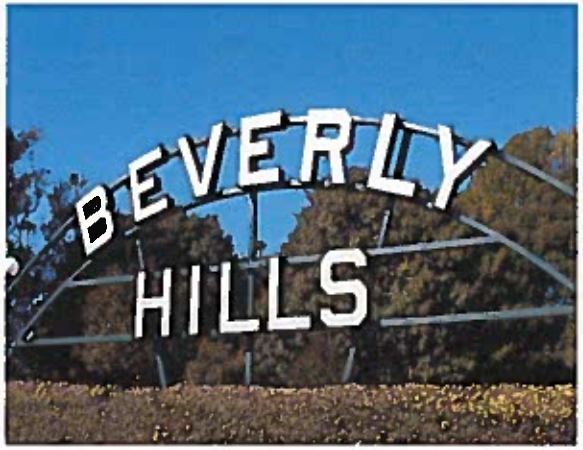

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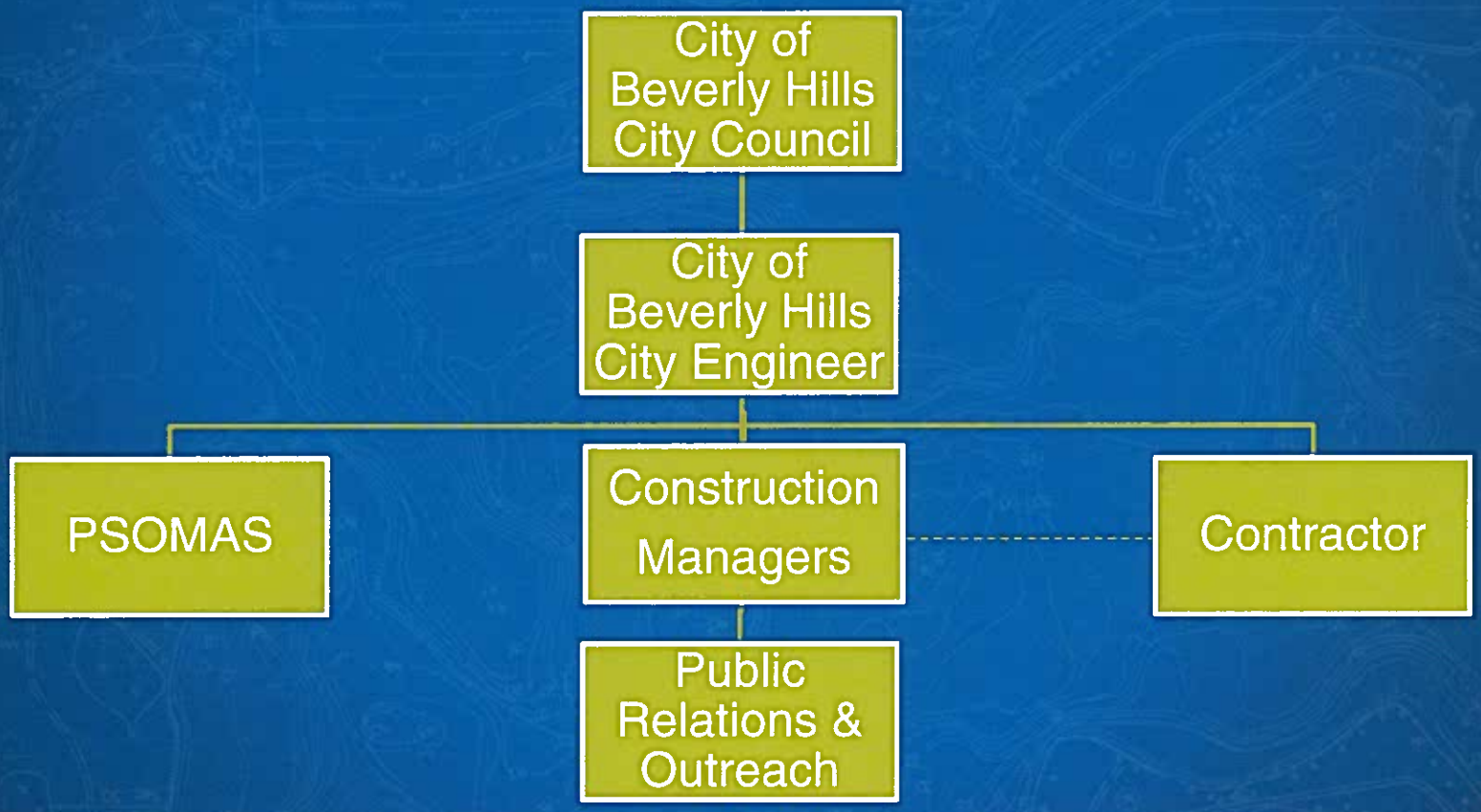

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Traffic Mitigation

- Traffic & Parking Commission Review:

March 5: Overview of City Council direction and selected lane closure scenario

May 4: Review of contracting process/examples of base construction mitigation measures

June 7: Review of project-specific construction mitigation measures

Post June 7: Refine measures, public outreach per City Council direction

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Construction Contracting

- Contractor Bidding Documents:
  - Construction Drawings
  - Specifications
    - Standard: control the work in a general way; common from one job to the next
    - Project Specific: control the contractors work and written for each job
  - Project Schedule
  - Contract
    - Describes in detail all responsibilities of the Contractor

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Traffic Mitigation Baseline

- Typical (baseline) Traffic Mitigation Requirements for Contractor (for inclusion in construction bidding documents):
  - Traffic Handling Plan (e.g., allowable lane closures)
    - Lane Closure Alternative Selected by City Council in January 2015
  - Typical Work Hours
    - Monday – Saturday, 8 am to 6 pm

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Traffic Mitigation Baseline (continued)

- Holiday Restrictions
  - Municipal Code (New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day)
  - High Holy Days (Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Passover)
- Other non-work days
  - Day after Thanksgiving
  - December 24 through January 2
  - Affaire in the Garden

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Traffic Mitigation Baseline (continued)

- Employee Parking Plan/Restrictions
  - Require all employees to park off-street (no residential parking)
- Signage
  - Changeable message boards at City Entrances
- Submittal of Traffic Control Plans
  - Proper placement of cones and signage
  - Staffing
  - Requires approval by Traffic Engineer

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Construction Manager

- Construction Manager (hired separately from contractor) will provide Public Outreach services:
  - Public Outreach Manager
  - Staffing for project phone line
  - Neighborhood/community meetings
  - Develop and Manage Public Information Program
    - Public outreach material
    - City Webpage
    - Newsprint
    - Social Media (e.g., facebook/twitter)
    - Coordinate with neighboring jurisdictions, Caltrans and Metro

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Traffic & Parking Commission

- For June 4th TPC discussion:
  - Discussion of peak-hour parking restrictions (e.g., South Santa Monica Boulevard)
  - Discussion of extended work hour restrictions
  - Mitigation measure toolbox (e.g., diverters)
  - Work hour restrictions beyond baseline (e.g., holiday shopping)

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Construction Contracting

- Goals of Construction Mitigation Plan
  - Provide sufficient parameters to minimize impacts to City residential and business areas
  - Gives contractor enough flexibility to develop a construction plan that expedites construction and/or reduces costs.
  - Allows flexibility to change mitigation measures based on changing traffic patterns
  - Keeps public informed of project