



Notice of Preparation (NOP)

Robertson Boulevard Sidewalk Improvement Project
Environmental Impact Report

DATE: Wednesday, December 20, 2023

TO: State Clearinghouse; Responsible and Trustee Agencies; Interested Individuals and Organizations; Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

FROM: The City of Beverly Hills, Community Development Department, 455 North Rexford Drive Beverly Hills, California 90210

PROJECT: Robertson Boulevard Sidewalk Improvement Project

The City of Beverly Hills is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and will be responsible for preparing an Environmental Impact Report for the remaining portion of the proposed Robertson Boulevard Sidewalk Improvement Project as described below and an accompanying Robertson Boulevard Street Tree Master Plan (herein referred to as "RSTMP"), collectively the "Project".

NOTICE OF PREPARATION REVIEW PERIOD: December 20, 2023, to January 19, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Project Location: The Project site, for purposes of the RSTMP consists of the six blocks of Robertson Boulevard in the City of Beverly Hills. Specifically, the Project site to be encompassed in the RSTMP is bordered by Burton Way to the north and Whitworth Drive to the south and encompasses approximately one mile of Robertson Boulevard. The proposed Robertson Boulevard Sidewalk Improvement will occur within the RSTMP area, and specifically on the east side of Robertson Boulevard between Charleville Boulevard and Gregory Way, and on the west side of Robertson between Gregory Way and Whitworth Drive. Figure 1 shows the boundaries of the City in a regional context. Figure 2 illustrates the Project site.

The Project site is approximately eight miles west of the City of Los Angeles City Hall and four miles northeast of the City of Santa Monica. Local access to the Project site is provided by Wilshire Boulevard, Olympic Boulevard, Whitworth Drive, and Gregory Way, with regional access provided by Interstate 405 (I-405) and Interstate 10 (I-10).

Project Description: The Project consists of replacing over 64,000 square-feet of damaged sidewalk along six blocks (roughly 1.0 mile in length) of Robertson Boulevard to provide safe, accessible, and long-lasting infrastructure for pedestrians. Associated work includes replacement of curb and gutter, driveway and alley approaches, and ADA-compliant curb ramps. Other work includes installation of stormwater quality bioretention units, tree lighting and electrical outlets, irrigation system and utility adjustments. Trees that will present a significant likelihood of failure will be replaced in accordance with a newly proposed RSTMP. The remaining work to be completed as part of the Project is on the east side of Robertson Boulevard between Charleville Boulevard and Gregory Way, and on the west side of Robertson Boulevard between Gregory Way and Whitworth Drive. It is expected that 36 trees along these sections of Robertson Boulevard will be removed and replaced during the sidewalk repair. The RSTMP will be utilized as an evaluation method for determining the possible removal and replanting of trees along the aforementioned blocks of sidewalk.

Study Areas: The City, as the Lead Agency, is responsible for environmental review under CEQA. Using the CEQA Guidelines Appendix G Environmental Checklist as a guide, the following areas of potentially significant environmental impacts are anticipated to require analysis in the Draft EIR:

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Land Use and Planning
- Noise
- Mandatory Findings of Significance

Potential cumulative impacts and potential for growth inducement will also be addressed. Project Alternatives, including the No Project Alternative, will be evaluated. The Project site is not located on the State Department of Toxic Substances Control Hazardous Waste and Substances Sites (Cortese) List.

30-Day Comment Period: The City invites written comments on issues related to potential environmental impacts during a 30-day comment period, which starts on **Wednesday, December 20, 2023** and concludes on **Friday, January 19, 2024 at 5 p.m.** The NOP and further information regarding the Project are available on the City's website:

<https://www.beverlyhills.org/departments/communitydevelopment/pendingprojects/environmentalreportsanddocuments/>

Any responses must be submitted to the City's Community Development Department as soon as possible, but no later than the January 19, 2024 deadline. Comments must be submitted in writing or via email to:

Masa Alkire, AICP, City Planner
City of Beverly Hills Community Development Department
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, California 90210
Phone: (310) 285-1135
Email: malkire@beverlyhills.org

After the Draft EIR has been prepared, it will be released for public review and comment. The City Council will then consider the Draft EIR, the proposed RSTMP, and the Robertson Boulevard Sidewalk Improvements. Separate notices for the Notice of Availability of the Draft EIR and the City Council hearing for the Project will be released at later dates.

The case file on this Project, which includes the plans, is on file at Beverly Hills City Hall, Planning Division, First Floor, 455 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, California 90210. An Initial Study was not prepared for the Draft EIR pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15063. If there are any questions regarding this notice, or if you would like to review the case file (plans) or receive copies of available documents, please contact **Masa Alkire, AICP, City Planner, at (310) 285-1135 or via email at malkire@beverlyhills.org.**



Signature

December 20, 2023

Date

Masa Alkire, AICP

Printed Name

City Planner

Title

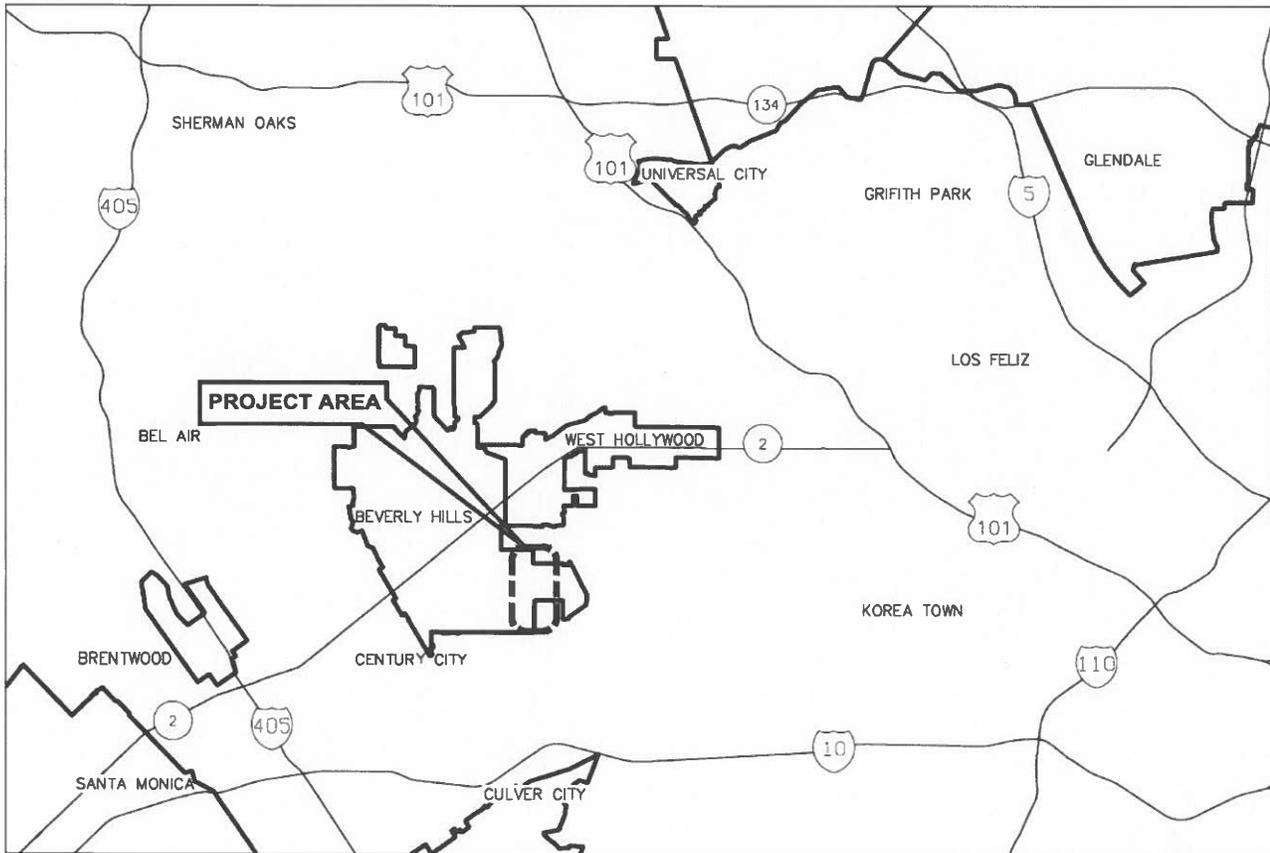


FIGURE 1: Project Vicinity Map
Robertson Boulevard Sidewalk Improvement Project
City of Beverly Hills



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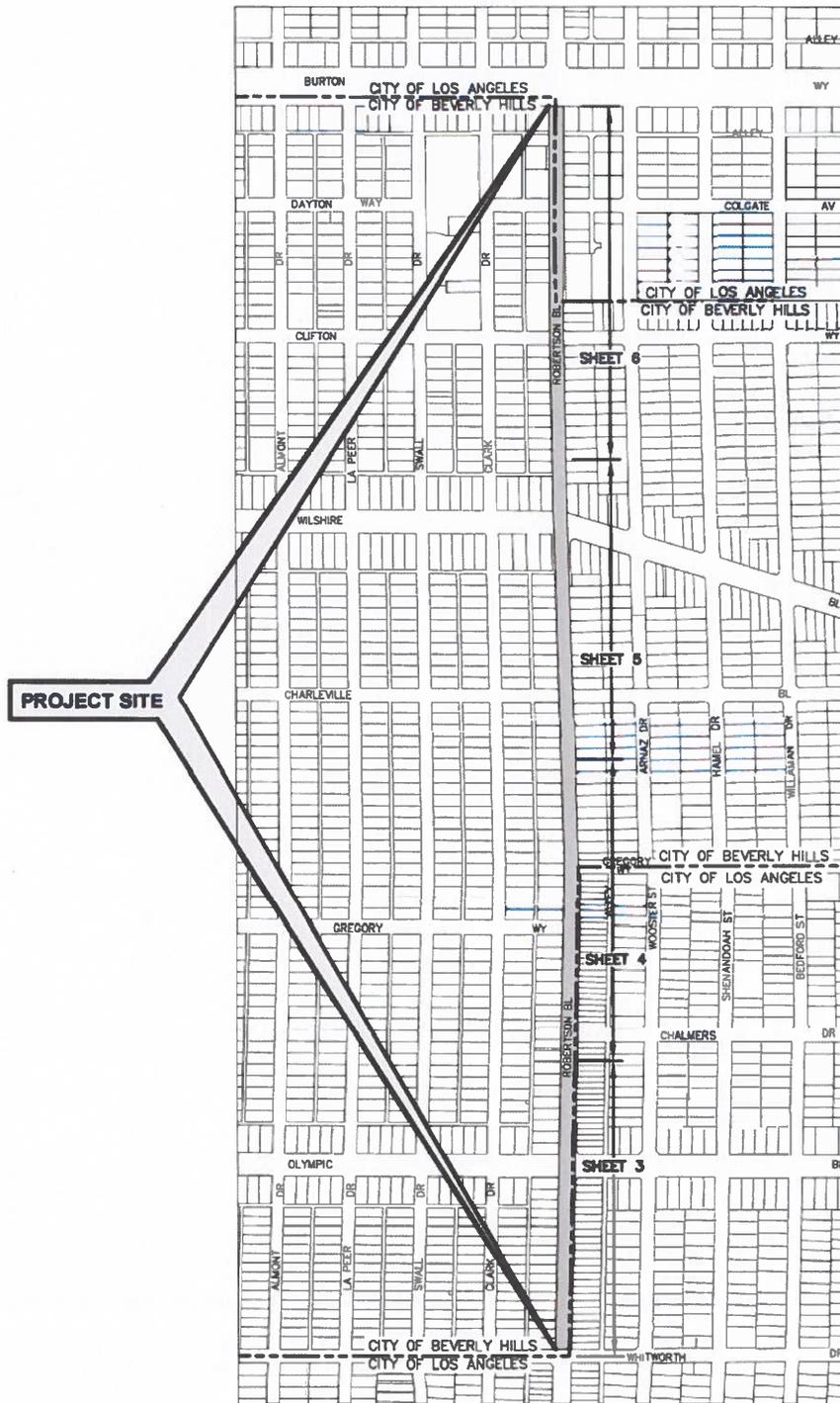


FIGURE 2: Project Site
 Robertson Boulevard Sidewalk Improvement Project
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