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**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
GREEN STREET POLICY**

Recognizing the importance of the long-term health and well-being of the communities we serve, we consistently seek a balanced approach to deliver multi-benefit projects, programs, and services in an economically, environmentally, and socially responsible way. Therefore, consistent with Public Works' Strategic Focus Area of "Invest in Sustainability", it is the policy of this Department to incorporate Green Street design approaches as described in the Green Infrastructure Guidelines, June 2011 (or updated), in all applicable Public Works road projects as described below.

**DEFINITIONS**

**GREEN STREET**

Green streets are improvements within the transportation corridor designed to reduce greenhouse gases (GHG), energy consumption during construction, promote recycling of our natural resources, provide source control of stormwater, limit its transport and pollutant conveyance to the collection system, restore predevelopment hydrology to the extent possible, and provide environmentally enhanced roads. Effectively incorporating green street design into our existing transportation network can help achieve multiple benefits, such as improved water quality, reduce GHG emissions, and help support sustainable communities. Green streets can incorporate a wide variety of design elements including but not limited to, street trees, sustainable pavements, bioretention, and swales. A number of green street features are listed and described in the Green Infrastructure Guidelines. The Guidelines detail the design of these features as well as the anticipated maintenance needs.

**TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR**

Transportation corridor is defined as any designated route within public right-of-way including, but not limited to, sidewalks, roadways, and alley ways.

## **APPLICATION**

Public Works shall incorporate green street design elements as specified in the Green Infrastructure Guidelines, June 2011 (or updated), for new construction, reconstruction, and/or rehabilitation of existing public infrastructure conducted within the transportation corridor.

## **EXCEPTIONS**

Public Works maintenance and repair projects or emergency projects are exempt from the watershed-based approaches but will comply with sustainable approaches that reduce greenhouse gas during construction. Maintenance and repair projects shall include, but not limited to, road resurfacing, chip seal, slurry seal, curb and gutter, sidewalk repair, minor shoulder paving, and overlays.

Recommended by \_\_\_\_\_

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