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AGENDA REPORT

TO: Sabrina B. Landreth
City Administrator

FROM: Jeff Tumlin
Interim Director, DOT

SUBJECT: Partial Abandonment of Poplar Street

DATE: September 14, 2016

City Administrator Approval

Date:

9/29/16

RECOMMENDATION

Staff Recommends That The City Council Adopt A Resolution To Summarily Vacate A Portion Of Poplar Street, a Public Right-of-Way, From Its Intersection at 5th Street To Its Intersection With 7th Street, to Facilitate Development of a Mixed-Use Transit Oriented Development Project at 500 Kirkham Street, and Adopt CEQA Findings.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Approval of this Resolution will authorize the City Engineer to issue a Street Vacation Permit (Permit Number PPE1600052) vacating the right-of-way of Poplar Street from its intersection at 5th Street and its intersection with 7th Street for a planned mixed-use Transit Oriented Development (TOD) project as approved by the Planning Commission.

Pursuant to Ordinance Number 13368 C.M.S., the City and TL Partners V, L.P. (Developer) are finalizing negotiations and entering into a Disposition and Development Agreement (DDA) for the development known as "the 500 Kirkham Project" (Property). This development contains a portion of Poplar Street between 5th and 7th Streets, which the City seeks to vacate to the State of California, Department of Transportation ("Caltrans"). Once the vacation is completed, the DDA terms stipulate that the City will purchase the Property from Caltrans and immediately sell it to Developer, at no cost to the City. The Project will allocate 7.5% of the project's total residential units (31 units) as affordable to moderate-income households.

BACKGROUND / LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

On April 20, 2016, the Planning Commission approved a proposal to construct a mixed-use TOD project on the Property (PLN15211) (Project). In compliance with Government Code Section 65402, the Planning Commission found the Project, including the proposed street vacation, to be consistent with the General Plan.

On May 17, 2016, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 13368 C.M.S., which authorized the City to purchase the Property from Caltrans and negotiate a DDA that will allow the City to immediately transfer the Property to the Developer for the same amount purchased by the City for development as a mixed-use TOD project. A key DDA term requires the City and Caltrans to

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take actions, as necessary, to help clear title for the Property, one of which involves the City vacating the portion of Poplar Street between 5th Street and 7th Street if further research or title indicates the City dedicated or otherwise created a public street.

ANALYSIS AND POLICY ALTERNATIVES

While it is unclear whether this section of Poplar Street was ever dedicated or accepted as a public street, for title purposes, it is reasonable for the City to presume that the street was dedicated and accepted by the City because historical maps indicate that the street was once improved and publicly maintained (see Exhibits to Resolution). Poplar Street was created by map in 1876, and subsequent maps depict various buildings/ownerships on both sides of this portion of Poplar, as well as improved parcels that are only accessible from this portion of the right of way.

California Streets and Highways Code section 8331 authorizes the City Council to summarily vacate a street or highway if both of the following conditions exist: (a) for a period of five consecutive years, the street or highway has been impassable for vehicular travel, and (b) no public money was expended for maintenance on the street or highway during such period. The right-of-way of Poplar Street between 5th Street and 7th Street meets both conditions. Said right of way is located under the former Cypress Freeway and has not been in use as a public street since the 1950's when Caltrans built the freeway. City staff has confirmed that no public funds have been spent on maintenance of the street during the past five years, and has also determined that there are no in-place public utility facilities that are in use and would be affected by the vacation (there is one minor public storm drainage pipe, which will be relocated by the developer at no cost to the City). The right of way to be summarily vacated is shown in the Exhibit attached to the Resolution.

In order to summarily vacate this portion of Poplar Street, the City Council is only required to pass a resolution outlining the facts under which this portion of Poplar Street is abandoned. (Streets and Highways Code section 8335.) No public testimony is required.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to this action. All staff costs associated with this action have been covered by the project Developer.

PUBLIC OUTREACH / INTEREST

The planned mixed-use TOD project was considered by the Planning Commission and the City Council earlier this year. In addition, the West Oakland Specific Plan (WOSP) has identified the Property as an opportunity site for a transit oriented development project. The WOSP was adopted in June 2014 and was the result of extensive three-year collaboration with the community.

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COORDINATION

Public Works has coordinated the partial street vacation with public utilities, Bureau of Infrastructure & Operations, Caltrans, Planning and Building Department, Economic & Workforce Development Department, the Office of the City Attorney, and the Controller's Bureau.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: The Street Vacation permit allows the Developer to move forward with the planned mixed-use transit oriented development project approved by the Planning Commission on April 20, 2016. Development of the proposed TOD project will transform vacant and underutilized right of way into a TOD providing much-needed housing units and serving the neighborhood with retail economy.

Environmental: The location of the Project and proximity to major public transportation nodes will likely encourage residents and retail customers to use BART and AC Transit, reducing automobile reliance and decreasing use of fossil fuels.

Social Equity: The proposed TOD project will include residential units that will be regulated by the City as affordable housing. The Developer has offered a community benefits packaged valued at \$8 million and included payment into the City's Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

CEQA

Detailed California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) analysis of the TOD project proposed on the Property found that the potential environmental impacts associated with Project has been adequately analyzed and covered in the WOSP Final EIR (certified June 2014) and that no further environmental review is required for the partial vacation of Poplar Street between 5th Street and 7th Street. This proposed street vacation is consistent with both the General Plan and the West Oakland Specific Plan. This action is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15301(existing facilities), 15183 (projects consistent with General Plan and Zoning), and 15061(b)(3) (no significant effect on the environment).

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Staff recommends City Council adopt a resolution to summarily vacate a portion of Poplar Street, a public right-of-way, between 5th Street and 7th Street, for a planned mixed-use transit oriented development project previously approved by the Planning Commission and City Council.

For questions regarding this report, please contact Gus Amirzehni, Engineering Design and Right-of-Way Manager at (510) 238-6601.

Respectfully submitted,



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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember _____

RESOLUTION TO SUMMARILY VACATE A PORTION OF POPLAR STREET, A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY, FROM ITS INTERSECTION AT 5TH STREET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH 7TH STREET, TO FACILITATE DEVELOPMENT OF A MIXED-USE TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT 500 KIRKHAM STREET, AND ADOPT CEQA FINDINGS

WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans/Permittee) owns an approximately 2.85 acre site on the block bounded by Kirkham Street to the west, 7th Street to the north, Union Street to the east, and 5th Street to the south, commonly known as 500 Kirkham Street and identified by Caltrans as Director’s Deed DD-009579-01-01 (Property), attached hereto and incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2016, the Planning Commission approved a proposal to construct a mixed use transit oriented development project on the Property (PLN15211) (Project); and

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2016, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 13368 C.M.S., which authorized the City to purchase the Property from Caltrans and negotiate a Disposition and Development Agreement (DDA) that will allow the City to immediately transfer the Property to TL Partners V, L.P. for the same amount purchased by the City for development as a Transit Oriented Development project; and

WHEREAS, a key DDA term requires the City and Caltrans to take actions, as necessary, to help clear title for the Property, one of which involves the City vacating the portion of Poplar Street between 5th Street and 7th Street if further research or title indicates the City dedicated or otherwise created a public street; and

WHEREAS, Poplar Street was created by map in 1876, and historical maps indicate that the street was once improved and publicly maintained; various maps depict various buildings/ownerships on both sides of this portion of Poplar, as well as improved parcels that are only accessible from this portion of the right of way; and

WHEREAS, said land area comprising the portion of Poplar Street between 5th and 7th Streets proposed for vacation is necessary to develop the approved mixed-use transit oriented development project for the benefit of the citizens of the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to vacate a portion of Poplar Street, a public right-of-way, from its intersection at 5th Street to its intersection with 7th Street to Caltrans, to facilitate development of the Property pursuant to California Streets and Highways Code section 8330 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, City of Oakland Economic & Workforce Development Department filed an application (PPE1600052) with the Oakland Public Works Department (OPW) for a proposed vacation of the portion of Poplar Street between 5th and 7th Streets; and

WHEREAS, California Streets and Highways Code section 8330 et seq. authorizes the City Council to summarily vacate a street or highway if, for a period of five consecutive years, the street or highway has been impassable for vehicular travel, and no public money was expended for maintenance on the street or highway during such period; and

WHEREAS, the metes and bounds delineating the proposed vacation and the limits of the street vacation are delineated in the Exhibits attached hereto and incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, said portion of Poplar Street is located under the former Cypress Freeway and has not been in use as a public street since the 1950's when Caltrans built the freeway, and no public funds have been spent on maintenance of the street during the past five years; and

WHEREAS, Oakland Public Works Department has determined that there are no in-place public utility facilities that are in use and would be affected by the vacation within said street portion; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the summary vacation of said portion of Poplar Street is in the public interest, and that said portion of Poplar Street constitutes an excess right-of-way of a street not required for street purposes, is no longer needed for vehicular traffic and is not useful as a nonmotorized transportation facility; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Government Code section 65402, the Planning Commission considered the proposed vacation and found it to be consistent with the General Plan and the West Oakland Specific Plan; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Streets and Highways Code section 8313, the City Council has considered the proposed vacation and finds that it conforms to both the General Plan and the West Oakland Specific Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined with reasonable certainty from a thorough examination of the available historical public records that there are no other ownership interests in the area described; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works, in her official capacity, has determined that the proposed vacation of said portion of Poplar Street will not adversely impact current or future traffic or pedestrian access to the adjoining and surrounding real properties; and

WHEREAS, said portion of Poplar Street proposed for vacation, which comprises 0.36+ acre of land area, will be added by the Alameda County Assessor to the general levy of property taxes, a portion of which will accrue to the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, from and after the date this Resolution is recorded, said portion of Poplar Street no longer constitutes a street and will be removed from the inventory of public streets maintained by the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, a detailed CEQA analysis prepared for the Project concluded that the Project satisfies CEQA and CEQA Guidelines, and that the potential environmental impacts of the Project have been adequately analyzed and covered in the West Oakland Specific Plan Final EIR (certified June 2014) and that no further environmental review is required for the summary vacation of the portion of Poplar Street between 5th Street and 7th Street; and

WHEREAS, as a separate and independent basis, this action is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15301 (existing facilities), 15183 (projects consistent with General Plan and Zoning), and 15061(b)(3) (no significant effect on the environment); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council has reviewed all relevant documents relating to its grant of the street vacation that is the subject of this resolution, and finds and determines the foregoing recitals to be true and correct and hereby makes them a part of this Resolution; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council finds and determines that the decision made hereby is made in conformance with the requirements of CEQA; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That, pursuant to Streets and Highways Code section 8335, the City Council hereby authorizes a street vacation permit be issued to allow the City to vacate the portion of Poplar Street between 5th and 7th Streets to Caltrans according to the permit conditions set forth below; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That said street vacation permit is hereby conditioned by the following special requirements:

1. the Permittee, by the acceptance of this vacation, agrees and promises to defend, hold harmless, and indemnify the City of Oakland and its officials, officers, employees, agents, representatives, and volunteers from any and all claim, demand, lawsuit and judgment for damages of any kind and nature whatsoever arising out said vacation and regardless of responsibility for negligence; and
2. the Permittee acknowledges that the City of Oakland makes no representations or warranties as to the conditions beneath the existing public right-of-way; and that by accepting this vacation, the Permittee agrees that it will use the vacated street portion in the future at its own risk; and
3. the Permittee acknowledges that the City of Oakland is unaware of the existence of any hazardous substances beneath the street portion area, and hereby waives and fully releases and forever discharges the City of Oakland and its officers, directors, employees, agents, and

volunteers from any and all claims, demands, liabilities, damages, actions, causes of action, penalties, fines, liens, judgments, costs, or expenses whatsoever (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and costs), whether direct or indirect, known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, that may arise out of or in any way connected with the physical condition, or required remediation of the excavation area or any law or regulation applicable thereto, including, without limitation, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (42 U.S.C. Sections 9601 et seq.), the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (42 U.S.C. Section 6901 et seq.), the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. Section 466 et seq.), the Safe Drinking Water Act (14 U.S.C. Sections 1401-1450), the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. Section 1801 et seq.), the Toxic Substance Control Act (15 U.S.C. Sections 2601-2629), the California Hazardous Waste Control Law (California Health and Safety Code Sections 25100 et seq.), the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (California Health and Safety Code Section 13000 et seq.), the Hazardous Substance Account Act (California Health and Safety Code Section 25300 et seq.), and the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act (California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.5 et seq.); and

4. the Permittee further acknowledges that it understands and agrees that it hereby expressly waives all rights and benefits which it now has or in the future may have, under and by virtue of the terms of California Civil Code Section 1542, which reads as follows: "A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS WHICH THE CREDITOR DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, WHICH IF KNOWN BY HIM MUST HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR"; and
5. the Permittee recognizes that by waiving the provisions of Civil Code Section 1542, it will not be able to make any claims for damages that may exist, and to which, if known, would materially affect its decision to execute this street vacation agreement, regardless of whether Permittee's lack of knowledge is the result of ignorance, oversight, error, negligence, or any other cause; and
6. Permittee acknowledges that it shall comply with the requirements of City, State, and the public utilities for removal, relocation, mitigation, and compliance with standards for public facilities which may be shown, not shown, or found in the field at later date; and
7. the hereinabove conditions shall be binding upon the Permittee and the successive owners and assigns thereof; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That this resolution shall take effect when all the conditions hereinabove set forth shall have been complied with to the satisfaction of the City Attorney and the Director of Public Works of the City of Oakland and shall become null and void upon the failure of the Permittee to comply with the conditions hereinabove set forth after notice and failure to cure such conditions in a reasonable manner; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Director of Public Works is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution for recordation with the Office of the Alameda County Clerk-Recorder as an encumbrance of the title of the property identified above.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLEN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, and
PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____
LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California

Attached Exhibit (4 pages)

EXHIBIT

(limits of proposed vacation of portion of Poplar Street between 5th and 7th Streets)

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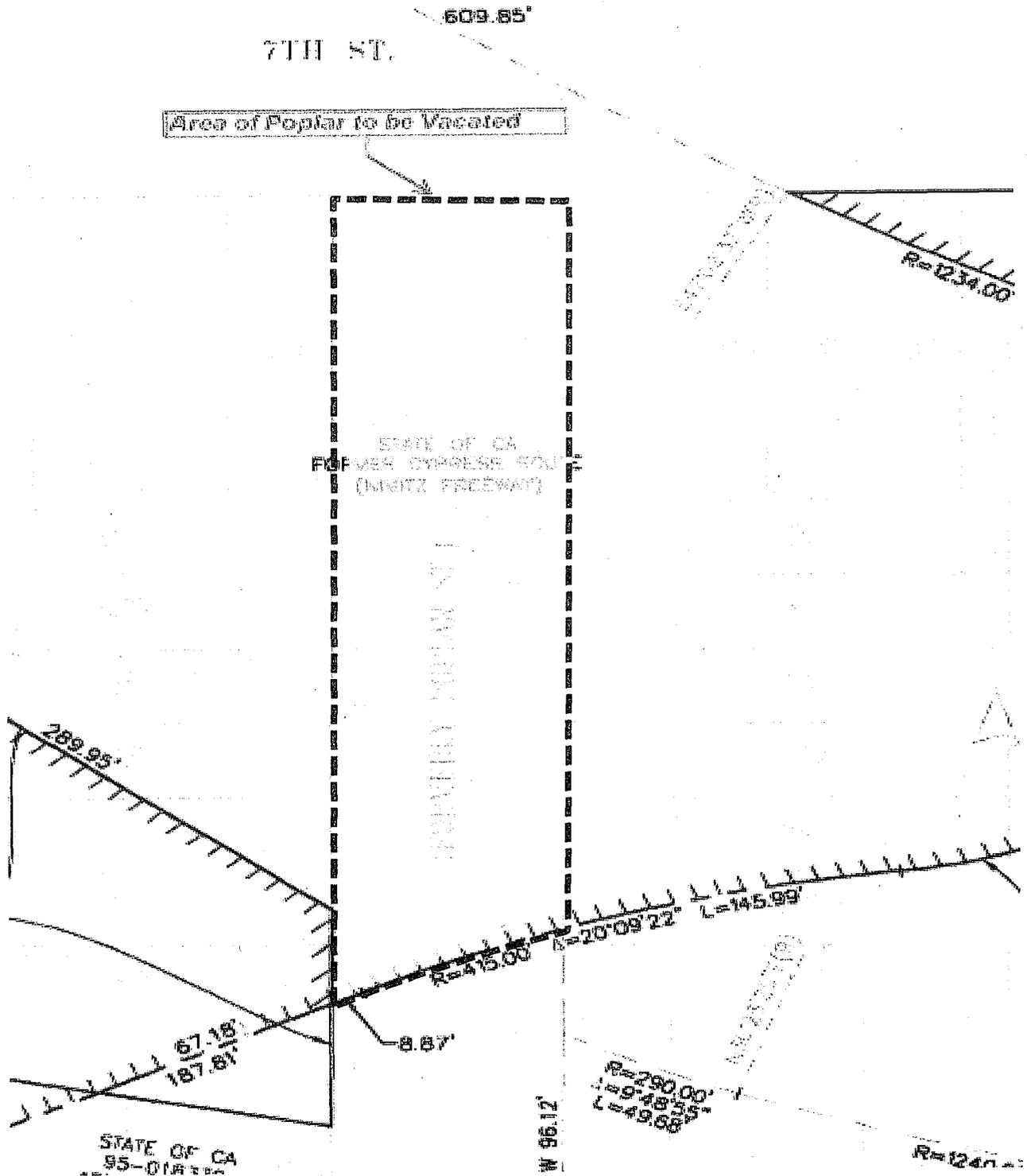


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**Metes and bounds delineating the proposed vacation of the portion of Poplar Street between
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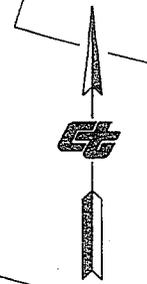
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1A" IN THE QUITCLAIM DEED (STATE DEED NO. 51357-A) RECORDED MARCH 11, 1997 UNDER THE
DOCUMENT NUMBER 97064288, OF OFFICIAL RECORDS OF ALAMEDA COUNTY; THENCE ALONG THE
GENERAL SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID 2.760- ACRE PARCEL, THE FOLLOWING TWO COURSES: N.
80°46'15" E., 8.88 FEET AND ALONG A TANGENT CURVE TO THE RIGHT WITH A RADIUS OF 415.00
FEET, THROUGH AN ANGLE 7°46'51", AN ARC LENGTH OF 56.36 FEET TO THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID
POPLAR STREET; THENCE ALONG SAID EASTERLY LINE OF SAID POPLAR STREET, N. 17°06'32" E.
247.91 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID 2.760-ACRE PARCEL; THENCE ALONG SAID
NORTHERLY LINE, N. 73°20'06" W., ALONG 60.00 FEET TO THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID POPLAR
STREET; THENCE ALONG SAID WESTERLY LINE S. 17°06'32" W., 272.88 FEET TO THE POINT OF
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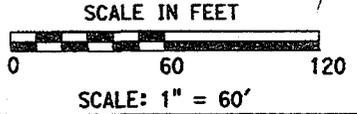
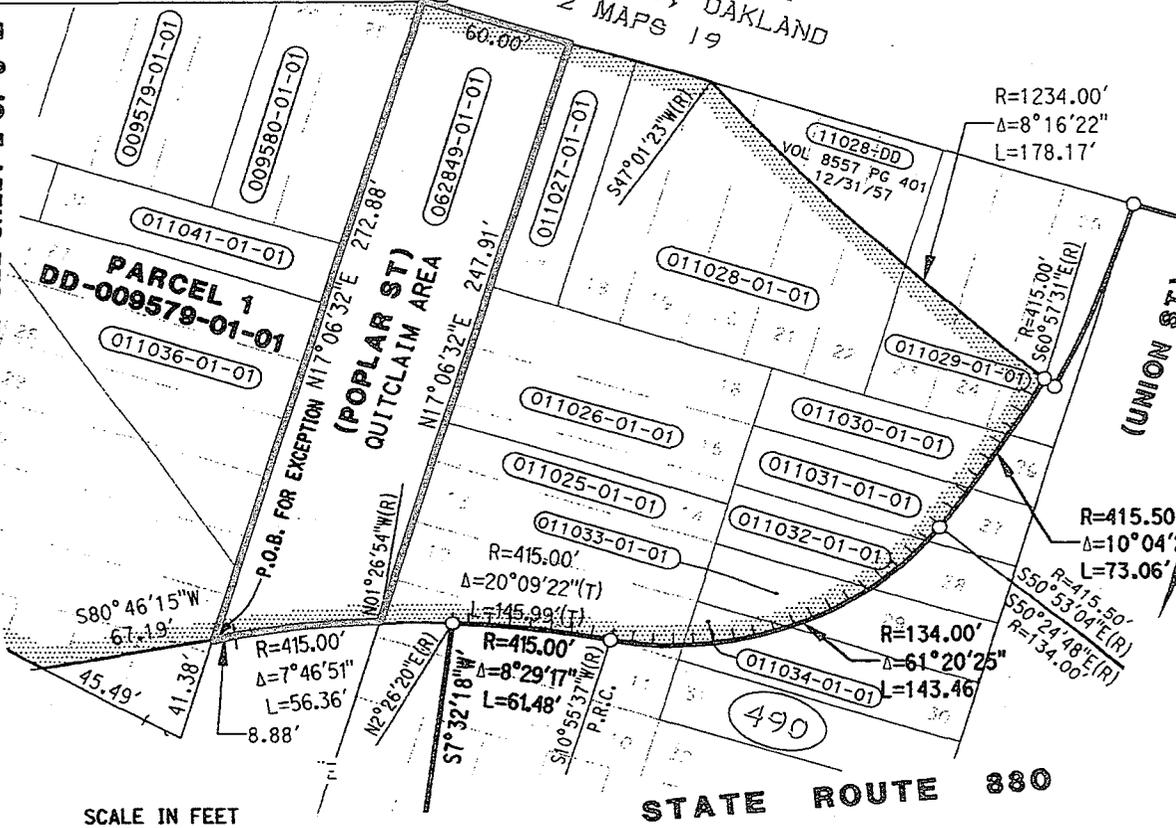
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R-7.11 & R-7X.3



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7TH ST

UNION ST

STATE ROUTE 880

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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**DIRECTOR'S DEED
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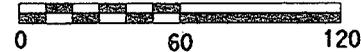
PARCEL 1
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(POPLAR ST)
QUITCLAIM AREA

LEGEND

P.O.B. POINT OF BEGINNING

SCALE IN FEET



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