

**Title**

SECONDARY HIGHWAY TO COLLECTOR / ABBOT KINNEY BLVD.

**Subject**

Motion – Abbot Kinney Boulevard between Washington Boulevard and Main Street is currently designated as a secondary highway, however, the narrow width is closer to a collector street standard. The secondary highway category establishes a standard of 90 feet, however, Abbot Kinney Boulevard north of Washington Boulevard and South of Main Street is typically 60-70 feet wide. This street has remained narrower because the surrounding land uses have been built around it. There is now a third generation of buildings lining both sides of Abbot Kinney Boulevard, which was designated for neighborhood uses, such as small retail stores with housing or businesses on the second floor. The narrow width of the street and high level of traffic make it infeasible to expand the area for pedestrians, thereby reducing the viability of the businesses along Abbot Kinney Boulevard. If Abbot Kinney Boulevard between Washington Boulevard and Main Street is downgraded, the existing narrow street pattern, with one-way traffic on each side, will allow opportunities to add center islands, bike lanes and more pedestrian crossings. This will provide greater cohesion with the surrounding land uses and a greater sense of community for the residents and businesses. THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct the Planning Department, in coordination with the Department of Transportation and Bureau of Engineering, to prepare and present the necessary documents and plan amendments to the "Streets and Highways Designation Map" of the Transportation Element of the General Plan and to any affected community plan, to redesignate and downgrade Abbot Kinney Boulevard between Washington Boulevard and Main Street from a Secondary Highway to a Collector Street.