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Green Street Policy

Purpose

The City of Sierra Madre's Department of Public Works shall implement green street BMPs for transportation corridors associated with new and redevelopment street and roadway projects, including Capital Improvement Projects (CIPs). This policy is enacted to demonstrate compliance with the NPDES MS4 Permit for the Los Angeles Region (Order No. R4-2012-0175).

Green streets are an amenity that provides many benefits including water quality improvement, groundwater replenishment, creation of attractive streetscapes, creation of parks and wildlife habitats, and pedestrian and bicycle accessibility. Green streets are defined as right-of-way areas that incorporate infiltration, biofiltration, and/or storage and use BMPs to collect, retain, or detain stormwater runoff as well as a design element that creates attractive streetscapes.

Policy

A. Application. The Department of Public Works shall require new development and/or redevelopment streets and roadway projects and CIP projects conducted within the right-of-way of transportation corridors to incorporate green street BMPs. Transportation corridors projects are major arterials as defined in the (add year, existing or updated) Sierra Madre General Plan which add at least 10,000 square feet of impervious surface. Routine maintenance or repair and linear utility projects are excluded from these requirements. Routine maintenance includes slurry seals, repaving, and reconstruction of the road or street where the original line and grade are maintained.

B. Amenities. The Department of Public Works shall consider opportunities to replenish groundwater, create attractive streetscapes, create parks and wildlife

- habitats, and provide pedestrian and bicycle accessibility through new development and redevelopment of streets and roadway projects and CIPs.
- C. Guidance. The Department of Public Works shall use the City of Los Angeles Green Streets guidance, USEPA's *Managing Wet Weather with Green Infrastructure Municipal Handbook: Green Streets*¹, or equivalent guidance developed by the Department of Public Works for use in public and private developments.
 - D. Retrofit Scope. The Department of Public Works shall use the City's Watershed Management Program or Enhanced Watershed Management Program to identify opportunities for green street BMP retrofits. Final decisions regarding implementation will be determined by the Director of Public Works based on the availability of adequate funding.
 - E. Training. The Department of Public Works shall incorporate aspects of green streets into internal annual staff trainings.

¹ EPA-833-F-08-009, December 2008.