Valley Circle Boulevard/Plummer Street Scenic Corridor

Specific Plan

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An ordinance establishing a Specific Plan, known as the Valley Circle Boulevard/Plummer Street Scenic Corridor Specific Plan, for a portion of the Canoga Park-Winnetka-Woodland Hills-West Hills Community Plan. NOW THEREFORE,

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIFIC PLAN AND MAP OF SPECIFIC PLAN AREA

The City Council hereby establishes the Valley Circle Boulevard/Plummer Street Scenic Corridor Specific Plan which shall be applicable to that area of the City of Los Angeles shown within the heavy red line on the map.

Section 2. VALLEY CIRCLE BOULEVARD/PLUMMER STREET SCENIC CORRIDOR

A. Notwithstanding the street standards adopted by the City Planning Commission pursuant to this section, the width and improvement standards for Valley Circle Boulevard from Roscoe Boulevard to Plummer Street and for Plummer Street from Valley Circle Boulevard to Topanga Canyon Boulevard shall be substantially as follows:

1. Two travel lanes, one in each direction;
2. Left turn pockets as needed;
3. 48 feet of paved roadway, including 2-foot-wide concrete gutters and curbs;
4. No continuous raised median strip;
5. Wide shoulders to accommodate recreation trails;
6. Minimum street and driveway access to the roadway;
7. All utilities to be underground;
8. Lighting only at intersections and parking areas, and kept to a minimum useful intensity;
9. Fire hydrants and light standards located away from the roadway for increased safety;
10. Picnic areas, drinking fountains, restroom facilities, watering troughs, hitching rails and simple shade structures provided at suitable locations;
11. The general design and development of the roadway, trails, turnouts, and all appurtenant fixtures, facilities and amenities to be rustic, natural and in keeping with the scenic character of the corridor;

12. Reasonable protection of a scenic corridor, 1,500 feet more or less depending on topography, from each side of the existing rights-of-way, to preserve the scenic quality, protect long-distance views, and for the development of parks, vista points, parking facilities, and continuous trails;

13. Specific dimension standards for a 100-foot-wide right-of-way, the preferred width shall be a 14-foot-wide two-way bicycle path, a hiking trail meandering in a 10-foot-wide landscaped parkway, a 16-foot-wide equestrian trail bordered by bolted wood fences and a 12-foot-wide parkway on the opposite side of the roadway;

14. The dimension standards for an 86-foot-wide right-of-way shall be a 12-foot-wide two-way bicycle path, a hiking trail meandering in an 8-foot-wide landscaped parkway, a 12-foot-wide equestrian trail bordered by bolted wood fences and a 6-foot-wide parkway on the opposite side of the roadway;

15. Trails to be built prior to or concurrently with the roadway, and to have suitable crossings and access to areas of interest;

16. Attractively designed masonry walls and/or screening landscaping along the edges of private developments adjacent to the scenic corridor;

17. Maximum preservation of natural terrain and vegetation;

18. Grading to be kept to an absolute minimum; all necessary grading to be gently contoured and fully landscaped with native, low-water-need, fire-resistant plants to present a natural appearance;

19. All buildings in the corridor to be placed so as to preserve a clear line of sight from the roadway to the visible mountain crest;

20. Off-site advertising signs to be prohibited within the corridor;

21. On-site advertising, traffic, informational and regulatory signs to be kept to a minimum number and size, and to be of special rustic design.

B. It shall be the duty of the Advisory Agency to interpret and apply these standards in conformance with the spirit and intent of the Valley Circle Boulevard-Plummer Street Scenic Corridor Study adopted as City policy by the City Council on March 28, 1977, under Council File No. 77-82, or with such parkway plans as may subsequently be adopted.
C. The standards stated herein are applicable to any subdivision or parcel map within 1,500 feet of the right-of-way of Valley Circle Boulevard from Roscoe Boulevard to Plummer Street and of Plummer Street from Valley Circle Boulevard to Topanga Canyon Boulevard as shown on the City Engineer’s official cadastral or district maps.