# CITY OF MERCED Planning & Permitting Division

STAFF REPORT: #11-08 AGENDA ITEM: 4.1

FROM: Kim Espinosa, PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Manager MEETING DATE: July 6, 2011

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Planner MEETING DATE: July 18, 2011

SUBJECT: Street Vacation #11-01 and #11-02, initiated by the City of Merced to

abandon a 0.44-acre portion of Willowbrook Drive (west of Willowbrook Court and east of North Highway 59) and a 7-foot Public Utility Easement (PUE) along the entire frontage of the property located at 2874 N Highway 59 (Assessor's Parcel Number: 058-110-005) to allow for the future re-

alignment and signalization of Willowbrook Drive.

**ACTION:** Finding:

1. The proposed vacations are consistent with the General Plan

## RECOMMENDATION

Engineering and Planning Department staff has reviewed this request and recommend that the Planning Commission adopt a Finding that the proposed Vacations of a 0.44-acre portion of Willowbrook Drive between Willowbrook Court and North Highway 59 and the vacation of a 7-foot Public Utility Easement along the frontage of Assessor's Parcel Number 058-110-005 are consistent with the General Plan.

# **BACKGROUND**

The City of Merced is requesting these vacations to allow for the future re-alignment and signalization of Willowbrook Drive. This project is being partially funded through the Redevelopment Agency. All needed right-of-way has been acquired for this project and the environmental review phase of the project has been completed. The project is now in line to receive \$1,000,000 in grant funds it was awarded. Staff has resubmitted plans for the project to Caltrans and is awaiting the issuance of an encroachment permit.

## **GENERAL PLAN CONSISTENCY**

Willowbrook Drive is designated as a local road within the City's circulation plan which means that its alignment is not subject to General Plan review, like a major roadway would be. Public Utility Easements are not specifically addressed in the General Plan. The proposed vacation and re-alignment would be consistent with current General Plan Goals and Policies.

#### Attachments:

- A) Location Map
- B) Vacation Area for Vacation #11-01
- C) Vacation Area for Vacation #11-02





