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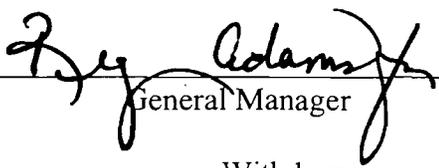
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SUBJECT: GRIFFITH PARK - CONCEPTUAL APPROVAL OF STATUE AT THE
AUTRY MUSEUM OF WESTERN HERITAGE

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 General Manager

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board grant conceptual approval for a statue at the Autry Museum located within Griffith Park.

SUMMARY:

Griffith Park is a regional park of over 4,000 acres and is bounded by Los Feliz Boulevard, the 134 Freeway and the 5 Freeway. Griffith Park has many unique features including golf courses, the Greek Theatre, the Griffith Observatory, pony rides, the Travel Town Museum and the Autry Museum of Western Heritage. Griffith Park is a regional resource and a destination for residents of the City of Los Angeles and beyond.

On January 26, 2011, the Department of Recreation and Parks was contacted by the Autry Museum of Western Heritage (the Autry) with a request to install a statue on the exterior of the Museum. The statue is titled "Special Delivery" and is a tribute to the Pony Express rider. 'Special Delivery' features horse and rider as well as an individual reaching to hand the rider a mail pouch which contains Lincoln's Inaugural Address. The mochila is thrown across the saddle, two loaded cartridge belts cross the torso of the rider who is reaching for a pouch being held out by an individual who could be a station master. An image of the statue is attached to this report as Exhibit A.

The Pony Express was created on April 3, 1860, to move mail from Saint Joseph, Missouri, to Sacramento, California a distance of 1,960 miles. The Pony Express consisted of 190 stations, 500 select horses, and 80 experienced riders who averaged 75 miles a day and were paid \$25 per week. The mail cost \$1 to \$5 per oz and was carried in a leather vest or mochila designed for a

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quick change. The most famous ride was in March 1861 when Abraham Lincoln became President. The news and Inaugural Address was to reach the west by Pony Express "Special Delivery". While the average ride took 9 to 10 days, this news was delivered in a record 7 days 17 hours.

The Autry is proposing to place the statue in front of the museum to the right of the entrance. A detail of the proposal is attached to this report as Exhibit B. Should a conceptual approval for the project be granted the next step would be to gather community input on the proposal. A subsequent report to your Board requesting a final approval would include additional project details and reflect the community's comments on the project.

The Council District 4 and Metro Region management and staff support this project at the Autry Museum of Western Heritage within Griffith Park.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Issues of maintenance, statue removal, and any associated costs will be identified, as will the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) clearance, in a subsequent report to your Board.

This Report was prepared by Melinda Gejer, City Planning Associate, Planning and Construction.

Exhibit A

“Special Delivery”



Exhibit B



SCULPTURE: Special Delivery

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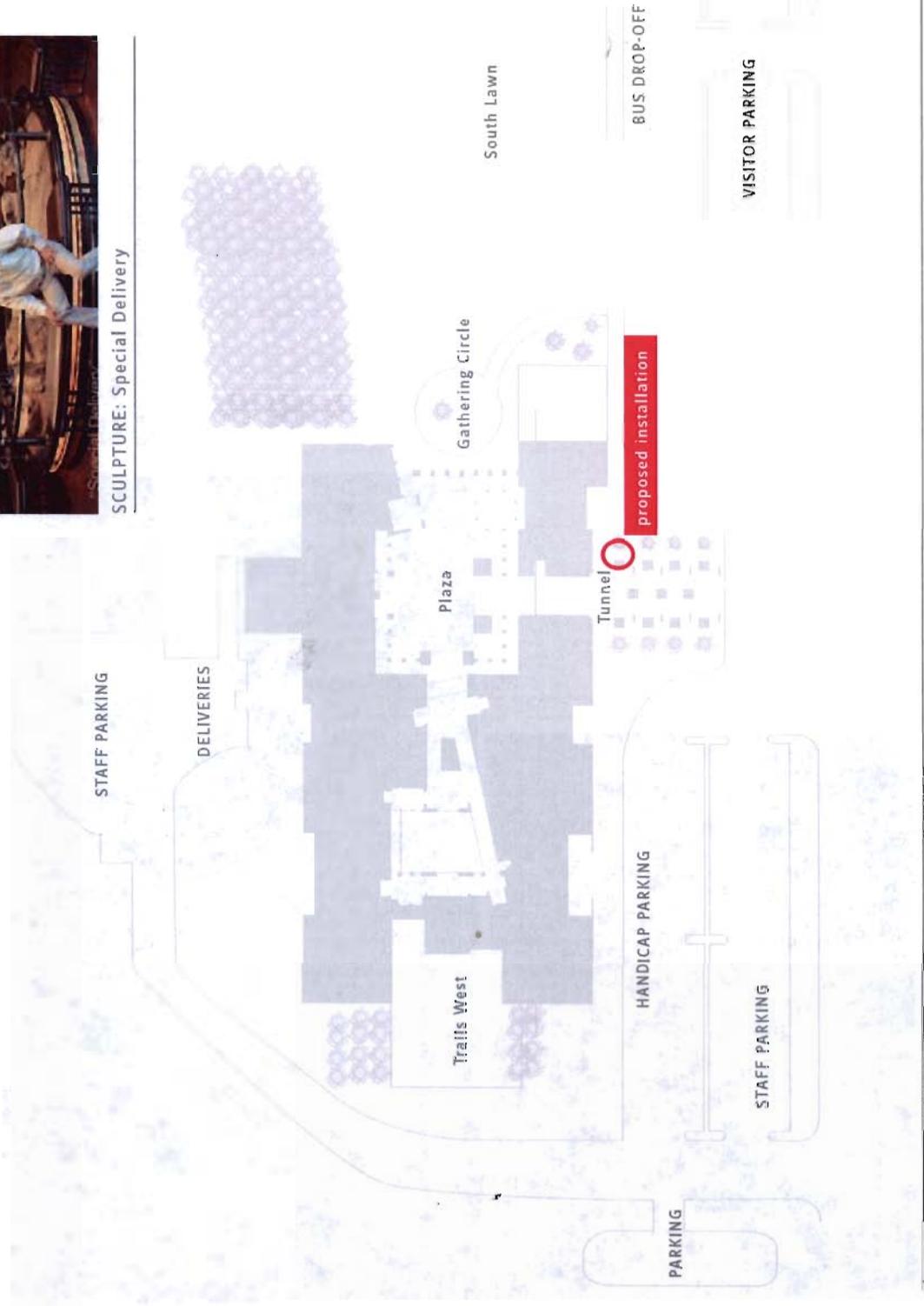
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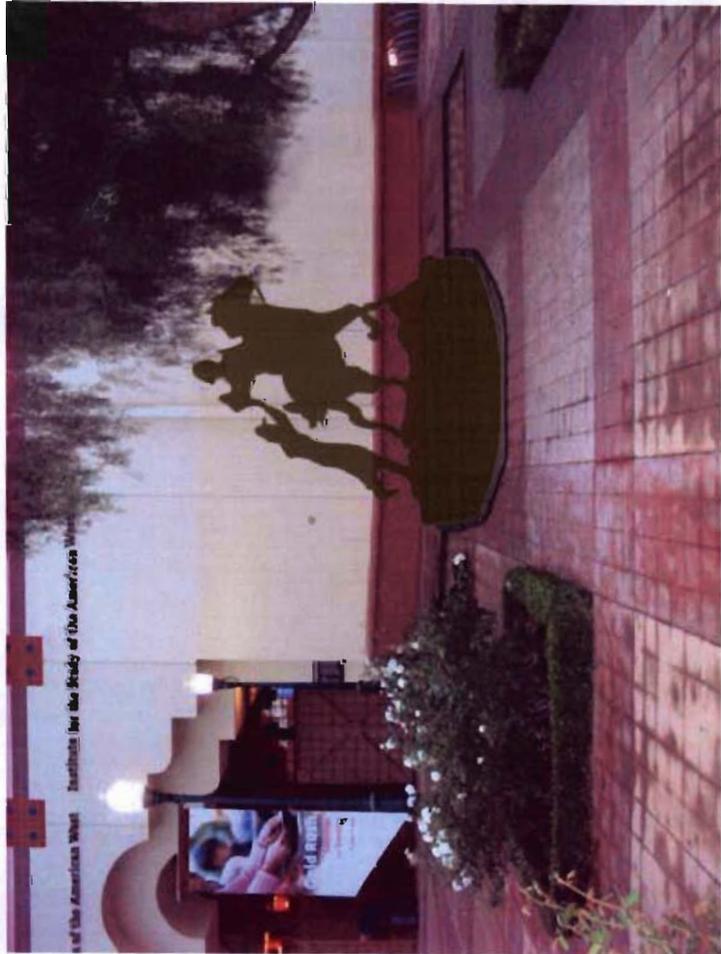
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OPTION 1
MUSEUM ENTRANCE

EXISTING



INSTALLATION NEEDS

- Remove 1 tree (already dying) & 1 rose planter
- Fill planters with mulch (as with Crazy Horse); add seating (existing benches)
- Addition of low barrier around sculpture
- Develop labeling solution
- Add lighting for night
- Location is visible by parking lot camera for nighttime security
- Good visibility for public/decent visibility for school groups

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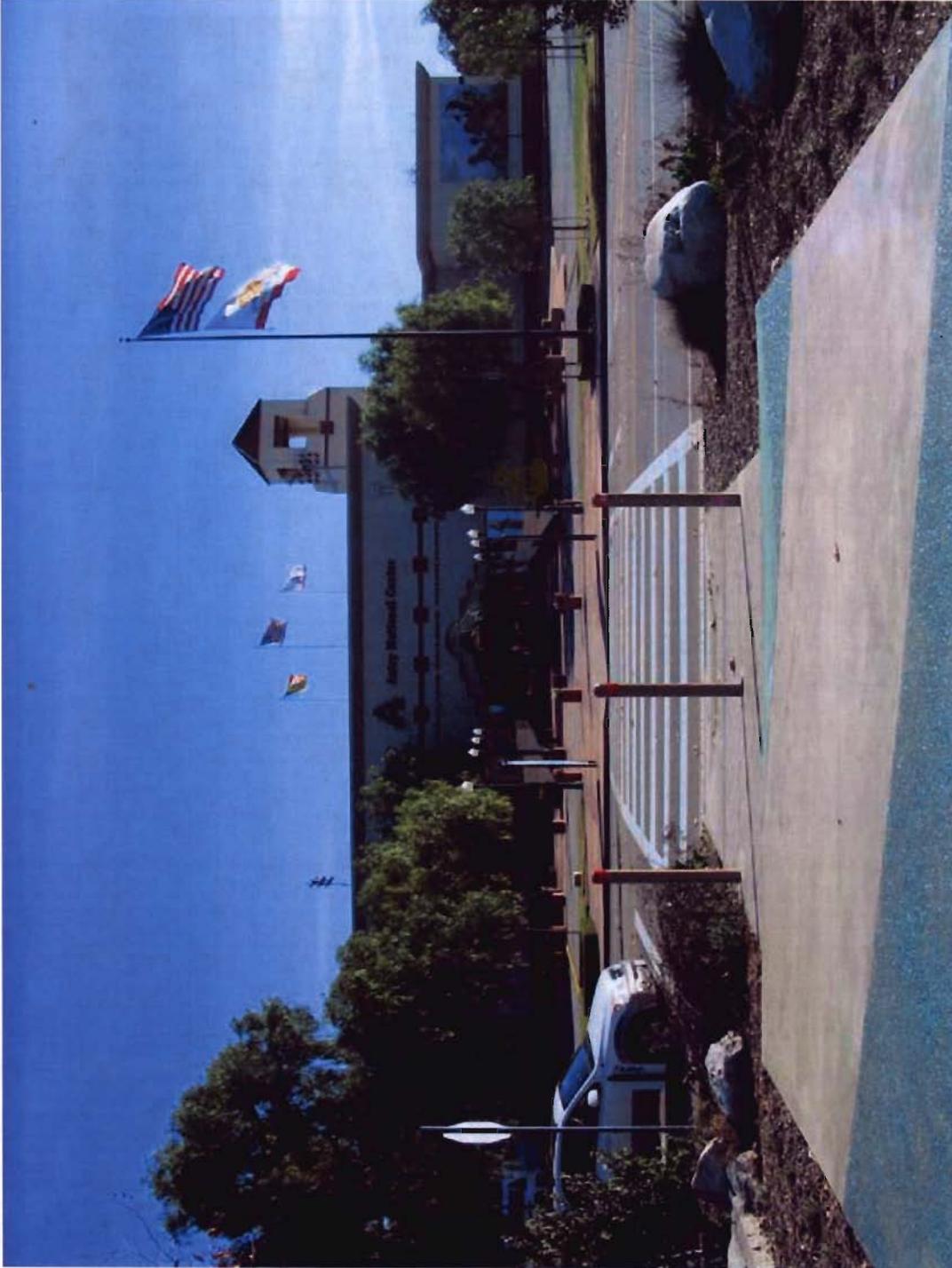
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DRIVING NORTH ON WESTERN HERITAGE WAY

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