

City of Pomona Green Streets Policy

Purpose

The City of Pomona shall implement green street Best Management Practice (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 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (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 while also providing design elements that creates attractive streetscapes. Green Streets can foster unique and attractive streetscapes that protect and enhance neighborhood livability and integrate, rather than separate, the built and natural environments. Green Streets encourage the planning of landscapes and vegetation. City landscapes and trees contribute environmental benefits such as reduced summer air temperatures, reductions in global warming through carbon sequestration, air pollution screening, and wildlife habitat corridors, in addition to stormwater surface runoff reduction.

Policy

- A. **Application.** The City of Pomona 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 City's 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 substantially maintained.
- B. **Amenities.** The City of Pomona 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 City of Pomona shall use the City of Los Angeles Green Streets Guidance, USEPAs *Managing Wet Weather with Green Infrastructure Municipal Handbook: Green Street* or equivalent guidance developed by the City of Pomona for use in public and private developments.
- D. **Retrofit Scope.** The City of Pomona shall use the City's Watershed Management Program to identify opportunities for Green Street BMP retrofits. Final decisions regarding

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implementation will be determined by the Public Works Director and/or designee based on the availability of adequate funding.

- E. Outreach. The City of Pomona shall educate citizens, businesses, and the development community/industry about Green Streets and how they can serve as urban gateways to enhance, improve, and connect neighborhoods to encourage support, demand and funding for these projects.
- F. Training. The City of Pomona shall incorporate aspects of green streets into internal annual staff trainings.