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Immediate preservation assistance sought • Long Beach, California • 17 October 2026

WEST SHORELINE DRIVE REALIGNMENT • R-7192 / PW-26-759

PRIMARY AREA: mature groves around César E. Chávez Park, NORTH of Ocean Boulevard and immediately south of the Los Angeles River. NOT the smaller coastal permit area south of Ocean Boulevard.

PLEASE FORWARD THIS PACKET PROMPTLY to the right people. If you cannot respond directly, introduce or forward it to people who can review engineering, tree preservation, administrative protections, public communication, or environmental-law options. Please coordinate directly with other capable recipients; the resident investigator cannot be the sole ongoing coordinator.

What needs to happen now

PRIORITY	RECORD OR ACTION — WHO CAN TAKE THE LEAD
1. Protect the window	Confirm the earliest tree-cutting, clearing/grubbing or root-destructive work date; identify current site status. City project staff, construction management, and local monitors.
2. Obtain decisions	Secure current tree-by-tree removal AND retention maps, revisions, Engineer authorization procedures, and VIS-2 mature-tree minimization verification. Public works, document custodians, attorneys.
3. Examine alternatives	Arrange urgent reviews of roadway, grading, access, utilities, and mature-root zones for feasible preservation changes. Arborists and preservation-oriented engineers.
4. Activate networks	Forward to Sierra Club participants in the coastal proceeding; California ReLeaf; TreePeople; FoLAR; Riverpark Coalition; Los Angeles Waterkeeper; neighborhood groups and local reporting desks.
5. Request protection	Where warranted, request a focused hold on irreversible tree operations until the affected individual trees, protection measures, and viable alternatives are checked. Advocates, counsel, agency reviewers.

The core documentary concerns

The investigator screened all 20 signed DEM demolition sheets and logged 116 tree/cluster observations: 27 red (apparent direct removal or clear-and-grub conflict), 61 yellow (possible construction-trauma concern), and 28 green (comparatively safer). The colors are the investigator’s DEM-informed categories, NOT city-authorized tree dispositions. The signed planting legend shows an “EXISTING TREE TO BE PRESERVED” symbol; review has not located a complete individually mapped retention schedule. DEM Note 7 protects unmarked trees unless the Engineer directs otherwise. VIS-2 calls for design-stage mature-tree removal minimization, with completion evidence not yet recovered. [\[A\]](#), [\[B\]](#), [\[C\]](#)

Why the coastal precedent does NOT resolve this

California Coastal Commission CDP 5-25-0393 documents a reduction from 65 to 21 proposed removals and 37 trees designated for retention in a SEPARATE area south of Ocean Boulevard. This documented revision invites the question: what comparable preservation alternatives were assessed for the northern grove? [\[D\]](#)

A sapling is not a time machine.

Who should receive this and what to forward

This is a deliberate handoff. Recipients may forward this advocacy packet and the source links to relevant reviewers, organizers, decision-makers, and media. No further permission to forward these selected materials is required. For a public website or social-media republication of third-party aerial/Street View screenshots, preserve visible source credit and independently review image-use terms.

POSSIBLE RECIPIENT	SPECIFIC CONTRIBUTION
Sierra Club / Los Cerritos Wetlands Task Force	Find participants and plans from the 2025 coastal redesign; refer northern-area concerns to advocates who worked on tree alternatives.
California ReLeaf / TreePeople	Find qualified urban-forest advocates and arborists; examine retention, existing canopy and root protection.
Friends of the Los Angeles River / Riverpark Coalition	Connect river-corridor preservation, neighborhood context and local environmental-justice networks.
Los Angeles Waterkeeper / environmental counsel	Assess available time-sensitive administrative and legal review options; request underlying environmental commitment and approval records.
Civil / landscape engineers and certified arborists	Check physical conflicts and feasible less-destructive options; review field protection and tree health.
Reporters / neighborhood and civic networks	Explain the northern grove and the unresolved questions accurately; help identify rapid official responses and community contacts.

Documents worth asking for immediately

Current removal sequence and scheduled first cut; approved revisions after May–June 2026; individual existing-tree survey; marked removal and retention maps; completed VIS-2 verification; PF-50 and tree-protection implementation plans; actual approved construction site briefing; written Engineer-directed removals; the final coastal 37-tree map (for geographic comparison, NOT northern protection).

Time-sensitive status

The October 6, 2026 City Council agenda (item 26-56261) proposed a contract with Sully-Miller and construction management through PMCS; meeting-minutes reporting indicates Council approval. The City’s public project page continues to show “Construction Start: TBD.” Neither source establishes a first tree-removal date. Determining it is a priority, not a fact to assume. [\[E\]](#), [\[F\]](#)

Primary sources and provenance

[\[A\]](#) Signed R-7192 drawings, DEM-1–DEM-20 (PDF pp.21–40), Note 7; PL-1 planting legend (PDF p.362), PP-1–PP-24 (pp.363–386). Procurement PW-26-759.

[\[B\]](#) R-7192 specifications, Division I §300-1.2.4 (tree-removal authorization and dismantling); §401-8 waste diversion. City procurement: <https://longbeachbuys.buyspeed.com/bsa/external/bidDetail.sda?docId=PW-26-759&external=true&parentUrl=close>

[\[C\]](#) 2019 Shoemaker Bridge Visual Impact Assessment, VIS-2; 2020 Final EIR/EA and environmental commitments; completion record not located: <https://ceqanet.lci.ca.gov/2016041007/3>

[\[D\]](#) California Coastal Commission, CDP 5-25-0393, staff report Sept 26, 2025, printed p.18; jurisdiction south of Ocean Blvd: <https://documents.coastal.ca.gov/reports/2025/10/W12d/W12d-10-2025-report.pdf>

[\[E\]](#) Long Beach City Council Oct 6, 2026, item 26-56261: <https://longbeachca.new.swagit.com/events/49447>

[\[F\]](#) City public project page (construction start TBD): <https://www.longbeach.gov/pw/projects/shoreline-drive-realignment-project/>

Source set: resident-generated geographic research and DEM crosswalk; the unredacted internal atlas is NOT included. Observation IDs refer to trees or clusters, not one-to-one numbered individual trees. No organization is represented as endorsing this investigation.

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