

## EXHIBIT A

### GREEN STREETS POLICY

**Intent:** Develop and amend as needed, a City policy to provide an outline of green streets strategies for the City of Vernon consistent with the requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CAS004001, Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit for the Los Angeles Region, Order No. R4-2012-0175 (hereinafter referred to as the Municipal NPDES Permit) and as that Permit may be amended from time to time.

**Purpose:** Green Streets are enhancements to street and road projects to improve the quality of stormwater and urban runoff through the implementation of infiltration, bio-treatment, xeriscaping parkways and tree lined streets. Green streets are also an amenity that provide many benefits including 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 Best Management Practices (BMPs) to collect, retain, or detain stormwater runoff as well as a design element that creates attractive streetscapes.

More specifically, Part IV.D.7.b.i.(1)(g) of the Municipal NPDES Permit states, “Development projects subject to Permittee conditioning and approval for the design and implementation of post-construction controls to mitigate stormwater pollution, prior to completion of the project(s) are: ... (g) Street and road construction of 10,000 square feet or more of impervious surface area shall follow USEPA guidance regarding Managing Wet Weather with Green Infrastructure: Green Streets (December 2008 EPA-833-F-08-009) to the maximum extent practicable. Street and road construction applies to standalone streets, roads, highways, and freeway projects, and also applies to streets within larger projects.”.

#### **Policy**

- A. **Application:** The City will require new development and/or redevelopment of public and private streets, roads, highways, and freeway construction projects that add at least 10,000 square feet of impervious surface area within the right-of-way of transportation corridors to incorporate green street BMPs. 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 maintained, as required by the Municipal NPDES Permit.
- B. **Amenities.** The City will 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 will use the City of Vernon Green Streets Manual, and as said Manual may be subsequently amended, for use in public and private developments. Said Manual is on file in the offices of the Vernon Community Services and Water Department.
- D. **Retrofit Scope.** The City will use the City’s Watershed Management Program to identify opportunities for green streets BMP retrofits. Final decisions regarding implementation will be determined by the City Engineer based on the availability of adequate funding.
- E. **Training.** The City will incorporate aspects of green streets into internal annual staff trainings.