

Council Meeting of
August 8, 2006

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

**SUBJECT: Public Works appropriation of funds from Del Amo Mills LP
Development for traffic signal improvements in the amount of
\$350,000. Expenditure: None**

RECOMMENDATION

The Public Works Director recommends that the City Council accept a check in the amount of \$350,000 from Del Amo Mills LP Development and appropriate the funds to the Sepulveda Boulevard Rehabilitation and Water Main Replacement Project (Hawthorne Boulevard to west City limit), T-48/I-89.

Funding

Not applicable.

BACKGROUND

During the last 8 months, the Public Works and Community Development Departments have been working with the management of the Del Amo Mall to arrange for participation with a traffic signal improvement at the intersection of Sepulveda Boulevard at Hawthorne Boulevard. The improvement would provide for the installation of a traffic signal that would eliminate the "STOP" signs on the frontage road along Hawthorne Boulevard that control the movement of northbound traffic on Hawthorne Boulevard when turning eastbound onto Sepulveda Boulevard. The new traffic signal would work in conjunction with the existing traffic signal at the intersection. The new traffic signal would be beneficial because it will improve traffic circulation and reduce vehicle delays.

The Del Amo Mall management agreed to contribute \$350,000 for the design and construction of the traffic signal improvement provided that the City administers the work. The City has received the contribution and is ready to initiate the design work.

ANALYSIS

In order to proceed with the design, it first is necessary to accept and appropriate the funds. It, therefore, is recommended that the funds be appropriated to the Sepulveda Boulevard Rehabilitation and Water Main Replacement Project (Hawthorne Boulevard to west City limit), T-48/I-89 ("T-48/I-89 Project") because the intersection of Sepulveda Blvd and Hawthorne Blvd is within the project limits. If the appropriation is approved, there will be a subsequent recommendation to Your Honorable Body to amend the existing Consulting Services Agreement (C2005-036) with RBF Consulting, Inc. for the design of the T-48/I-89 Project. The amendment would add the needed traffic signal design work to the existing Agreement.

The additional design effort for the additional traffic signal improvement will not delay the start (fall 2006) of construction for the T-48/I-89 Project. Instead, it will occur simultaneously with the construction. After the traffic signal design is completed, the plans and specifications will be advertised for bid and its construction would be coordinated with the T-48/I-89 Project.

Respectfully submitted,

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Public Works Director



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CONCUR:



Robert J. Beste
Public Works Director



LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager

