

Council Meeting of
October 9, 2007

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

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Community Development – Authorize transfer of funds for Hawthorne Boulevard Median Landscape Project - Del Amo Boulevard to North Boundary (A-20)

Expenditure: \$54,984.97

RECOMMENDATION

The Community Development Director recommends that the City Council:

- 1) Authorize the transfer of \$18,000 from City Wide Entry Signs (A-2) to Hawthorne Boulevard Median Landscape Project - Del Amo Boulevard to North Boundary (A-20); and
- 2) Authorize the transfer of \$36,984.97 from Hawthorne Boulevard Median Landscape Project - Sepulveda Boulevard to Pacific Coast Highway (A-14) to Hawthorne Boulevard Median Landscape Project - Del Amo Boulevard to North Boundary (A-20).

Funding A total of \$54,984.97 from Capital Projects A-2 and A-14

- \$18,000 from City Wide Entry Signs (A-2)
- \$36,984.97 from Hawthorne Blvd Median Landscape Project (A-14)

BACKGROUND

In June 2007, City Council awarded a public works agreement to Marina Landscape, Inc. in the amount of \$729,053.85 (which includes a 5% contingency) for the construction of median island improvements on Hawthorne Boulevard between Del Amo Boulevard and Redondo Beach Boulevard (A-20). This project is the third phase of the beautification of Hawthorne Boulevard. The design will be similar to the first two phases (between Pacific Coast Highway and Torrance Boulevard) however different plant material and color schemes will be utilized.

ANALYSIS

Construction of the Hawthorne Boulevard Landscape Project (A-20) is primarily funded by \$808,000 of Federal Funds. These funds are administered by the State of California

Department of Transportation (Caltrans). Under an agreement with Caltrans, funding under the federal guidelines is 88.53% reimbursable with a required 11.47% local match.

The preliminary Engineer's Estimate for construction was approximately \$850,000. The bid for construction was \$729,053.85, which does not allow full utilization of the federal funds granted to the City (\$808,000). To take full advantage of all the federal monies available to the City, staff contacted Caltrans to modify the existing authorization document to allow grant funds to be expanded to include additional material, labor and construction management. These additional costs will be for nine (9) advanced street name signs in the amount of \$18,000, installation of 5 water meters in the amount of \$28,731.12 and construction management in the amount of \$136,000. With Caltrans' approval for these project related costs, the total project cost will be \$912,684.97 which will allow the City to fully utilize the \$808,000 federal funds. As required by the grant, the City's matching contribution to the project will be \$104,684.97.

The \$104,684.97 City matching funds are available from three related funding sources: through the Hawthorne Boulevard Landscape Project (A-20) in the amount of \$49,700, through the City Wide Entry Signs Project (A-2) in the amount of \$18,000 and from the prior Hawthorne Boulevard Landscape Project (A-14) in the amount of \$36,984.97. The \$36,984.97 funds from the prior Hawthorne Boulevard project (A-14) were originally transferred from this project in anticipation of a legal dispute with the prior contractor that has been settled without legal action, thereby freeing up this remaining balance.

Respectfully submitted,

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CONCUR:



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