



# *CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT*

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MEETING DATE: APRIL 4, 2017

ITEM NUMBER: **NB-2**

**SUBJECT: PLACENTIA AVENUE MEDIAN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**DATE: MARCH 27, 2017**

**FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT/TRANSPORTATION SERVICES DIVISION**

**PRESENTATION BY: RAJA SETHURAMAN, PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR**

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the proposed Placentia Avenue Median Improvement Project; and authorize staff to advertise the project for construction.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Placentia Avenue Median Improvement Project includes implementation of raised landscaped medians along Placentia Avenue between Adams Avenue and Wilson Street. Placentia Avenue has a wide painted median within the project limits and installation of raised medians with landscaping will create a pleasant driving experience, while improving overall traffic operations.

Public Services staff has secured Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) federal grant funding in the amount of \$844,200 toward the design and construction of this project. Of this amount, \$738,400 is available for the construction phase. On February 4, 2014, the City Council awarded a contract to Onward Engineering to prepare design plans for median improvements along Placentia Avenue between Adams Avenue and Wilson Street.

## **ANALYSIS:**

The conceptual landscape plans (Attachment 1) included two (2) planting schemes – California Native Planting adjacent to Fairview Park and Mediterranean Planting in other areas. Approximately 140 trees and over 3,000 shrubs are proposed to be planted within the project limits.

The project plans were presented to the Fairview Park Citizen Advisory Committee (FPCAC) on September 3, 2014. Also, staff and the consultant team (Nuvis and Onward) held a community outreach meeting on September 17, 2014. Approximately 25 residents attended the meeting. The residents at the meeting, while expressing concerns about vehicle speeds in the area, were generally supportive of the proposed median improvements and landscape palette. Attachment 2 includes minutes from the community meeting.

The project was then presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission at their meeting on October 23, 2014 (Attachment 3). The Parks and Recreation Commission unanimously approved the conceptual landscape design for the Placentia Avenue Median Improvement project. The consultant finalized the design plans (Attachment 4) and the City secured authorization from the State of California Department of Transportation to proceed to the construction phase.

Staff requests City Council's approval of the project and to provide authorization to staff to advertise the project for construction.

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:**

One alternative considered is to not approve the project. This will result in cancellation of the project and loss of the awarded grant funding.

**FISCAL REVIEW:**

Funding for the project is from the Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) in the amount of \$738,400 for construction phase and City's General Fund.

**LEGAL REVIEW:**

The City Attorney's review is not required for this item.

**CONCLUSION:**

The Public Services Department captured grant funding for the Placentia Avenue Median Improvement project to implement new landscaped medians on Placentia Avenue between Wilson Street and Adams Avenue. This project will improve the streetscape and also the traffic operations along this corridor. Due to the wide nature of Placentia Avenue, there have been numerous accidents as a result of high vehicle speeds. Implementation of medians will provide a narrow feel for the street and minimize high risk accidents. Staff requests City Council's approval of the project and to authorize staff to proceed to the construction phase.

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Public Services Director

- ATTACHMENTS:
1. [Conceptual Landscape Plans](#)
  2. [Meeting Minutes](#)
  3. [Parks & Recreation Commission Report](#)
  4. [Project Design Plans](#)

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