



CITY OF COMMERCE AGENDA REPORT

TO: Honorable City Council

Item No. _____

FROM: Interim City Administrator

SUBJECT: APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A NEW LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH CALTRANS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF WESTERLY I-5 INTERCHANGE LANDSCAPE AREAS IN THE CITY OF COMMERCE

MEETING DATE: April 18, 2017

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that Council approve a resolution to enter into a new landscape maintenance agreement with California Department of Transportation for the maintenance of westerly I-5 Interchange Landscape areas in the City of Commerce.

BACKGROUND

The City of Commerce shares a large segment of the City with Caltrans as two major freeways and freeway interchanges cross the City limits. Maintenance of the shared areas is usually addressed in freeway maintenance agreements where the ownership limits and respective responsibilities are addressed. At this time City of Commerce has an existing freeway maintenance agreement with Caltrans for its responsibility for the maintenance of I-5 interchange and I-710 interchange segments that the City of Commerce shares with Caltrans.

As part of the beautification of the City, City of Commerce Beautification Committee recently undertook the effort to bring new landscaping to the westerly side of the I-5 interchange that would complement and enhance the recent Washington Blvd improvements as well as create an attractive gateway to the City. City requires a permit from Caltrans to construct the landscape improvements and must enter into a new Landscape Maintenance Agreement to maintain the area in the future.

ANALYSIS

City hired David Volz consultants to develop the bridge paint and landscape concepts and bid documents for the I-5 bridge and westerly I-5 ramp areas. These documents were being reviewed by Caltrans over several meetings and iterations over the past six months. It is expected that Caltrans will be issuing a construction permit to the city within the next

month to proceed with the new landscape construction within Caltrans right of way. As the City will be responsible for maintaining the new landscape areas, Caltrans is requiring that the City approve and sign a new Landscape Maintenance Agreement before they issue the permit. The Landscape Maintenance Agreement is different and in addition to the existing maintenance agreements as it clearly defines the new landscape maintenance responsibilities of the City which was previously done by Caltrans. Therefore, in order to proceed with the next phase of the project which is securing Caltrans permits, staff requests that Council approve entering into the Caltrans Landscape Maintenance Agreement.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve staff recommendation
2. Disapprove staff recommendation
3. Provide further direction to staff

FISCAL IMPACT:

At this time, the City has been successful in keeping the Washington Blvd project under budget such that the costs of the landscaping construction and bridge painting can be covered by the savings from the Washington Blvd project. However, City will need to budget for new maintenance responsibilities in the future.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC GOALS:

This item is related to a specific 2016 Strategic Goal to “Develop and invest in infrastructure and beautification projects and support economic growth.”

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Attachments: Agreement and attachments