



## CITY OF COMMERCE AGENDA REPORT

Item No. \_\_

**TO:** Honorable City Council

**FROM:** City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Recognition by the American Public Works Association (APWA) for the 2020 Project of the Year Award for the Atlantic Boulevard Corridor Improvement Project

**MEETING DATE:** December 1, 2020

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The City Council will receive a summary on the recent award recognition that the City of Commerce received from the American Public Works Association (APWA). There is no action or recommendation on this item.

### **BACKGROUND:**

American Public Works Association (APWA) is the professional association of Public Works leaders throughout the United States and Canada. The Southern California Chapter covers Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties and there are over 1,400 members in the Chapter. The purpose of the Chapter's awards program is to recognize public agencies for their outstanding projects and programs, and to share the wealth of good ideas.

The City of Commerce has been chosen to receive a 2020 Project of the Year Award from the Southern California Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA). The City won the award for this project under the Transportation category for cities with a population of 50,000 or less.

This marks the third award that the City of Commerce has been honored with from the APWA. Since 2017, the City of Commerce has received various award recognitions for other Public Works Projects, below is a summary of all projects that have been awarded to the City of Commerce, including this newest addition of the 2020 Project of the Year Award:

- 1. Atlantic Boulevard Corridor Improvement Project:** This project was recognized and awarded as one of the Project of the Years as part of the 2020

American Public Works Association (APWA) BEST Project of the Year Awards, in the category of Transportation Projects for the Southern California Chapter.

2. **Washington Boulevard and I-5 Freeway Project:** This project was recognized and awarded as one of the Project of the Years as part of the 2018 American Public Works Association (APWA) BEST Project of the Year Awards, in the category of Transportation Projects for the Southern California Chapter.
3. **Eastern Avenue Pavement Rehabilitation Project:** This project was recognized and awarded as one of the projects of the year awards as part of the 2017 Outstanding Local Streets and Roads Project Award Program in the Category of Roads for Efficient & Sustainable Road Maintenance, Construction & Reconstruction Projects.
4. **Washington Boulevard Widening and Reconstruction Project:** This project was recognized and awarded as one of the Project of the Years as part of the 2017 American Public Works Association (APWA) BEST Project of the Year Awards, in the category of Creative and Innovative Projects for the Southern California Chapter.

## **ANALYSIS**

The Atlantic Boulevard Corridor Improvement Project was recently completed by the City of Commerce. Transtech Engineers, Inc. served as the Construction Managers of the project and Sialic Contractors Corporation and SHAWNAN served as the Contractor. The project was a major street reconstruction and beautification project along Atlantic Boulevard which improved mobility for pedestrians, trucks, and vehicles as well as provided corridor beautification with landscaped medians and other elements.

This project substantially improved the streetscape and quality of life in a sustainable manner. Pre-project, this portion of Atlantic Boulevard was in poor condition with no visual elements. Now it does more than carry motorists, it instills a "sense of place" for the community and links activity areas. Roadway engineering, construction, and landscape architecture combined to create a safe, convenient network that establishes the community as a healthy and vibrant place. Benefits include improved air quality, addition of landscaping, more reliable travel conditions, and increased productivity and economic development to the area.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

No fiscal impact.

## **RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC GOALS:**

This agenda item relates to the 2016 Strategic Plan:

## Infrastructure and Facilities

Guiding Principle #2 and 4:

Develop and implement a sustainable CIP Program to ensure the quality of existing infrastructure and support future plans for the City.

Develop and invest in infrastructure and beautification projects that support economic growth.

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### **ATTACHMENT:**

1. Before and After Photos of Atlantic Boulevard
2. Award Letter Notification from APWA