

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

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TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO SEEK BIDS FOR THE KANAN ROAD MEDIAN LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; NIB 17-02

Kanan Road is one of the most travelled corridors in the region, and is a major thoroughfare for residential, school, and commercial users, experiencing 20,000-25,000 vehicle trips per day between the northerly city limit and Idle Drive. In addition, this segment is one of the primary gateways to the city for residents and visitors going to and from the Oak Park area. Aside from motorists, this part of Kanan Road is widely used by pedestrians and bicyclists, further heightening the need for constant visual appeal for this portion of the Kanan Corridor in Agoura Hills. As a result, the re-landscaping of the medians within this specific section of Kanan Road has been identified as a priority beautification project to complete this fiscal year.

Prior to city incorporation, as part of entitling the Morrison Ranch tract, a requirement was placed on the development by Los Angeles County for maintenance of these particular medians, by what became ultimately the Morrison Ranch Home Owners Association (MRHOA). Although the MRHOA is currently responsible for maintaining the medians, the City intends to assume maintenance responsibility upon completion of the project. It is important to note that this will not, among other things, relieve the MRHOA from all other maintenance responsibilities, such as medians on Thousand Oaks Boulevard, as well as medians and common areas within the MRHOA tract boundaries.

This planned action was conveyed by City staff both verbally and in writing to the MRHOA through a meeting with its President and property management group representative. The MRHOA is supportive of the strategy being proposed. Pending Council approval, staff would work directly with the City Attorney's office and legal counsel for the MRHOA to draft an agreement clearly outlining the details of this maintenance arrangement.

In light of the Council's previously stated support of this effort at the annual budget workshop for fiscal year 17-18, staff is requesting authorization to seek bids for the Kanan Road Median Landscape Improvement Project; NIB 17-02. The scope of work will consist of removing and replacing the existing junipers with shrub and groundcover consistent with the draft Streetscape Master Plan. In addition, new drip irrigation, controller and reclaimed water meters will be installed. The median noses will also be

replaced with rock cobble hardscape, similar to those medians recently completed on Agoura Road. The existing trees will be protected in place.

The adopted FY 2017/18 budget includes funds from the General Fund, to cover the project construction costs. Staff expects to return to Council in October for the contract award and commence construction shortly thereafter, with expected project completion in November 2017.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully recommends the City Council approve the authorization to seek bids for the Kanan Road Median Landscape Improvement Project; NIB 71-02.