

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

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TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE 95% DESIGN PLANS AND AUTHORIZATION TO PREPARE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS FOR THE KANAN ROAD/AGOURA ROAD ULTIMATE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

This report seeks City Council approval of the 95% Design Plans for the Kanan Road/Agoura Road Ultimate Intersection Improvements Project (Project), and authorization to prepare the environmental documents for the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to the Agoura Village Specific Plan's EIR. The approval of the 95% Design Plans establishes the project area for the environmental review documents.

The intersection of Kanan Road and Agoura Road carries much importance in relation to the safe and orderly development of the Agoura Village Specific Plan (AVSP) area. The existing and proposed land uses approved by the City Council (Council) as part of the AVSP are the driving force behind the design of the ultimate intersection improvements. With the steady increase in activity by developers looking to deliver the Council's vision as outlined in the AVSP, it is imperative this intersection be designed with adequate capacity, and focus on safety details in order to ensure long-term success of Agoura Village.

On August 23, 2017, staff presented the 75% design plans to the Council to discuss the proposed engineering details and operations of the intersection. As a result, the Council directed staff to first conduct a public workshop on the engineering details behind the Project, before preparing the 95% plans.

The public workshop was held on September 21, 2017. Staff presented the basis behind the engineering of an intersection, which included traffic data analysis, and an opportunity for the public to ask questions and have their comments heard. At the conclusion of the workshop, the following items required follow-up from staff. It should be noted that all of the following items are independent of engineering issues related specifically to designing the intersection of Kanan Road and Agoura Road. However, staff will address them nonetheless:

- Further discussion with arborist in the audience interested in speaking more about the maintenance of the mature oak tree that was relocated as part of the Agoura Road Widening Project, and
- Additional analysis of the street lights installed as part of the Agoura Road Widening project, between Kanan Road and Cornell Road, specifically whether the existing illuminance levels could be decreased as an interim solution, until development of Agoura Village occurs, and
- Additional analysis for the intersection of Kanan Road and Cornell Way

Since none of the aforementioned bullet points has direct relation to the engineering details for the Kanan/Agoura intersection, staff prepared the 95% level plans for the Council's consideration, in order to establish the limits of the project and proceed with completing the environmental document.

The tentative schedule to finalize the project plans would be as follows:

1. November 2017 through 1st Quarter of 2018: Finalize Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E), and complete environmental document.
2. 2nd Quarter of 2018: Seek Council approval of the Final Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) package and Supplemental EIR.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully recommends the City Council to:

1. Approve the 95% design plan set; and
2. Authorize staff to prepare environmental documents for the Kanan Road/Agoura Road Ultimate Intersection Improvements Project.

Attachment: 95% Design Plans for the Kanan/Agoura Ultimate Intersection Improvements Project