

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

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TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: LADYFACE GREENWAY PROJECT – DISCUSSION OF FINAL AESTHETIC CHARACTER AND AUTHORIZATION TO SEEK BIDS

This report requests authorization to seek bids for the Ladyface Greenway Project, as well as to present the project's final design elements.

In July 2021, the City Council awarded the project's design contract to m6 Consulting, Inc. (m6). Since that time, elements have been brought to the Public Works Subcommittee (Subcommittee) and City Council for feedback and direction on several occasions.

On July 12, 2023, the City Council was presented with recommendations regarding the overall style of the Project, and provided feedback for the development of the final plans and specifications.

On October 18, 2023, staff presented to the Subcommittee storyboards that displayed the character of the greenway with samples of selected materials and colors, and interior greenway lighting based on feedback received at the July 2023 City Council meeting. Staff will present these recommendations and the final aesthetic design plan during the meeting.

In October 2023, the City awarded the construction management contract for the Project to Berg & Associates Inc. Constructability review of the final contract documents, which include plans, specifications and estimates (PS&E), are underway. Staff is seeking approval from the City Council on the final aesthetic design. These final aesthetic design elements are to be incorporated into the final contract documents.

Staff anticipates that the Project will be ready to advertise for bids as early as late-November to mid-December, and would like City Council's authorization to seek bids for the Project at this time, in order to allow flexibility in scheduling the Notice Inviting Bids around the holidays.

The Ladyface Greenway Project consists of constructing a new greenway, approximately 1.3 acres in size, over an existing rectangular concrete-lined runoff channel that is owned and maintained by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD). The Project lies between the City's most used commercial center, the Whizin Market Square, to the north and Agoura Road to the south, between Cornell Road and approximately 700 feet

to the east of Cornell Road. Additionally, the Project includes construction work within adjacent roadways of Agoura Road, Cornell Road, and the intersection of Agoura Road/Cornell Road for utility undergrounding and drainage improvements.

The Project bid package will include construction of landscape and hardscape improvements on the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District's (District) Cornell Pump Station property. The Project area completely envelops the District property, therefore landscape and hardscape improvements on the District property are recommended to be included as part of the greenway project. Staff is currently in negotiations with the District on a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that will establish final landscape/hardscape improvement plans on District property, aesthetically coordinated with the Ladyface Greenway Project, and construction costs of these improvements to be shared by both LVMWD and the City. Staff anticipates that the MOA will be brought to City Council for approval in January 2024, prior to a request to award a construction contract.

Additionally, staff is in final negotiations with Whizin Market Square (Whizin) on a Right-of-Entry (ROE) Agreement that will provide construction access area and improvements for enhanced connectivity between the Project and the Whizin property. The bid package will include improvements described by that ROE Agreement. Staff anticipates that the ROE Agreement will be presented for City Council approval in January 2024, prior to award of a construction contract.

Staff expects to return to City Council in February 2024 to recommend the construction contract award. A groundbreaking ceremony for the project will be scheduled shortly thereafter, during the project's submittal and construction schedule review period. A notice to proceed with construction is anticipated in early spring, and construction should take approximately 18-24 months (weather permitting) including a 3-month plant establishment period.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Project is fully funded through a combination of State Specified Grant and Metro Measure R and M Funds. There is no fiscal impact associated with the authorization to bid the project.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully recommends the City Council:

1. Provide approval on the final aesthetic plan of the Ladyface Greenway Project; and
2. Authorize staff to seek bids for the Ladyface Greenway Project.