

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

DATE: OCTOBER 13, 2010

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO SEEK BIDS FOR THE KANAN/CANWOOD
 MEDIAN MODIFICATION PROJECT; NIB 10-04**

Although the recent grand openings of Panda Express, Urbane Café, and Trader Joe's have brought much needed stimulus to our local economy, the businesses have also resulted in more traffic on city streets, namely Kanan Road and Canwood Street. In light of this, a modification to the existing median, just north of the Kanan-Canwood intersection, is needed to allow more storage capacity in the southbound left-turn pocket.

In 2008, traffic counts were taken at all major intersections, citywide. The data for this particular intersection showed that the existing southbound left-turn pocket was barely adequate to handle the left-turn demand during the noontime peak period (noon-1 pm), and this was prior to the existing developments that have recently opened along Canwood Street. Now, the commercial additions mentioned above have resulted in the need for the existing left-turn pocket to be extended to accommodate the increased traffic volumes. The existing median accommodates approximately eight cars. The plan is to extend the existing pocket an additional 130 feet, which will accommodate approximately 6-7 more cars.

Because the improvement falls along a Metro bus route, the project costs have been budgeted entirely under Proposition C Funds, and no General Funds are anticipated to be needed.

Construction is scheduled to begin in January 2011, and will take approximately one month to complete.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully recommends the City Council approve the authorization to seek bids for the Kanan/Canwood Median Modification Project; NIB 10-04.

Attachment: Exhibit 1A & 1B