



# Agenda Report

**TO: CITY COUNCIL**

**Date: March 16, 2009**

**FROM: CITY MANAGER**

**SUBJECT: CALTRANS LEASE FOR BELLEFONTAINE STREET PROPERTY  
LOCATED AT PASADENA AVENUE**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council approve the terms and conditions as generally described below, and authorize the City Manager to negotiate a lease agreement between the City of Pasadena and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for \$100 a year for the property located south westerly and south easterly of Pasadena Avenue and south of Bellefontaine Street as well as the triangle portion in between.

**BACKGROUND:**

In June 2003, the Transportation Advisory Commission formed a subcommittee of the existing Design Advisory Group SR 710 Mitigation Project liaison committee to study additional measures to protect neighborhoods from 710 Freeway traffic. In November 2003, this newly formed subcommittee hosted a neighborhood meeting to gather community input from neighbors and representatives of the Caltrans Tenants Association, Singer Park Neighborhood Association, Pasadena Heritage, Save South Orange Grove, Worldwide Church of God and the West Pasadena Residents' Association participated.

Based on the community input the subcommittee made ten recommendations for beautification and neighborhood demarcation projects for the Pasadena Avenue/St. John Avenue corridor. One of the recommendations was to "create and implement a landscape plan for the three parcels of land (including the triangular island) at the intersection of Pasadena Avenue, St. John Avenue and Bellefontaine Street". In the intervening years Caltrans has been resistant to making improvements to the property. In the past year Caltrans has indicated a willingness to relax their stance based on Pasadena's willingness to pay for these improvements and annual maintenance.

