

Agenda Report

DATE: March 29, 1999
TO: CITY COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: Amendments to the FY 1999 Capital Improvement Program Budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Amend the FY 1999 Capital Improvement Program to include two new projects and modify five existing projects.
2. Approve a journal voucher amending the FY 1999 – 2004 Capital Improvement Program budget as detailed in Attachment A.

BACKGROUND:

As a part of the process to update changes to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget, the Public Works and Transportation Department has completed a report detailing budget adjustments to the FY 1999 – 2004 CIP. The budget adjustments are necessitated due to changes in the status of various capital projects and the need to create two new projects prior to the next fiscal year.

Two new projects have qualified for Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds. These funds had to be obligated by December 1998 or the funds would have lapsed and returned to the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA).

1. New Project - New Traffic Signals at Colorado Boulevard and Melrose Avenue

This project provides for a new traffic signal system at the intersection of Colorado Boulevard and Melrose Avenue. The traffic volumes entering this busy intersection are such that the installation will facilitate traffic operations and the orderly movement of vehicles. This project has qualified for \$89,880 in Federal STP funds and will require \$15,000 in Gas Tax funds to provide design costs and matching funds.

2. New Project - Traffic Signal Indication Safety Improvements on Colorado Blvd. and Other Streets

This project consists of changing traffic signal heads from 8 inches to 12 inches and installing red Light Emitting Diode (LED) indicators at all signals along Colorado Boulevard, Green Street, Union Street and Walnut Street. The larger signal heads will provide better visibility and the LED technology uses less energy and will reduce energy costs. This project has qualified for \$422,500 in Federal STP funds and will require \$50,000 in New Development Impact funds to provide design costs and matching funds.

The budgetary changes for existing projects are listed below and must be recognized through the City's journal voucher process to formalize the changes. These changes are summarized in Attachment A.

3. Glenarm Storm Drain (76535)

After careful analysis, staff has determined that the existing storm drain project will not resolve the problem of ponding water on Glenarm Street at the intersections of Oakland and Madison Avenues in a cost effective manner. The problem can best be solved by the reconstruction of this portion of Glenarm Street to eliminate the flat grades that caused the ponding at these intersections. This work will include new curb and gutter, removal and replacement of portions of the street, and resurfacing of the entire street width. The storm drain project can be closed and the \$300,000 in Sewer/Storm Drain Fees that was adopted in FY 1999 can be returned to the unencumbered Sewer/Storm Drain Fund balance. The new project addressing the reconstruction of this portion of Glenarm Street will be recommended in the FY 2000 Capital Improvement Program.

4. Raymond Avenue Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation (76533)

This is a sewer rehabilitation project in Raymond Avenue between Colorado Boulevard and the South City Limits. A total of \$230,000 in Sewer/Storm Drain Funds has been appropriated to this project. Earlier this year the sewer was televised in order to determine the extent of repair necessary for complete rehabilitation. Review of the tape indicated the repairs were less than originally anticipated. The engineers have determined that the total project cost can be reduced by \$115,000. These funds should be returned to the unencumbered Sewer/Storm Drain Fund balance.

5. Arroyo Parkway Storm Drain (76481)

This project involves the relocation of two 60 inch diameter storm drains beneath the light rail crossing at Holly Street and the extension of this drain down Arroyo Parkway to its joining with the Broadway Drain at Cordova Street. The project is 75 percent complete and will be finished this summer. The City appropriated \$190,000 in Sewer/Storm Drain Funds in order to get the project started with the understanding that these costs would be reimbursed once the Los Angeles MTA Blue Line funds became available. The MTA Blue Line funds are available to fund the entire project and the \$190,000 should be returned to the unencumbered Sewer/Storm Drain Fund balance.

6. News Rack – Pilot Program (73118)

This is a pilot program in which a newspaper/information center will be installed on the south side of Colorado Boulevard, east of Fair Oaks Avenue in the Old Pasadena area. If the pilot program is successful, similar centers will be installed throughout the City. The cost of initiating this program was estimated at \$5,000 and the necessary Gas Tax funds were adopted in the FY 1999 CIP Budget. After the adoption of these funds it was determined that this type of project does not qualify for Gas Tax funds. Accordingly, staff recommends that the Gas Tax funds be replaced with \$5,000 in New Development Impact Fees.

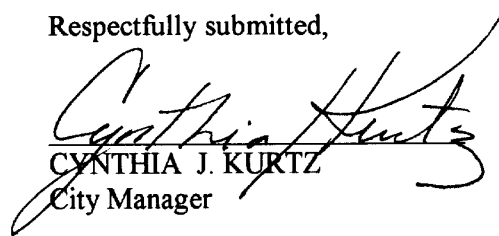
7. East Washington Boulevard Streetscape Improvements (73115)

This project involves the construction of various public improvements described in the East Washington Boulevard Streetscape Design Concept approved in 1998. Preliminary estimates for the basic improvements indicate that the estimated Federal STP funds previously recognized were overstated, while the required City matching funds were understated. Based upon these revised figures staff is recommending that the Federal STP funds be reduced by \$80,000 and an additional \$50,000 in New Development Impact Fees be added to the project. These revised funds are sufficient to design and construct the basic improvements.

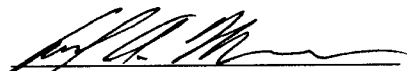
FISCAL IMPACT:

The two new projects will increase the FY 1999 – 2004 CIP budget by \$577,380. The budgetary changes in existing projects will result in a decrease of \$635,000. The change to the FY 1999 CIP, from the new projects and budgetary changes, will result in a net decrease of \$57,620.

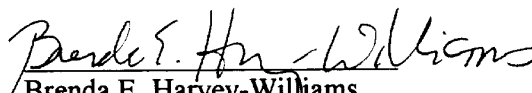
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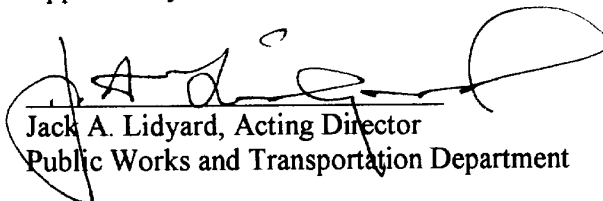
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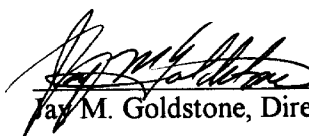
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