

Agenda Report

December 20, 2004

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION TO AMEND THE FY 2005 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET BY AMENDING TWO PROJECTS RELATED TO THE PASADENA HIGH SCHOOL PICK UP AND DROP OFF PLAN

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council merge Capital Improvement Projects 75505 *Installation of Half-Traffic Signal on Sierra Madre Boulevard at the Entrance to Victory Park Parking Lot* and 75504 *Traffic Signal Installation – Washington Boulevard at the Entrance of the Pasadena High School Faculty Parking Lot* and amend the project description and cost estimate.

BACKGROUND

PUSD staff retained KAKU Associates to develop the Pasadena High School Pick Up and Drop Off Plan. This plan is intended to facilitate traffic control in areas proximate to PHS and to ensure the safety of students and pedestrians in those areas. The plan calls for a multitude of improvements including opening and closing various access points to the campus, signing and restriping of parking lots, installation of walkways and drop off islands, opening and closing access points in the Sierra Madre Boulevard median island and the installation of two traffic signals.

In the City's street right of way, the Pick Up and Drop Off Plan specifically calls for the installation of a traffic signal on Washington Boulevard at the entrance to the Pasadena High School Faculty Parking Lot, a half traffic signal on Sierra Madre Boulevard at the entrance to the Victory Park parking lot, the construction of a left turn lane in the median of Sierra Madre Boulevard at the entrance to the Victory Park parking lot and modifications to striping at these locations. The City's FY 2005 Capital Improvement Program includes two separate projects that respectively provide for the installation of both traffic signals called for in the plan. The CIP currently lists the total cost estimate for these projects as: \$80,000 for the half traffic signal on Sierra Madre Boulevard and \$175,000 for the traffic signal on Washington Boulevard. Costs associated with the construction of a new left turn pocket and median island modifications are not currently included in the CIP.

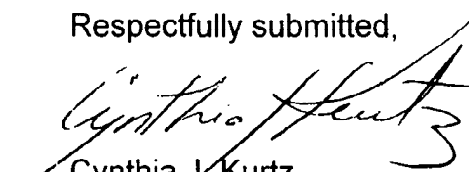
In order to align the City street right of way improvements suggested in the plan with the work detailed in the City's CIP, staff is recommending that project 75504 be modified to include the work and cost estimates associated with the traffic signal work described in projects 75505 and 75504 and work, proposed by the plan, which lies within the city street right of way. The project calls for additional improvements on school and city property and cost estimates for work at these locations are in the process of being developed.

Based on cost estimate associated with the construction of the left turn lane in the Sierra Madre Boulevard median and increased material costs for the installation of the half traffic signal, the total estimated project cost is \$545,000. A cost-sharing plan between the City and PUSD for these improvements and the work that is required outside the city's street right of way has not yet been determined. At the December 14, 2004 Pasadena Unified School Board meeting, the Board approved the traffic improvement plan. The next step is to develop a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and PUSD. Staff will continue to work with PUSD to assess the impacts associated with the implementation of plan elements.

FISCAL IMPACT

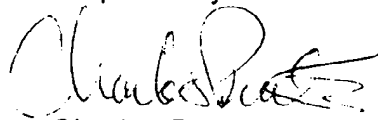
At this time, staff is not recommending that additional funds be appropriated to these projects. Once the MOU between the City and PUSD is finalized, staff will return to Council to request appropriations consistent with the terms of the MOU.

Respectfully submitted,



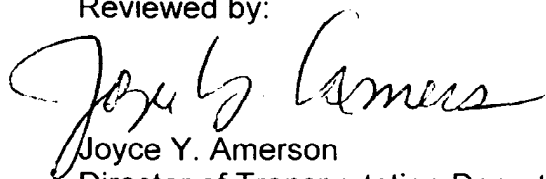
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