

Agenda Report

April 8, 2013

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Department of Public Works

**SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING/LETTER OF AGREEMENT
APPROVAL FOR NORTH FAIR OAKS AVENUE PEDESTRIAN
IMPROVEMENTS**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find the project proposed herein to be exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Section 15301 (Class 1), subsection (c). This exemption includes minor alterations of existing facilities (including streets) involving negligible expansion or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination, and there are no environmental reviews; and
2. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding/Letter of Agreement (MOU/LOA) for the North Fair Oaks Avenue Pedestrian Improvements project.

BACKGROUND:

The City applied for federal funds during the 2009 Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Call for Projects. The North Fair Oaks Avenue Pedestrian Improvements project was approved through the Call for Projects and funding was set aside pending approval of this Memorandum of Understanding/Letter of Agreement.

The project provides for the implementation of the decorative pedestrian lighting within the public right-of-way along Fair Oaks Avenue from Cedar Street to the north city limits as described in the Fair Oaks/Orange Grove Specific Plan (Specific Plan) approved by the City Council on January 28, 2002. The Specific Plan specifies that decorative, post-top street lights shall continue along Fair Oaks Avenue from Maple Street to the north city limits. Similar decorative lights were installed along Fair Oaks Avenue from Orange Grove Boulevard to Cedar Street through previous projects. The estimated completion for this project is FY 2015.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

This project supports the City Council Strategic Goal to improve, maintain and enhance public facilities and infrastructure. This project is consistent with the Mobility Element Policy 4.2 by improving pedestrian environment. The project is also consistent with the Land Use Element Objective 19 by promoting the use of non-motorized modes of transportation, such as walking, in the City.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

Staff recommends that City Council determine the proposed project to be exempt under CEQA in accordance with Section 15301 Existing Facilities (Class 1), subsection (c) of the Resources Agency of California Guidelines since the work consists of minor alterations involving negligible expansion of use beyond that previously existing.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost of this action will be \$783,914, and is available in Capital Improvement Program project Fair Oaks/Orange Grove Specific Plan (budget account 73130). Approval of this Memorandum of Understanding/Letter of Agreement will enable the City to obtain the \$623,914 through the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to construct and complete this project.

The following table presents a summary of the sources of funds that will be used.

Gas Tax	\$ 160,000
Metropolitan Transit Authority	\$ 623,914
Total Sources	\$ 783,914

Respectfully submitted,



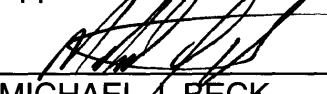
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