

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL August 16, 1999

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: New York Drive Median Island Improvements

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Amend the FY 2000 Capital Improvement Program by adding a new project, entitled New York Drive Median Islands, to the Streets and Streetscapes section.
- (2) Approve a journal voucher transferring \$100,000 of Gas Tax funding from the Kinneloa Avenue - Colorado to Foothill street project (Budget Account 73121) to the New York Drive Median Islands project (Budget Account 73409).

BACKGROUND:

Bradley Street, which intersects with New York Drive between the Hastings Ranch area and Altadena, serves three of Pasadena's largest companies: Earthlink, Avery International Inc., and Hertz Claims Management. All three companies are important assets to Pasadena's business community. At the Bradley Street offices alone, these three companies employ over 2,400.

As part of the City's business retention efforts, staff has met with Earthlink and is working to improve the appearance of this isolated commercial environment. The recommendation is to improve the existing median islands on New York Drive at Bradley Street to enhance the appearance of this high volume thoroughfare at the gateway to these large-scale businesses.

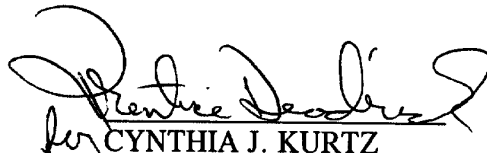
The visual environment will be upgraded by the installation of decorative paving in the 3-foot wide bullnoses and the installation of trees, shrubs and related irrigation systems in the wider portions of the median islands. The project will be designed and constructed in FY 2000.

The Capital Improvement Program project for the extension of Kinneloa Avenue north from Colorado boulevard, under the 210 Freeway, to Foothill Boulevard via Titley Avenue, is currently in the right-of-way acquisition phase. This phase is scheduled to be completed in early FY 2001; therefore, construction will not be able to start until late FY 2001.

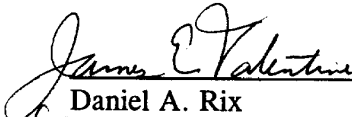
FISCAL IMPACT:

As explained in the background section, the Kinneloa Avenue – Colorado to Foothill project is being postponed. The funding for this project will not be needed until the modification to the Fedco site is complete. This project has a balance of over \$100,000 that will not be needed until a future date. Due to these circumstances, \$100,000 of Gas Tax funding is available to be transferred from the Kinneloa Avenue – Colorado to Foothill project to the New York Drive Median Islands project with minimal impact.

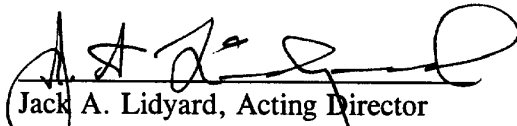
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