



City of Emeryville

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 16, 2019

TO: Christine Daniel, City Manager

FROM: Andrew Clough, Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville Approving The Scope Of Work For And Authorizing The City Engineer To Advertise For Public Bids For The 40th Street/San Pablo Avenue Median Rehabilitation Project, Project No. EPW 105-18, CIP No. 16475033; CEQA Determination: Exempt Pursuant To 15301(c)

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the above-entitled resolution.

BACKGROUND

The Capital Improvement Program, adopted by the City Council in June 2016, includes funding for the 40th Street/San Pablo Avenue Median Rehabilitation Project (CIP No. 16475033). As described, this project proposes to replace the existing trees and landscaping on the 40th Street medians and to replace the existing ground cover and other understory plantings without impacting the existing trees on the San Pablo Avenue medians.

On May 5, 2015, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 15-39 authorizing the City and EAH Housing (EAH) to jointly apply for Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) funding which included \$100,000 for median improvements at 40th Street and San Pablo Avenue.

As described in the AHSC application, the 40th Street and San Pablo Avenue median improvements include "...new Bay Friendly landscaping along the existing median islands on 40th Street and on San Pablo Avenue. On the 40th Street medians, the project includes the removal of the existing trees and plantings, the replacement of the existing soil with good horticultural topsoil, irrigation modifications, new trees, new Bay Friendly plantings and mulching. On the San Pablo Avenue medians, the project includes the removal of the existing plantings, regrading, amending and aeration of the existing topsoil, irrigation modifications, new Bay Friendly plantings and mulching.

The application was successful, and a \$100,000 grant to the City for the Median Improvements Project was approved.

On June 6, 2017, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 17-75, authorizing the execution of a standard agreement with the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) as required by the AHSC program. Design services for this project were initiated on July 10, 2018 when the City Council adopted Resolution 18-99 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Callander and Associates in the amount of \$66,565.

DISCUSSION

Callander and Public Works Department staff are finalizing the plans and specifications for the 40th Street/San Pablo Avenue Median Rehabilitation Project, Project No. EPW 105-18 which will rehabilitate five median islands on 40th Street and four median islands on San Pablo Avenue. New trees in the 40th Street medians will be planted in accordance with the potential future median island narrowing that may occur with the 40th Street two-way Class IV bicycle facility and transit lane project. An additional feature of this project will be to connect the irrigation systems of the median islands that are west of Horton Street to the EBMUD recycled water system thereby providing a drought-proof water supply to those islands. It is anticipated that traffic will be minimally affected during construction and estimated that construction can be completed during Summer 2019.

This project is determined to be exempt under categorical exemption Class 1 Existing Facilities, State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c).

FISCAL IMPACT

The Engineer's Estimate for the 40th Street/San Pablo Avenue Median Rehabilitation Project is \$550,000. The Capital Improvement Program includes an appropriation of \$600,000 in Fiscal Year 2016/17 for this project to cover the cost of the construction contract and contract administration.

STAFF COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

N/A

CONCLUSION

Staff requests that the City Council authorize the City Engineer to advertise the project for public bids once the City Engineer has reviewed and approved the plans and specifications.

PREPARED BY: Michael Roberts, P.E., Senior Civil Engineer – Public Works

**APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE:**



Christine Daniel, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS

- Draft Resolution
- Exhibit: Project Map