## City of Garden Grove

# INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To:

Matthew J. Fertal

From:

Keith G. Jones

Dept.:

City Manager

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**Public Works** 

Subject:

TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT Date:

May 25, 2010

ACTIVITIES PROGRAM APPLICATION SUBMITTAL FOR STREET MEDIAN

REHABILITATION PROJECTS

### **OBJECTIVE**

To approve a Resolution authorizing application submittals to the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) for funding under the Transportation Enhancement Activities (TE) Program for Street Median Rehabilitation Projects on Valley View Street, Brookhurst Street and Harbor Boulevard including Phase I, Phase II and Phase III.

## **BACKGROUND**

The TE Program is a federal grant program made available through the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETY-LU) that targets investments for highways and transit projects. This program provides grants to local and state agencies within Orange County to be used for transportation-related projects that enhance quality-of-life, in or around transportation facilities. OCTA is responsible for selecting projects in Orange County and working with the California Department of Transportation in administering selected projects.

#### **DISCUSSION**

The OCTA recently issued a competitive \$12.4 million call for projects for the TE Program planned for Fiscal Year 2010-11 through Fiscal Year 2012-13. Based on the application guidelines, the City is eligible to receive federal funding for the landscaping and scenic beautification portion of transportation-related projects.

The City is proposing to replace the existing landscape on the above-mentioned street median islands with drought-tolerant plants and sub-surface drip irrigation technology. Staff is requesting funds in the total amount of \$2.5 million to cover landscaping costs, which will include turf removal, irrigation system installation, and planting material for all five proposed projects. If the applications are approved and awarded, construction work will be scheduled according to the grant agreement requirements.

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## FINANCIAL IMPACT

There will be no impact to the General Fund. Local Measure M matching funds will be used for the Valley View and Harbor Boulevard projects and water matching funds will be used for the Brookhurst Street project.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the City Council:

 Adopt the Resolution authorizing the Transportation Enhancement Activities Program application submittal to OCTA for the Street Median Rehabilitation Projects on Valley View Street, Brookhurst Street and Harbor Boulevard including Phase I, Phase II and Phase III.

KEITH G. JONES

Public Works Director

By: William E. Murray Jr.

City Engineer

Attachment: Resolution

Recommended for Approval

Matthew Fertal City Manager

#### RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR FUNDS FOR THE TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM UNDER THE 2005 SAFE, ACCOUNTABLE, FLEXIBLE, EFFICIENT, TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT-LEGACY FOR USERS FOR STREET MEDIAN REHABILITATION PROJECTS ON VALLEY VIEW STREET, BROOKHURST STREET, AND HARBOR BOULEVARD PHASE 1, PHASE II, AND PHASE III

WHEREAS, the United States Congress enacted the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act-Legacy for Users August 2005, replacing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, which makes funds available to the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) for transportation enhancement (TE) activities;

WHEREAS, OCTA has established the procedures and criteria for reviewing proposals for distribution of said funds;

WHEREAS, the City of Garden Grove possesses authority to nominate TE activities and to finance, acquire, and construct the proposed projects;

WHEREAS, the City Council of Garden Grove desires to authorize the nomination of Street Median Rehabilitation Projects on Valley View Street, Brookhurst Street, and Harbor Boulevard Phase I, Phase II, and Phase III, including all understanding and assurances contained therein, and authorize the City Manager or his designee to act in connection with the nomination and to provide such additional information as may be required;

WHEREAS, the City of Garden Grove will maintain and operate the property acquired, developed, rehabilitated, or restored for the life of the resultant facilities;

WHEREAS, with the approval of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and OCTA, the City of Garden Grove or its successors in interest in the property may transfer the responsibility to maintain and operate the property;

WHEREAS, the City of Garden Grove will give the Caltrans and OCTA representatives access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the TE activity;

WHEREAS, the City of Garden Grove will cause work on the project to be commenced within a reasonable time after receipt of notification from the State that funds have been approved by the Federal Highway Administration, and the project will be carried to completion with reasonable diligence; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garden Grove will comply where applicable with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, the American with Disabilities Act, and any other applicable federal, state, and/or local laws, rules, and/or regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Garden Grove hereby authorizes the City Manager or his designee to apply for the Transportation Enhancement Activities Program under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act – Legacy for Users for Street Median Rehabilitation Projects on Valley View Street, Brookhurst Street, and Harbor Boulevard Phase I, Phase II, and Phase III.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Garden Grove agrees to fund its share of the project costs and any additional costs over the identified programmed amount.