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DATE: April 3, 2013

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Development Services Department

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE MISSION AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT PHASE 1 (DOWNTOWN) AND AUTHORIZATION TO BID THE PROJECT**

**SYNOPSIS**

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the plans and specifications for the Mission Avenue Improvements Project Phase 1 (Downtown); and authorize the City Engineer to call for bids.

**BACKGROUND**

In 2009, the City entered into a professional services agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates (KHA), to assist the City in analyzing Mission Avenue.

On January 26, 2011, City Council approved amendment 1 to a professional services agreement with KHA, which provided for the preparation of a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and supporting technical studies, development of entitlement level plans and final plans and specifications.

On December 14, 2011, City Council approved a general plan amendment, regular coastal permit and a MND for the improvements to Mission Avenue from Horne to Cleveland Streets. At that meeting, staff informed the City Council the construction of the project would be divided into two phases. Phase 1 would be from Horne Street to Coast Highway and Phase 2 would be from Coast Highway to Cleveland Street. The respective sections of Seagaze Drive would be phased as well.

On July 5, 2012, City Council adopted a resolution authorizing staff to file an application for Active Transportation Grant (ATG) funds through the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) for the construction of Phase 1 of the subject project in the amount of \$1.5 million. On January 25, 2013, the City was formally notified that the \$1.5 million would be awarded.

On March 13, 2013, City Council accepted \$1.5 million in Active Transportation Grant Funds and approved a change order to a professional services agreement with KHA for Phase 2 design work.

## **ANALYSIS**

### **Mission Avenue Project Phase 1**

The Mission Avenue Project Phase 1 includes a number of street beautification improvements, pedestrian and bicycle facility enhancements, and vehicular improvements to the corridor between Horne Street and Coast Highway. More specifically, the project will reduce the street width to two lanes for westbound traffic only from Horne to Coast Highway. As a result and benefit of reducing the street width, sidewalk and landscape planter areas will grow by 5 to 25 feet in width along this portion of Mission Avenue. The widened sidewalks will accommodate new street furniture, decorative street lighting, intersection bulb outs and decorative concrete treatments to the crosswalks. The landscape palette will include native and drought-tolerant plant and tree species that double as bio-filters for storm water runoff. Enhanced bicycle facilities include a bicycle route using "green lanes" with "sharrows" and will connect the project to the transit station area and the San Luis Rey River Trail access at Neptune Way. Additional bike racks will be placed along the project limits as well. Vehicular improvements include additional parking spaces, reverse angle parking and traffic signal modifications. The respective section of Seagaze Drive will be re-stripped and signed to accommodate the eastbound traffic.

The project bidding and implementation timeline is as follows:

- April 2013 Contractor Prequalification and Bidding
- June 2013 Open Bids
- August 2013 Award Construction Contract
- September 2013 Start Construction
- May 2014 Project Completion

Operations and maintenance of the improvements associated with the Mission Avenue Project Phase 1 will require funds to be budgeted in Fiscal Year 2014-15. Staff will provide estimated maintenance costs for the improvements at the time of contract award.

A public relations component will be included as part of the project. Staff has already engaged Main Street Oceanside and intends to use a public relations consultant to assist project management staff during construction.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Mission Avenue Improvements Phase 1:

The Mission Avenue Phase 1 is estimated to cost approximately \$3,024,000. Two funding sources are proposed for the construction of the project. As stated above, the City received \$1.5 million in ATG funds from SANDAG. The grant is for construction related costs for Phase 1, Horne Street to Coast Highway. The reimbursable-type grant requires a City match and will require California prevailing wages to be applied. The estimated City match for Phase 1 is \$1.524 million, which includes contingency and construction support services.

The City's match of \$1.524 million shall be from redevelopment tax allocation bonds and the expenditure of these funds shall be subject to approval by the Oversight Board of the Oceanside Successor Agency and the state Department of Finance (DOF) following the issuance of a Finding of Completion by the DOF.

A complete analysis of project costs will provided after bids are opened.

Estimated project costs and funding requirements are as follows:

Mission Avenue Phase 1 (Horne to Coast Highway) Estimated Cost:

		<u>Account Number</u>
Construction Contract	\$2,300,000	
Construction Contingency	\$230,000	
Construction Support	\$300,000	
Construction Easements	\$50,000	
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	Sub Total	\$2,880,000
Administrative Allocation	\$144,000	
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	Total	\$3,024,000

Funding required for Phase 1:

Active Transportation Grant	\$1,500,000	836118300272
Redevelopment Bond Funds	\$1,524,000	912118300972
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	Total	\$3,024,000

**COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT**

Not applicable.

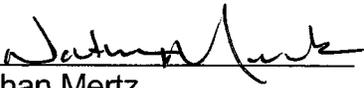
**CITY ATTORNEY ANALYSIS**

The referenced documents have been reviewed by the City Attorney and approved as to form.

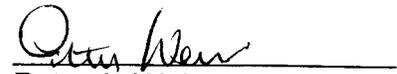
**RECOMMENDATION**

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