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May 8, 1990

Joint Budget and Finance/
Transportation and Community Development Committee
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members In Session:

SUBJECT: CIP Issue Statement #13 - Unmet Needs of Landscaped Median
Strips

SUMMARY

The Joint Committee requested that the Public Works Department prepare a CIP Issue Statement concerning the unmet needs of landscaped median strips. A copy of the requested issue statement is attached.

BACKGROUND

At the Joint Committee meeting of April 17, 1990, it was requested that the Public Works Department prepare a CIP Issue Statement on the unmet needs of landscaped median strips. The issue statement is attached for committee information.

A staff committee, which includes staff members from both the Department of Parks and Community Services and Public Works, is currently updating the inventory of median/park strip landscaping needs. A construction priority list and a financing plan will also be prepared.

It is expected that the report on these issues will be submitted for City Council consideration by August.

FINANCIAL DATA

There are no financial impacts at this time.

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POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

This report is for information only and does not effect existing City policy.

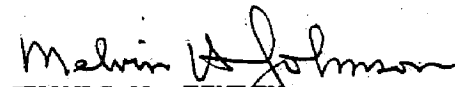
MBE/WBE EFFORTS

There are no MBE/WBE efforts associated with item.

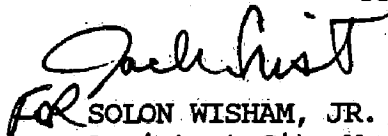
RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the attached CIP Issue Statement #13 be included as part of the Public Works Department's 1990-95 Capital Improvement Program submittal.

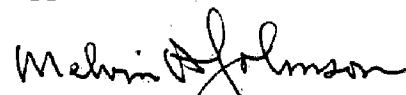
Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment

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CIP ISSUE STATEMENT NO. 13

UNMET NEEDS OF LANDSCAPE MEDIAN STRIPS

On May 26, 1987 the Council adopted Resolution No. 87-415, concerning the Median Strip Master Plan. The report recommended criteria for median strip landscaping and requested the development of the implementation plan and a financing plan.

An interdepartmental staff committee from Parks and Public Works is currently updating the inventory of potential median and park strip landscaping needs. Their final report will include a construction priority list and financing plan. It is projected that the report will be ready for Committee review by August.

The Park system currently includes approximately 65 acres of landscaped median strips at over 35 locations City-wide. Previous estimates indicate that there are over 140,000 lineal feet (27 miles) of streets which could be considered for median landscaping treatment, costing over \$7,000,000. The annual maintenance costs were not projected. As the study progresses this information will be further refined and verified.

One of the potential funding sources for this program is the Lighting and Landscape Act of 1972. This Act provides a mechanism for public agencies to determine benefit and establish fees for the purpose of constructing and maintaining public lighting and landscaping improvements.

Citywide lighting and landscaping district established by the City Council last year provided partial funding for the maintenance of parks, provided for the current level of service for street light maintenance, and provided for the payment of current street light energy bills.

Revision of the original purpose of the current lighting and landscape district scope may necessitate a restructuring of the current assessments. Addition of new programs beyond those currently being approved may result in additional assessments based upon additional benefits.

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