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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: ADOPT RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
PROJECT FOR THE I-5 LANDSCAPE CORRIDOR PILOT PROJECT

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: North Natomas, District 1

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends City Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the City Manager to:

1. Reduce the expense budget by \$1,000,000 in Administrative Contingency from North Natomas development fees (780-710-7012-4999) and transfer to a new Capital Improvement Project (CIP PN: WN06) to fund the I-5 Freeway Buffer Pilot Project, Phase 1.
2. Establish the I-5 Landscape Corridor CIP (PN: WN06) and appropriate \$1,000,000 from the North Natomas Fund (fund 780) contingency to fund Phase 1 of this Pilot Project.

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FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: December 14, 2004 (afternoon)

SUMMARY:

On August 5, 2004, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2004-634 adopting the North Natomas Landscape Corridor guidelines. These guidelines create an aesthetic view shed between the freeway and other adjacent land uses, accommodate drainage facilities and provide an opportunity for pedestrian and bicycle use within the corridor.

The Department of Utilities is the lead City department responsible for contract management and future site maintenance of the I-5 landscape corridor. Establishing the CIP will provide funds for the pilot program anticipating a fall/early spring planting to optimize plant establishment. The CIP will be funded with existing Public Facilities Fees

(PFF). These fees are development impact fees collected at the time building permits are issued.

BACKGROUND

The objectives of the North Natomas Landscape Corridor Guidelines are to:

- Ensure that a visually pleasing and uniform design theme is developed, and,
 - Integrate conjunctive uses to include drainage facilities, maintenance roads, bike trails, and pedestrian connectivity.

The initial Phase 1 implementation of the North Natomas Landscape Corridor Guidelines landscaping will be done through a pilot program. The pilot program will be partnering the City with the Sacramento Tree Foundation, and various community interest groups. The Department of Utilities has agreed to provide future maintenance of the I-5 landscape corridor.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The \$1 million in requested appropriations will be funded by development fees from the North Natomas Finance Plan (NNFP) area. The request represents the first phase of freeway landscape improvements programmed in the NNFP. There is no impact to the General Fund. Adequate funding exists in Fund 780 contingency. Future maintenance costs are funded through the North Natomas CFD #3.

The Plan is in a position financially to fund this first phase.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The establishment of a CIP account is exempt from CEQA under Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines. Exemption 15061(b)(3) consists of an activity covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects, which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The establishment of a CIP account is not a project.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

The City has been committed to developing the 100-foot freeway buffer along the I-5/Hwy 99 corridor since the adoption of the North Natomas Community Plan. These guidelines support today's key policy issues related to water consumption, greenwaste management and the development of an open space asset.

ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:

No goods or services are being purchased under this report.

Respectfully submitted:


Carol Shearly, New Growth Manager

Approved:


Michael Medema, Interim Director of
Development Services

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:

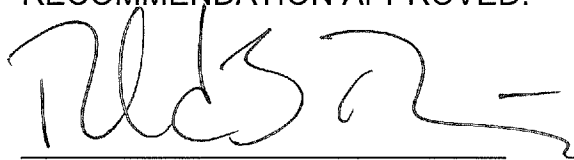

ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager

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ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT FOR THE I-5 LANDSCAPE CORRIDOR PILOT PROJECT

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO THAT:

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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