

CITY OF OAKLAND
AGENDA REPORT

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TO: Office of the City Administrator
ATTN: Dan Lindheim
FROM: Community & Economic Development Agency
DATE: July 21, 2009

RE: **Supplemental Report On A Resolution Awarding A Construction Contract To Ray's Electric For Fruitvale Avenue Streetscape Improvement (Project No. G375710) On Fruitvale Avenue (From East 12th Street To Coloma Street), In Accord With Plans And Specifications For The Project And Contractor's Bid In The Amount Of Two Million Five Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars And Seventy-Five Cents (\$2,598,133.75)**

SUMMARY

This Supplemental Report clarifies some information provided in the Project Description section of the original report to the Public Works Committee, dated July 14, 2009. The Project Description section in the staff report inadvertently described the original concept plans and not the final project elements, which were selected following community input and which reflect the available funding.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- Street Trees - A continuous canopy of street trees (to augment and in-fill what exists now) are a key unifying element to tie the street together and help realize aspects of the streetscape goals. There are 78 trees (mostly Aristocrat Pears and some Cherry and Purple Leaf Plum) planned along the corridor. In addition, one location, at School Street, will have two palm trees to mirror the existing palm trees on one side of the street and provide a tree "gateway."
- Pedestrian Lighting – Street lighting will be maximized and focused along the corridor to improve lighting conditions and to augment the existing cobra-head lights. Overall, 63 lights are proposed with the majority of these focused at the key corridor intersection nodes, along commercial areas, and at bus stops. Further lighting is constrained due to the cost of each unit and the trenching costs associated with providing underground power to each unit.
- Patterned Street Crossings – Stamped asphalt crossing treatments are proposed for nine controlled intersections along Fruitvale Avenue. In addition, to create a continuous defined pedestrian walk, this same treatment is carried along the corridor for the side street cross-street crossings including Champion Street.
- Series of Gateways with Neighborhood Themes – Due to funding restraints this improvement was deleted from the project.

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- Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Safety – To calm traffic and make crossings safer and to slow traffic speed, there are a series of planned interventions that include colored-stamped cross walks across the street (with increased hazard/warning signage for motorists) coupled with colored asphalt paving along the side street crossings of Fruitvale Avenue. In addition, construction of 25 bulb-outs has been targeted for Fruitvale Avenue to reduce pedestrian crossing time and to slow traffic flow (including Champion Street plaza area). Bulb-outs already exist at E.16th Street / Josie de la Cruz Park.
- Pedestrian Amenities – Specific amenities will be targeted to identified nodal intersections along Fruitvale Avenue to enhance and encourage pedestrian usage. There are six key intersection nodes along the corridor: E.12th Street / BART, International, Foothill, E.27th Street, I-580 Fwy, and MacArthur Boulevard. There are also 12 defined “sub-nodes” which typically have bus stops, street crossings and/or offer other key corridor amenities. For these nodes, amenities will include lighting, benches (where appropriate), way-finding signage, kiosks, public art and landscaping, and traffic-calming interventions. Additionally, three major pedestrian plazas are designated (at E.15th Street, Foothill Boulevard, and Champion Street) and minor plazas at Woodbine Avenue, Montana Street, E.12th Street, and E.27th Street.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Staff requests that the City Council accept this Supplemental Report.

Respectfully submitted,



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