



# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT



**DEPARTMENT:** Public Services

**MEETING DATE:** November 15, 2016

**PREPARED BY:** Tina Cherry, Director

**AGENDA LOCATION:** AR-4

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**TITLE:** Solicitation of Bids for Construction of the Huntington Drive Median Landscape Improvements Project

**OBJECTIVE:** To authorize staff to advertise the notice inviting bids and conduct a formal bid process for the construction of the Huntington Drive Median Landscape Improvements Project.

**BACKGROUND:** Huntington Drive is a main corridor through Monrovia with close to 30,000 vehicles traveling on it daily. Its connection to the 210 freeway, major retail centers, dining, and commercial development make it a frequent choice for many commuters, visitors, and the local community. In addition, there has been significant development in the area surrounding Huntington Drive, including the completion of Station Square, the development of the Gold Line Transit Center, the 5<sup>th</sup> and Huntington housing project, and the proposed Marriot Townplace Suites hotel project on the southwest corner of Huntington Drive and Myrtle Avenue.

For many years, the City has had mature trees, lush landscape, and attractive features throughout the medians on Huntington Drive. However, given the current drought situation, water conservation mandates have gone into effect and our Huntington Drive medians have continued to deteriorate. The inability to water the ornamental turf on Huntington Drive has created an unattractive median that is not representative of our community. Furthermore, with the ongoing water conservation concerns, staff believes it is appropriate to abandon the current plant pallet in the medians on Huntington Drive and replace it with a more drought resistant and water smart design.

In September 2015, the City Council approved a contract with J.M. Yamashita for landscape design services for various City projects, including the design of the Huntington Drive Landscape Median Improvements. The firm has, since that time, completed the Huntington Drive median design, complete with drought tolerant features including waterwise landscaping and smart irrigation technology. The project is proposed to improve the medians on Huntington Drive from 5th Avenue to Mountain Avenue.

The project scope will include the following:

- Renovate the aged and ineffective irrigation system to include automatic controllers, bubblers, and drip systems.
- Removal of approximately 27 dead and diseased trees.
- Plant sixty (60) 24" box trees such as Canary Island Pine, Crape Myrtle, Ginkgo, and Camphor trees
- Plant over 7,500 shrubs such as Agave, Acacia, Rosemary, Sage, and various grasses.
- Replace various inconsistent hardscape segments within the median with uniformed river rock pavers.

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**ANALYSIS:** Staff is seeking the authorization to bid the plans and specifications for this project. Upon approval, staff will conduct the procurement according to the following estimated schedule:

- Advertisement for Bid: November 24, 2016 and December 13, 2016
- Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting: December 6, 2016
- Bid Submittal and Opening: December 13, 2016
- Tentative Award of Contract: December 20, 2016
- Tentative Start of Construction: January 9, 2017

Bid documents will be on file with the City Clerk's Office.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:** This project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under section 15301.C, modifications of existing facilities.

**FISCAL IMPACTS:** The Engineer's Estimate for the landscape improvements is \$921,843, as follows:

<b>Construction Item</b>	<b>Cost Estimate</b>
Site Demolition	\$82,375
Hardscape Improvements	\$241,650
Landscape Improvements	\$223,165
Irrigation Improvements	\$254,413
Mobilization and 10% Contingency	\$120,240
<b>ESTIMATED TOTAL</b>	<b>\$921,843</b>

Funding for this project was included in the City's Fiscal Year 2016/17 Capital Improvement Budget.

**OPTIONS:** The following options are provided for the City Council's consideration:

1. Authorize staff to solicit bids for the Huntington Drive Median Landscape Improvements.
2. Do not authorize staff to solicit bids for the Huntington Drive Median Landscape Improvements and provide additional direction.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Staff recommends Option 1, thereby authorizing staff to proceed with the solicitation of bids for the Huntington Drive Median Landscape Improvements.

**COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED:** If City Council concurs, the appropriate action would be a motion to authorize staff to solicit bids for the Huntington Drive Median Landscape Improvements.

**HUNTINGTON DRIVE**  
**MEDIAN DESIGN**

*PICTURE 1 – BEFORE*



**HUNTINGTON DRIVE**  
**MEDIAN DESIGN**

*PICTURE 1 – AFTER*



**HUNTINGTON DRIVE**  
**MEDIAN DESIGN**

*PICTURE 2 – BEFORE*



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**HUNTINGTON DRIVE**  
**MEDIAN DESIGN**

*PICTURE 2 – AFTER*



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# Tree



*Cinnamomum camphora*  
Camphor Tree



*Ginkgo biloba* 'Autumn Gold'  
Autumn Gold Ginkgo



*Lagerstroemia indica* 'Dynamite'  
Dynamite Crape Myrtle



*Pinus canariensis*  
Canary Island Pine

# Succulent



*Agave attenuata*  
Foxtail Agave



*Aloe striata*  
Coral Aloe

# Groundcover



*Acacia redolens*  
Groundcover Acacia



*Helictotrichon sempervirens*  
Blue Oat Grass



*Grevillea lanigera*  
Woolly Grevillea



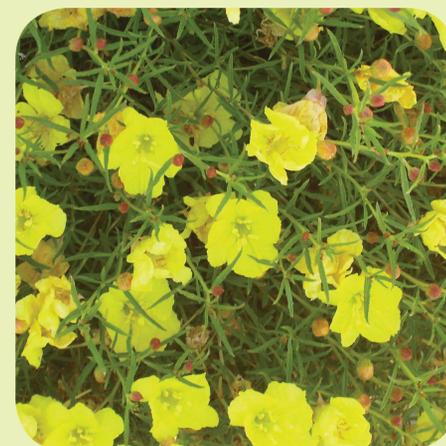
*Senecio mandraliscae*  
Blue Chalk Sticks



*Festuca siskiyou blue*  
Blue Siskiyou Fescue



*Rosmarinus prostratus*  
Groundcover Rosemary



*Calylophus hartwegii*  
Hartweg's Sundrops

# Shrub



*Westringia fruticosa* 'Mundi'  
Low Coast Rosemary



*Muhlenbergia capillaris* 'Lenca'  
Pink Muhly



*Salvia nemorosa* 'East Friesland'  
East Friesland Sage



*Hesperaloe parviflora*  
Red Yucca