

**City of Culver City, California
Agenda Item Report**

Meeting Date: 10/25/10		Item Number: <u>C-2</u>	
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD AGENDA ITEM: Approval of Plans and Specifications, and Authorization to Advertise for Bids for the Sepulveda Boulevard MTA Grant Project.			
Contact Person/Dept.: Michael Pasternak, Redevelopment; Todd Tipton, Redevelopment		Phone Number: (310) 253-5708 and 5783	
Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☒	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☐ Attachments: ☒	
Commission Action Required: Yes ☐ No ☒		Date: _____	
Public Notification: (USPS) All Property Owners, Businesses and Occupants within 500 feet of the project area (10/13/10); (Email) Meetings and Agendas - Redevelopment Agency (10/20/10);			
Department Approval: Sol Blumenfeld (10/18/10)		Agency General Counsel Approval: Murray Kane: (10/14/10)	
Chief Financial Officer Approval: Jeff Muir (by N. Kimball) (10/20/10)		Executive Director Approval: John M. Nachbar (10/20/10)	
<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Staff recommends that the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board (Agency Board) approve plans and specifications, and authorize the advertisement of bids for the Sepulveda Boulevard MTA Grant Project (Project). <u>BACKGROUND:</u> On August 23, 2010, the Agency Board approved conceptual design plans for the Project. During the same meeting, the City Council approved an amendment to the Street Tree Master Plan to plant London Plane and White Orchid trees along Sepulveda Boulevard between the Culver Boulevard intersection and the city limit line south of Franklin Avenue (Attachment No. 1). <u>DISCUSSION:</u> The design of the Project is consistent with the grant application scope of work, which proposed to improve pedestrian conditions along the specified section of Sepulveda Boulevard. Further, the design is efficient, low maintenance, and respectful of business store frontage and signage. If implemented, the design will lead to a better organized public space that will benefit business and property owners as well as neighboring residents, business patrons, and bus riders.			

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The bid documents include a series of bid alternates that complement the core improvements and have little or no impact on maintenance operations.

Pursuant to the MTA Grant scope of work, the Project will include the following pedestrian improvements¹:

- Replace street trees and install new trees spaced at 26' – 30' intervals, with the London Plane as the primary tree species along the boulevard and White Orchid accent trees at crosswalk intersections.
- Install walkable permeable paving along tree wells.
- Install pedestrian benches at the edge of selected tree wells, placed perpendicular to the street beneath the shade canopy of the trees.
- Install trash receptacles along the boulevard per Sanitation Division guidelines.
- Enhance crosswalks with decorative paving or stamped asphalt.
- Replace existing roadway lights with energy efficient induction lights that will orient light towards the sidewalk for pedestrians.
- Plant Mexican feather grass (low maintenance and drought tolerant) in the parkway between trees and along crosswalk intersections.
- Replace sidewalks as necessary.

The bid documents include all plans, specifications, general conditions, Notice Inviting Bidders, Instruction to Bidders, and surveys, which bidders will utilize to formulate their bids. The bid documents will also include any addenda issued during the bid period.

The Project will be advertised on the City's website, in the Culver City News, construction trade publications, and directly to contractors with streetscape construction experience as recommended by the Public Works Department.

The proposed project schedule is as follows:

November 9 th	Bid Notification in Culver City News
November 16 ^h	Pre-Bid Meeting
November 30 th	Bids are due
December 13 th	Agency Board to consider award for construction contract
February 2011	Construction begins
April 2011	Construction complete

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The MTA Grant will fund \$291,000 of improvements (42300797). The Agency Board has allocated sufficient matching construction funds in the Agency Board Approved Budget for FY 2010/2011(57392910 and 55092910). The Public Works Department will incorporate maintenance of the proposed improvements in future work programs.

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Sepulveda MTA Grant Project Limits
2. Bid documents and specifications

MOTION:

That the Agency Board:

Approve the plans and specifications and authorize the advertisement of bids for the Sepulveda Boulevard MTA Grant Project.

Notes:

¹ The engineering plans will also include a series of complementary bicycle improvements (consisting of a bikeway “sharrow”, related infrastructure and bicycle parking) for the Agency Board and City Council’s future consideration. These improvements were identified in the needs assessment of the City’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan and comply with the State of California’s Complete Streets Act (AB 1358). Staff believes that bikeway improvements along this stretch of Sepulveda Blvd. are crucial to maintaining an integrated bicycle network as the project area connects the Culver Boulevard Bicycle Path to the Ballona Creek Bicycle Path. The additional improvements will not be included in this bid, but the engineered design will remain available for future grant applications.