



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: MAY 6, 2008

ITEM NUMBER: ____

SUBJECT: JOANN STREET BIKE TRAIL

DATE: APRIL 24, 2008

FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT/ENGINEERING DIVISION

PRESENTATION BY: PETER NAGHAVI, PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. Approve the type of fencing recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission for the south side of Joann Street Bike Trail.
2. Approve the Parks and Recreation Commission recommendation to move up the construction of landscape and irrigation improvements on the west side of Harbor Boulevard from north of 2299 Harbor Boulevard to Fair Drive from its current ranking on the priority list.

BACKGROUND:

The Joann Street Bike Trail Project starts at the southwest corner of Harbor Boulevard and Fair Drive, just south of the entrance to Fairview Developmental Center. The project then continues south to 2299 Harbor Boulevard where it turns west to approximately 1,000 L.F. east of Placentia Avenue. The scope of work includes removal and replacement of existing fences along the south side of the trail from Harbor Boulevard to the westerly limits; removal of interfering vegetation and trees; grading; construction of irrigation and landscape improvements; installation of safety lighting for the entire length of this project; and rehabilitation of the existing trail.

The Parks and Recreation Commission at their meeting of February 27, 2008 reviewed a staff report (Attachment 1), and received public comments. At this meeting, the Commission considered the types of fencing appropriate to delineate and separate the trail from the adjacent properties along the south side of the trail; and for the re-prioritization of parkway improvements for the street segments listed in Exhibit E of the Streetscape and Median Development Standards. In addition, the Commission also reviewed and **approved** the proposed planting palette and removal of trees where necessary within the project limits. An excerpt of the meeting minutes is attached for reference (Attachment 2).

ANALYSIS:

Fencing (South Side of Bike Trail Between Harbor Boulevard and Placentia Avenue)

To facilitate the review and analysis of this item, staff divided the stretch of the trail from Harbor Boulevard to the westerly project limits (Attachment 3) into segments as follows:

1. From Harbor Boulevard to approximately 100 L.F. west of Harbor Boulevard
This segment is the most visible from Harbor Boulevard. The only property within this segment, 2299 Harbor Boulevard, is zoned C2, General Commercial, with an existing business that is visible from Harbor Boulevard. The Parks and Recreation Commission recommends wrought iron fencing (Attachment 4) for this segment.
2. From 100 L.F. west of Harbor Boulevard to Miner Street
After the first 100 L.F. west of Harbor Boulevard, the trail is only visible by the adjacent property owners, trail users, and golf course patrons. The Parks and Recreation Commission recommends the use of vinyl coated chain link fence as shown in the attached conceptual design (Attachment 5). It should be noted that the height of the proposed fence is six-feet and matches existing fences.
3. Miner Street to Fountain Way
This stretch of approximately 700 L.F. was constructed in 2002. The work included removal of existing fences and installation of six-foot high wrought iron fence (Attachment 6) without landscape and irrigation improvements. The Parks and Recreation Commission recommends the removal of the existing wrought iron fence and the installation of vinyl coated chain link fence as per the proposed conceptual design in attachment 5. It is also possible to salvage the existing wrought iron fence and reuse it at other City facilities, including Segment 1 of this project just west of Harbor Boulevard.
4. Fountain Way to end of Bike Trail approximately 1,000 L.F. east of Placentia Avenue
This segment, like the previous segments, is far away from major arterials. The Parks and Recreation Commission recommends the use of vinyl coated chain link fence as per the proposed conceptual design in attachment 5.

Priority List for the Landscaping of Parkways and Neighborhood Entryways

At the August 2, 2005, meeting the City Council approved the priority list for the landscaping of parkways and neighborhood entryways and incorporated it into the Streetscape and Median Development Standards as Exhibit E (Attachment 7). While the priority list in its current form is a useful tool, staff requests changes that will allow for the construction of certain locations out of order when grants or project sponsors are obtained.

The first project to be considered is the parkway between 2299 Harbor Boulevard to Fair Drive. This project is currently ranked #4 on this list. As a result of recent successful applications for grants and in order to comply with grant deadlines, staff requests that Council move up the ranking of this project to #1. This change will allow staff to commence design and construction of this specific project shortly.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

City Council may approve a different type of fence material and design for the project other than those recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission. Council could also stop any further work on this project. This, however, will result in forfeiting the recently secured grants.

FISCAL REVIEW:

Approximately \$109,000 is available from the Park Development Fund budgeted in Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

In January, 2008, the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) approved the City's grant application for the Joann Street Bicycle Trail project for funding through the Transportation Enhancements Activities (TE) program. The TE program granted the City \$500,000 to fund landscaping and scenic beautification improvements for the entire length of the project including the Harbor Boulevard Parkway as well as the bike trail west of Harbor Boulevard. This grant requires an equal City match. Accordingly, staff has requested additional funds as part of Fiscal Year 2008-09 budget for the design and construction of the project, including the City's match for the TE grant.

LEGAL REVIEW:

A legal review is not required for this item.

CONCLUSION:

The Joann Street Bike Trail is in need of landscape, lighting, and fence improvements to provide added security to the adjacent residents and users as well as to enhance the appearance of the trail and its surroundings. The Parks and Recreation Commission at their meeting of February 27, 2008 considered a number of items pertaining to the overall beautification and enhancements for the Joann Street Bike Trail project and have recommended that City Council approve fence types at the locations listed above and changes to the priority list within the Streetscape and Median Development Standards.

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Attachments:

1. [Joann Street Bike Trail report for February 27, 2008, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting Attachment 1a](#)
2. [Attachment 1b](#)
3. [Attachment 1c](#)
4. [Attachment 1d](#)
5. [Attachment 1e](#)
6. [Excerpt from minutes of February 27, 2008, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting](#)
7. [Location map](#)
8. [Proposed fence at 2299 Harbor Boulevard](#)
9. [Proposed vinyl-coated chain link fence](#)
10. [Existing six-ft high wrought iron fence](#)
11. [Landscape Improvements for Parkways and Neighborhood Entryways Priority List \(Exhibit E\)](#)

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