

STAFF REPORT
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Date: May 22, 2007

To: Mayor Hearn and City Council Members

From: James R. Williams, Public Works Director

Subject: **Cooperative Agreement with the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Associated with Public Works Construction Project 06-025 Freeway Landscaping Improvements, Avenue L Intersection and Avenue K to Avenue J-8**

Recommendation:

Approve the Cooperative Agreement (District Agreement No. 07-4780) with the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for PWCP 06-025 Freeway Landscaping Improvements Avenue L Intersection and Avenue K to Avenue J-8. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents.

Fiscal Impact:

\$64,000 annually in perpetuity; the Cooperative Agreement states that the City shall assume maintenance of the proposed improvements at its own expense in perpetuity.

Background:

On March 22, 2005, the City Council approved the Landscape Maintenance Agreement for the improvements associated with this project, which also stated the City will assume maintenance of the proposed improvements at its own expense in perpetuity. On August 22, 2006, the City Council awarded Public Works Construction Project No. 06-025, Freeway Landscaping Improvements, Avenue L Intersection and Avenue K to Avenue J-8, to America West Landscape in the amount of \$2,820,335.05, for the irrigation and landscape improvements on State Route 14 at the Avenue L Overpass and between Avenue K and Avenue J-8. This project will improve the appearance of some of the City's highly visible on- and off-ramps along State Route 14. New trees, shrubs, ground cover, stamped concrete and decorative rock will be installed to help beautify the areas. This project is part of a Letter of Agreement P0008272 between the City of Lancaster and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority that will provide for landscape improvements between Avenue M and Avenue G.

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