

**STAFF REPORT**  
**City of Lancaster**

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Date: September 9, 2008

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: James R. Williams, Director of Public Works

Subject: **Acceptance of Public Works Construction Project No. 06-025  
Freeway Landscaping Improvements, Avenue L Intersection and Avenue  
K to Avenue J-8**

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**Recommendation:**

Accept the work constructed by America West Landscape, Inc., on Public Works Construction Project No. 06-025, Freeway Landscaping Improvements, Avenue L Intersection and Avenue K to Avenue J-8; direct the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion for the project; and authorize payment of the 10 percent retention 35 days after recordation, provided no stop notices, as provided by law, have been filed.

**Fiscal Impact:**

This project was awarded in the amount of \$2,820,335.05. Change orders totaling \$173,769.94 and a reduced scope of work have brought the total contract cost to \$2,836,192.35. Sufficient funds were budgeted and are available in Capital Projects Budget Account Nos. 323-15GB001-924 and 206-15GB001-924. Annual maintenance costs for this project are anticipated to be \$54,027.00.

**Background:**

On August 22, 2006, 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, Inc. This project is part of the Letter of Agreement P0008272 between the City of Lancaster and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority that provides for landscape improvements between Avenue M and Avenue G. Landscape improvements were constructed within CalTrans right-of-way along State Route 14, improving the appearance of some of the City's highly visible on-ramps and off-ramps. New trees, shrubs, ground cover, stamped concrete, and decorative rock were installed to help beautify the areas.

Construction of the project has been completed to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Works. The project was substantially completed on September 9, 2008, which was within the time permitted in the contract. The construction quantities and the amount of payment have been approved by the Contractor and the Director of Public Works.

The total contract cost is \$2,836,192.35.

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**Attachments:**

Notice of Completion  
Map