FEBRUARY 16, 2017

BELMONT SHORE PARKING AND BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA ADVISORY COMMISSION MEMBERS
City of Long Beach
California

REFERENCE: **17-011BS**

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve expenditure not to exceed $1,250,000 from the Belmont Shore Parking and Business Improvement Area Advisory Commission parking meter revenue for a project to improve the medians located on East Second Street and within the boundaries of the Belmont Shore Parking and Business Improvement Area.

DISCUSSION

The Belmont Shore Parking and Business Improvement Area Advisory Commission (Commission) requested that the City of Long Beach build on earlier efforts to upgrade the medians along Second Street from Livingston Drive to Bay Shore Avenue. The Commission expressed interest in refreshing the medians while creating a sense of consistency along the corridor with new landscaping.

With support from the Commission, the Department of Public Works engaged the services of its on-call landscape architectural professionals, Hirsch & Associates, Inc (HAI), to develop construction drawings that address several project goals, including: improve the aesthetic appeal of the median, increase maintenance and irrigation efficiency, reduce maintenance costs due to tree root damage, reduce water use, and mitigate damage to the landscape and irrigation as result of annual events.

The Department of Public Works is requesting approval of expenditure not to exceed $1,250,000 of the Belmont Shore parking meter revenue. Public Works will provide gap funding if the Commission cannot meet this initial expenditure, provided that funds be repaid as revenue becomes available. This approach will allow the project to be delivered efficiently, with the features desired, during the conceptual design phase while working within available parking meter funds.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve recommendation.