



Building A Better Long Beach

August 3, 2009

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEMBERS

City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and authorize the Executive Director to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Signal Hill for the right-of-way acquisition, design, and construction of roadway improvements to Cherry Avenue between 19th Street and Pacific Coast Highway. (Central – District 1)

DISCUSSION

The City of Signal Hill has requested to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Long Beach Redevelopment Agency (Agency) to construct street improvements on Cherry Avenue between 19th Street and Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) in the City of Long Beach.

The City of Signal Hill received \$6 million in grant funding from the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the Federal Highway Administration to eliminate the traffic queuing in the southbound lanes on Cherry Avenue.

The Cherry Avenue Widening Project (Project) (Exhibit A) will provide for two southbound and two northbound through-lanes on Cherry Avenue at PCH with the addition of a right-turn lane for the southbound approach and dedicated left-turn lanes for both northbound and southbound approaches. A continuous two-way left-turn lane will be provided between the intersections for access to existing businesses. Right-of-way acquisition will be required primarily along the west line of Cherry Avenue with a few minor acquisitions along the east line. On-street parking on Cherry Avenue south of PCH will be removed by the proposed improvements.

The proposed MOU states that the City of Signal Hill will reimburse the Agency for all land purchased to construct the Project, as well as pay all costs associated with the Project including eminent domain actions, appraisals, tenant relocation, acquisition consultants, and other professional services as necessary.

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SUGGESTED ACTION:

Adopt recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Beck', with a stylized flourish at the end.

CRAIG BECK
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

CB:AJB:SR

Attachment: Exhibit A – Site Map

CHERRY AVENUE WIDENING PROJECT

