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SUBJECT: Receive and File Status report on the Gateway Sign Project

## DISCUSSION

Last year, the Commission recommended that staff spend up to \$19,000 for engineering design of the Gateway Sign by Willdan Engineering. Willdan Engineering was the preferred service provider because the City already had a contract with the firm through the Public Works Department, which could be utilized for the design work.

This project has required extensive discussions between city departments related to the appropriate allocation of responsibilities in support of the project in advance of proceeding with the design work. Part of the result of these discussions was that the current city contract with Willdan Engineering could not be used for the sign design, because the terms of that contract restricted it to other types of engineering services. A new design contract for the gateway sign would require an extensive and lengthy selection process. However, Public Works has identified an open contract with AECOM USA Inc., which may be utilized. Public Works is in the process of obtaining a proposal AECOM for this design work. Staff will continue to advise the Commission as this project proceeds.

## RECOMMENDATION

Recommend receive and file status report on the Gateway Sign Project.