

CITY OF DANA POINT
AGENDA REPORT

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DATE: FEBRUARY 25, 2004

TO: CITY MANAGER/CITY COUNCIL

**FROM LAWRENCE D. PIERCE, INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
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BRIAN E. MCCLURE, PARKS MANAGER**

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE CONCEPTUAL DESIGN FOR MODIFICATIONS
TO THE LANDSCAPED MEDIAN ON GOLDEN LANTERN FROM DEL
PRADO TO DANA POINT HARBOR DRIVE**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the City Council (1) approve the conceptual design for modifications to the landscaped median on Golden Lantern from Del Prado to Dana Point Harbor Drive.

ISSUES:

City staff has identified several trees that are in need of replacement in the landscaped median on Golden Lantern between Del Prado and Dana Point Harbor Drive. Since the trees are in need of replacement, staff developed an overall plan to improve the median for consideration by the Council. Staff recommends that Council approve the conceptual design for modifications to the landscaped median on Golden Lantern from Del Prado to Dana Point Harbor Drive.

BACKGROUND:

The two Golden Lantern medians between Del Prado and Dana Point Harbor Drive are currently planted with over 40 sycamore trees. Unfortunately, this species of trees does not thrive in our coastal environment and as a result the trees are stunted and many are diseased. The City's arborist has inspected the trees and has recommended that they be removed.

In addition to the diseased trees, both medians also have landscaping that is aged and in need of renovation. Irrigation problems have also contributed to the decline of the landscaping but these issues have already been addressed in a prior project.

DISCUSSION:

Staff is suggesting removing all the sycamore trees from the two medians and planting ornamental pears and jacarandas. These trees were selected for their aesthetics as well as their height, so as not to severely impact the views of the neighboring communities.

The landscaping would be removed and replaced with sod with two flowers beds on the north and south corners. These flower beds would be changed on a quarterly basis and would add color to the ends of the medians.

The conceptual design described herein is included as Supporting Document A. City staff recommends that Council approve the conceptual design and authorize staff to complete the improvements.

NOTIFICATION/FOLLOW-UP:

None.

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

In compliance with the Strategic Plan Initiative to maintain, modernize and beautify the City's infrastructure and neighborhoods, this project implements the tactical element of improving two medians on Golden Lantern between Del Prado and Dana Point Harbor Drive.

FISCAL IMPACT:

We anticipated that their effort will not cost more than \$40,000. The City of Dana Point has sufficient funding in the General Park Rehabilitation Program to accomplish this project.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS:

1. Do not approve the expenditure and provide direction to staff.

ACTION DOCUMENTS:

None

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

A. Conceptual Design Plan (hard copy provided)