



CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Accept Lodi Avenue Design Guideline Report, Authorize Staff to Proceed with Preparation of Plans and Specifications to Construct Project, and Adopt Resolution Authorizing Staff to Submit Measure K Smart Growth Incentive Program Grant Application

MEETING DATE: July 2, 2008

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the Lodi Avenue Design Guideline Report, authorize staff to proceed with preparation of plans and specifications to construct project, and adopt resolution authorizing staff to submit Measure K Smart Growth Incentive Program grant application.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In 2007, staff initiated the planning steps for reconstruction of Lodi Avenue from Cherokee Lane to Union Pacific Railroad. City staff presented Lodi Avenue Design Guideline project information to City Council at a Shirtsleeve Session in April 2008. As presented at the Shirtsleeve Session, Exhibit A provides a summary of project outreach efforts, milestone actions, and the proposed implementation schedule.

The following direction is requested from the City Council in order to move the project to construction in 2009:

1. Accept the Lodi Avenue Design Guideline Report

Over the past year, City staff has worked with the planning design consultant, Moore Iacofano Goltsman (MIG), on organizing and facilitating several steering committee meetings, a walking tour, two community workshops, design guidelines, and preliminary design alternatives for the Lodi Avenue Project. This project is a continuation of the Lodi Central City Railroad Safety Improvement Project and the 2005/06 Eastside Mobility and Access Plan (EMAP). Through the public workshops and steering committee input, MIG developed two alternatives with phasing strategy as described below:

Alternative 1 provides a four-lane roadway with bulb-outs at key intersections and adjacent to various residential or commercial areas for landscaping or plaza seating and a four-foot raised landscaping median. Phase 1 (Exhibit B) provides pavement-treated crosswalks, handicapped ramps at all corner crosswalks, improved signage and pedestrian amenities, and improved street lighting. Phase 2 (Exhibit C) provides additional bulb-outs adjacent to various residential or commercial areas for landscaping or plaza seating. The extent of the pedestrian, street lighting, traffic calming, and median elements will in part be determined by the funding that can be secured for the project.

Alternative 2 (Exhibit D) provides a two-lane roadway, wider center median treatment, wider sidewalk and landscape strip. This alternative is considerably more expensive than Alternative 1 and requires additional detailed traffic and environmental studies. As pedestrian activity substantially increases along Lodi Avenue, the street can transform into a fully pedestrian-oriented environment with 12-foot tree-lined sidewalks between Cherokee Lane and Stockton Street.

APPROVED: _____
Blair King, City Manager

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A summary presentation of the Design Guideline Report will be given to the City Council. A copy of the entire report is on file in the Public Works Department. Staff recommends City Council accept the Design Guideline Report. At this time, staff recommends Council move forward with the implementation of Alternative 1.

2. Authorize Staff to Proceed with Preparation of Plans and Specifications

Staff recommends City Council authorize City staff to proceed with the preparation of the plans and specifications for Alternative 1 (existing four-lane configuration) as described above. Since the project is funding constrained, the project design will include features such as bulb-outs, medians, improved street lighting, upgraded traffic signal equipment, landscaping, and street furniture as permitted by the secured funding.

At this time, the City has received Proposition (Prop) 1B funds (\$1,019,665) for FY 2007/08 for Lodi Avenue improvements. In July 2008, City staff will submit another funding proposal request to the State Department of Finance for additional Prop 1B funds (\$900,000) earmarked for FY 2008/09. Other funding sources include Electric Utility Department Public Benefit, Transportation Development Act (TDA), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and Measure K Smart Growth Incentive Program grant funds. The approximately \$2 million in Prop 1B funds would be sufficient to remove the railroad tracks; reconstruct four travel lanes plus parking; and install striping/legends, pedestrian signage, pedestrian enhanced crosswalks, signal loop detection, handicapped ramps, and improved ADA-compliant driveways.

3. Adopt Resolution Authorizing Staff to Submit a Measure K Smart Growth Incentive Program Grant Application

After City Council's approval, City staff will submit a Measure K Smart Growth Incentive Program grant application. San Joaquin Council of Government has a total of \$1.5 million identified this year for Smart Growth Incentive Program projects for local agencies. The types of improvements include infrastructure improvements which encourage pedestrian, bicycle and transit trips; transit access improvements; street calming and streetscape improvement projects; and walkable community projects. The grant application will include these types of improvements for the Lodi Avenue project.

FISCAL IMPACT: None at this time.

FUNDING AVAILABLE: Proposition 1B funding (\$120,000 in-house surveying and design engineering)

Kirk Evans, Budget Manager

F. Wally Sandelin
Public Works Director

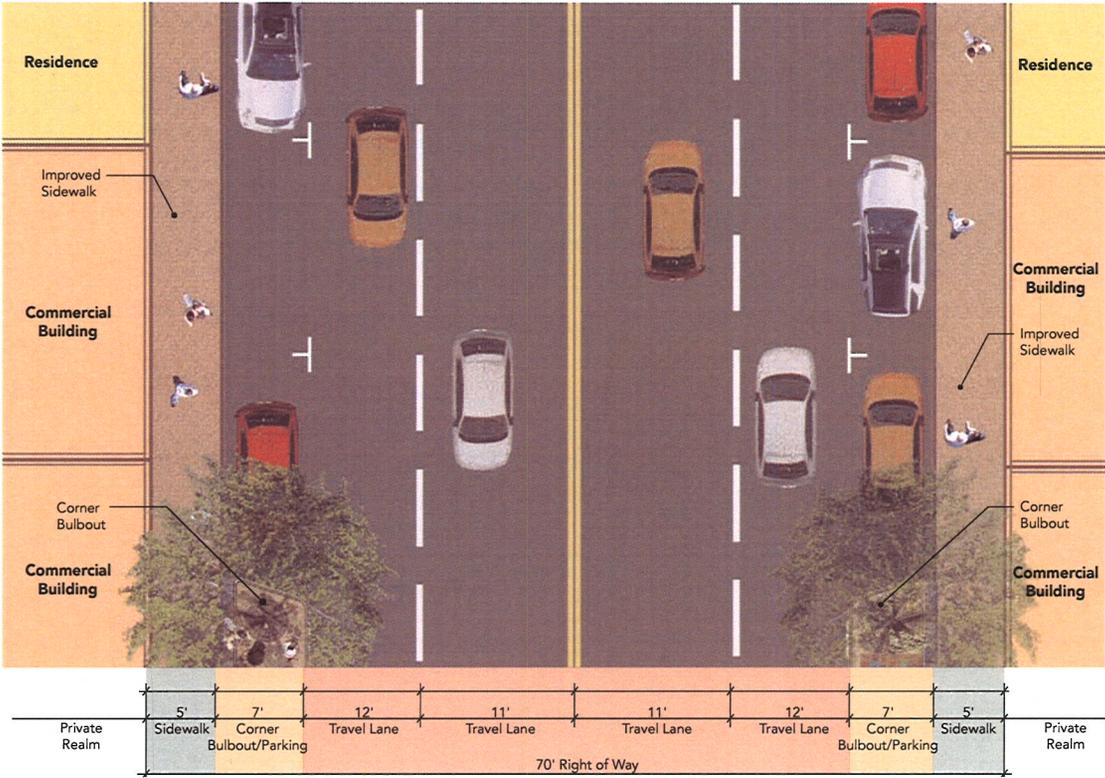
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Attachments
cc: Steering Committee Members
MIG

Exhibit A

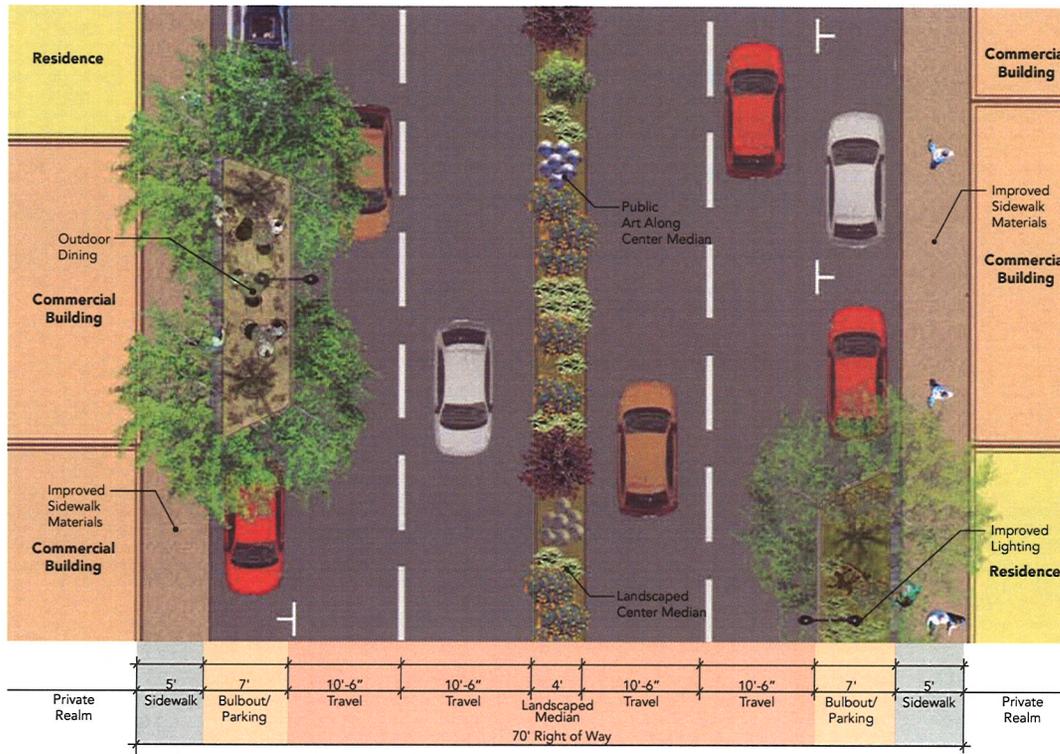
Project Summary and Implementation Schedule

- June 6, 2007 Council adopts a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the professional services agreement with MIG (\$80,000 appropriated)
- August 2007
 1. Steering Committee Kickoff meeting and Walking Tour
 2. Outreach to Lodi Avenue businesses to join the Steering Committee
- September 2007
 1. Steering Committee Meeting No. 2
 2. Community Workshop No. 1 (What should Lodi Avenue look like in the future?)
 3. Comment Card Distribution (If you missed the September Community Workshop, please take the time to share your ideas)
- December 2007 Memo to Council with Community Workshop Summary
- January 2008 Community Workshop No. 2 (Lodi Avenue Preliminary Design Concepts)
- February 2008 Council adopts a resolution approving the East Lodi Avenue Reconstruction project for Proposition 1B Phase I funding (\$1.9 million)
- April 2008 Shirtsleeve (Council update and distribution of preliminary design guidelines)
- **July 2008** **Request the following direction from City Council:**
 - 1. Accept the Lodi Avenue Design Guideline Report**
 - 2. Authorize staff to proceed with the preparation of plans and specifications to construct project**
 - 3. Submit Prop 1B funding proposal to the State Dept. of Finance**
- August 2008 Submit Measure K Smart Growth Incentive Program Grant Application
- Spring 2009 Request Council approve plans and specifications and authorize bids for construction
- Summer 2009 Begin project construction
- Summer 2010 Project acceptance by Council

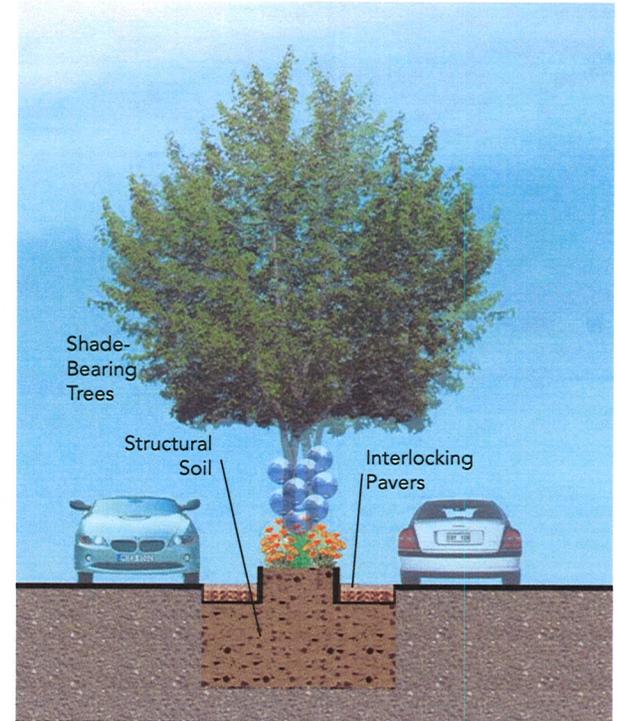
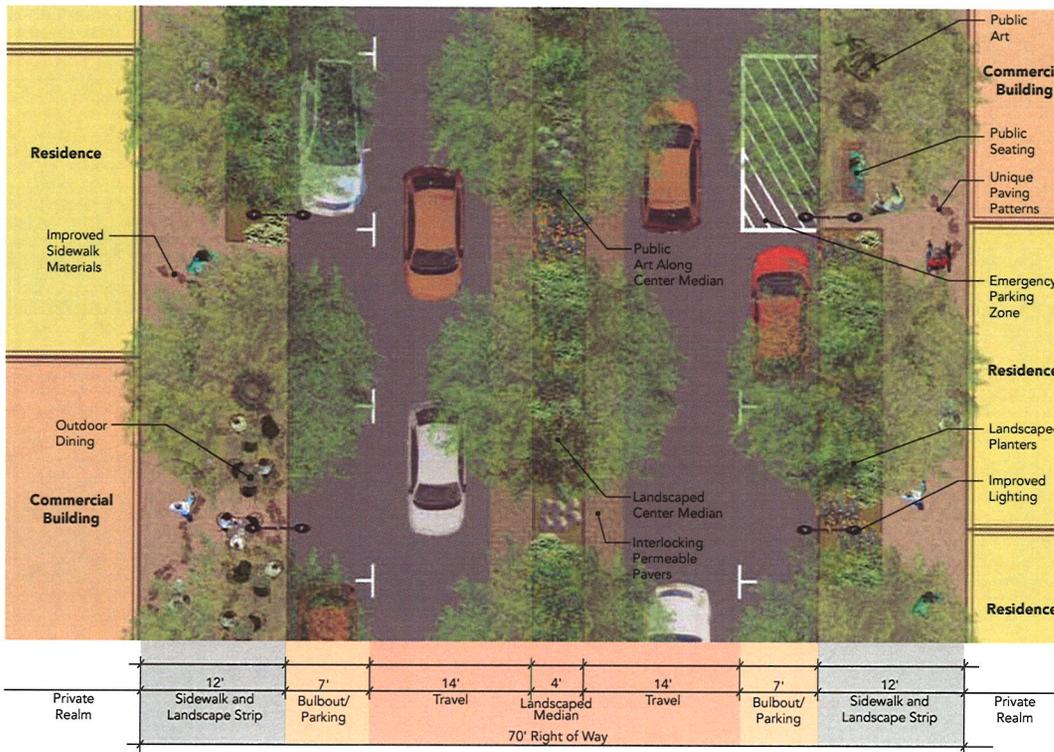
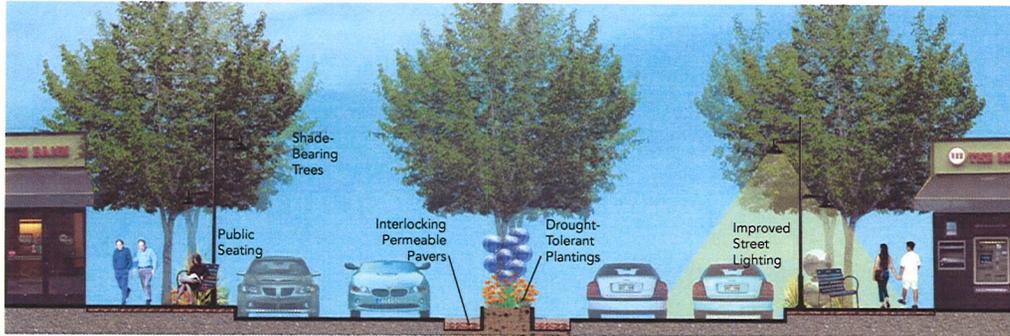
LODI AVENUE ALTERNATIVE ONE - PHASE ONE



LODI AVENUE ALTERNATIVE ONE - PHASE TWO



LODI AVENUE ALTERNATIVE TWO



Detail of median with expanded soil capacity

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING
SUBMISSION OF MEASURE K SMART GROWTH INCENTIVE
PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION TO SAN JOAQUIN
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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WHEREAS, over the past year, City staff has worked with the planning design consultant, Moore Iacofano Goltsman (MIG) on organizing and facilitating several steering committee meetings, walking tour, two community workshops, preparing design guidelines, and preliminary design alternatives for Lodi Avenue from Cherokee Lane to the Union Pacific Railroad. The project is a continuation of the Lodi Central City Railroad Safety Improvement Project and the 2005/2006 Eastside Mobility and Access Plan (EMAP); and

WHEREAS, San Joaquin Council of Governments has a total of \$1.5 million identified this year for Measure K Smart Growth Incentive Program projects for local agencies; and

WHEREAS, the types of improvements included in the Measure K Smart Growth Incentive Program include infrastructure improvements which encourage pedestrian, bicycle and transit trips; transit improvements; street calming and streetscape improvement projects; and walkable community projects; and

WHEREAS, the Measure K Smart Growth Incentive Program grant application will include these types of improvements for Lodi Avenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council does hereby authorize staff to submit a Measure K Smart Growth Incentive Program grant application to the San Joaquin Council of Governments for funding for improvements to Lodi Avenue from Cherokee Lane to the Union Pacific Railroad.

Dated: July 2, 2008

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2008-_____ was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held July 2, 2008, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS –

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS –

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS –

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS –

RANDI JOHL
City Clerk