

**LODI CITY COUNCIL  
SHIRTSLEEVE SESSION  
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET  
TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2013**

A. Roll Call by City Clerk

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, March 19, 2013, commencing at 7:00 a.m.

Present: Council Member Hansen, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Mounce, Mayor Pro Tempore Katzakian, and Mayor Nakanishi

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Bartlam, City Attorney Schwabauer, and City Clerk Johl

B. Topic(s)

B-1 Receive Information on Harney Lane Grade Separation Project Environmental Review and Design (PW)

City Manager Rad Bartlam briefly introduced the subject matter of the status of the Harney Lane/Highway 99 Grade Separation Project.

Public Works Director Wally Sandelin and Consultant Rob Himes of the Mark Thomas Company provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the status of the Harney Lane grade separation project. Specific topics of discussion included the location of the project, project development process, overhead alternative with embankment, selection process, environmental studies, landscaping elements, visual impacts, and next steps toward project completion.

In response to Council Member Mounce, Mr. Sandelin stated the new landscaping will be maintained by the City through the General Fund, a community facilities district for the area could help to offset the landscaping costs in the future, approximately 1,100 residential units are anticipated to be constructed in the Reynolds Ranch development by 2016, and the overpass construction is expected to be completed close to that time frame as well.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Katzakian, Mr. Sandelin stated the cost of the project remains the same as originally estimated at approximately \$20 million.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Thomas confirmed there will be sidewalks on the overpass but not down Harney Lane.

In response to Mayor Nakanishi, Mr. Thomas stated trees on an embankment approach are standard for these types of projects and the projected landscaping is preliminary in design.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Thomas stated the utilities involved in the utility relocation include AT&T, Lodi Electric, PG&E, and other City utilities.

In response to Council Member Mounce, Mr. Sandelin confirmed that staff has already been having discussions with AT&T and it understands the time line for the project.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Sandelin confirmed that Hutchins Street to Highway 99 will be four lanes at project completion.

In response to Gary Armstrong, Mr. Thomas reviewed the location of the planned service road

and fence area as shown on the visual impacts slide.

In response to Greg Costa, Mr. Bartlam stated future sound wall construction and additional landscaping would be the responsibility of the developer of the site and specific requirements are not outlined at the current time to retain flexibility for either residential or commercial development. Mr. Thomas confirmed that the sidewalks will be symmetrical. Mr. Costa indicated a preference for a public hearing after the cherry picking season ended in late June.

In response to Mayor Nakanishi, Mr. Sandelin stated funds for the \$20 million project included \$11 million in federal funds, \$2 million in PUC funds, \$1 million in railroad funds, \$1 million in local funds, and various other sources make up the remainder.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Thomas briefly reviewed the time line associated with additional project reports, after which the project will come back to the City Council for approval.

In response to Mayor Nakanishi, Mr. Sandelin stated he will provide the anticipated cost estimate for the grade separation landscaping as requested.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Thomas stated the project is eligible for 190 funding in the approximate amount of \$5 million and the chances of receiving the funds are good because the project is ranked 10 on the list.

C. Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

None.

D. Adjournment

No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 a.m.

ATTEST:

Randi Johl  
City Clerk