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MEMO

To: City Council, Mayor Shaw
From: Rod Johnson, P.E.

Re: East Blvd Median Landscaping

Per your request, we offer the following comments regarding the East Blvd Median from St. Joseph St. to Quincy St.:

- An East Blvd Corridor Study was adopted by the City Council in 1993. Portions of the plan relative to this area are attached.
- This section of street is currently programmed for reconstruction in 2008/2009.
- Because street and drainage improvements could be substantial, any median improvements now would probably be lost during reconstruction.
- Complete median landscaping upgrades, including irrigation, would cost \$10,000 to \$20,000. At this time, we would not recommend this.
- The unsightly pine tree could be removed or replaced.
- Other median trees could be added. However, without irrigation, survival is dependent on precipitation. Cost: \$300 to \$500 per tree.

In conclusion, we recommend that minimal improvements be made at this time due to the programmed reconstruction. The design and construction of the future improvements should then be made in accordance with the East Boulevard Corridor Study or as approved by the Council.



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- 19.) Use colorful railroad ballast to help accentuate the railroad crossing area.
- 20.) Pedestrian sidewalk is needed here.
- 21.) Planting design enhancement needed here on all four node corners of this intersection.
- 22.) Removal, relocation or modification of commercial signs to help lessen the visual impact on the corridor.
- 23.) Planting of additional street trees is highly recommended along with the installation of appropriate streetscape elements such as pedestrian lights, waste receptacles, benches, etc.
- 24.) Planting design enhancement needed here on all four node corners of this intersection.
- 25.) Planting design enhancement needed here on all four node corners of this intersection.
- 26.) Installation of a paved frontage road is recommended here.
- 27.) Appropriate planting design needed here in boulevard island area.
- 28.) Pedestrian sidewalk is needed here.
- 29.) Planting design enhancement needed here on all four node corners of this intersection.

