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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Shaw
City Council
Craig Grotenhouse, Beautification Committee
Jim Preston, Finance Officer
Marcia Elkins, Growth Management Director
Jerry Cole, Parks and Recreation Director
Dirk Jablonski, Public Works Director

From: Rod Johnson, PE

Re: Saint Joseph Street Landscaping

The Beautification Committee has received a \$25,000 Stearns Foundation Grant for landscape improvements (plant material) on Saint Joseph Street from Sixth Street to East Blvd. The Public Works Department has completed a detailed estimate of the entire cost of the project at approximately \$270,000. Of that amount, over \$60,000 is for plant material.

The committee recommended that the City submit a SDDOT Enhancement Grant Application. If successful, this grant could cover about 82%, or \$220,000, of the project costs. A \$50,000 local match would be required.

On April 18, 2005, the City Council authorized staff to prepare an ISTEAGrant Application for this project. With the current \$25,000 match, about half of the project can be completed. To complete the project, an additional \$25,000 match would be needed. Based on our last Enhancement Grant Application, the match would have to be secured prior to submittal of the application.

We are requesting clarification and direction from the Council regarding this application. Coincidentally, similar improvements are being proposed with the Kansas City Street Reconstruction Project. The Beautification Committee recommended against including this in the Grant Application due to timing concerns.



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