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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Public Works Committee  
FROM: Bill Lass, Senior Planner  
DATE: 1/22/01  
RE: West Memorial Park

The City Council on January 15, 2001 voted to move the location of the proposed public Xeriscape demonstration garden from West Memorial Park to Roosevelt Park. As you may recall, the City Council on April 3, 2000 directed Staff to prepare a Transportation Enhancement Act (TEA-21) grant application in the amount of \$300,000 to fund implementation of the entire master plan for West Memorial Park.

Staff time is now available to proceed with writing of the grant application; however, a significant portion of the TEA-21 grant match funding is no longer available for improvements at this site. Staff would now like direction as to whether or not the City Council wishes to pursue a TEA-21 grant application for West Memorial Park at this time. Based upon the original \$30,000 pledge by the Beautification Committee, a maximum grant application of \$136,204 could be submitted for a total project of \$166,204. This would fund slightly less than the Phase I and Phase II portions of the master plan based upon 1999 cost estimates. At their January 5, 2001 meeting the Mayor's Beautification Committee approved a motion acknowledging the worth of the Xeriscape demonstration project at Roosevelt Park but also recommended that the Committee's original pledge of \$30,000 be retained for West Memorial Park.

Your direction in whether or not to proceed with the TEA-21 grant application is greatly appreciated.

Thank you.