



**DATE:** November 16, 2021

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Director of Public Works

**SUBJECT:** Adopt a Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications and Calling for Bids for the Mission Boulevard Linear Park Landscape Project

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Council adopts the attached resolution (Attachment II) approving the plans and specifications for the construction of the Mission Boulevard Linear Park Landscape Project, and calls for bids to be received on November 30, 2021.

### **SUMMARY**

The Mission Boulevard Linear Park Landscape Project (Project) will provide improvements to the linear park adjacent to portions of the Mission Boulevard Corridor Improvements Phase 2 project. The construction documents are completed, and staff seeks Council's approval of the plans and specifications and call for bids.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Linear Park is on the east side of Mission Boulevard from approximately 600 feet south of Blanche Street to 500 feet north of Fairway Street, and is approximately 5,000 feet long and varies in width from 50 to 65 feet. The Linear Park currently consists of an asphalt path, grasses, trees, and shrubs. The Mission Boulevard Corridor Improvements Phase 2 project removed trees that were in declining health, replaced the asphalt path, added new pedestrian lighting, and installed the main irrigation water line within the Linear Park. The landscape improvements were not included in the Phase 2 project because the cost estimate during the design phase exceeded the project budget.

Below is a list of major milestones for the Mission Boulevard Linear Park Landscape project:

- October 2019: Introduction of the project to Council Infrastructure Committee (CIC) for scope options and associated costs.

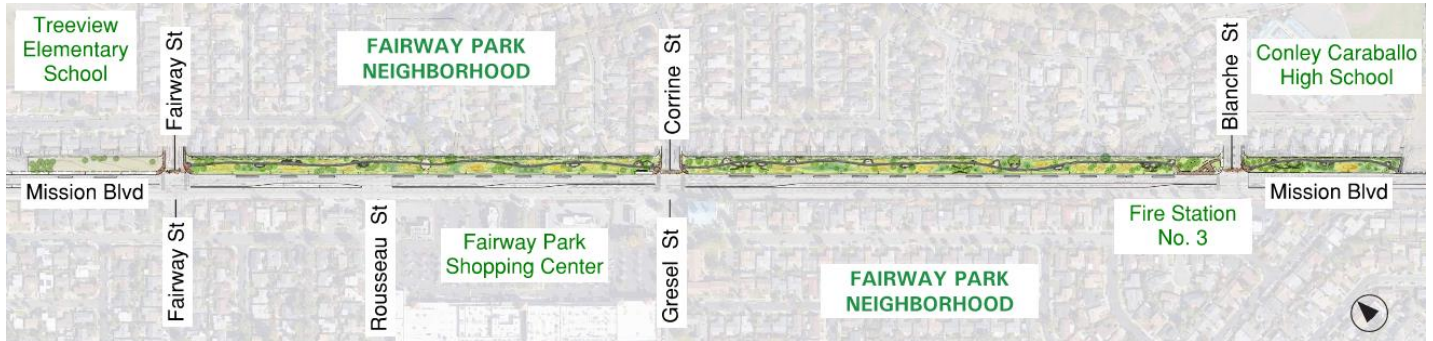
- June 2020: Council adopted a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with SurfaceDesign, Inc., (SDI) for the design of the Mission Boulevard Linear Park Landscape Project.
- August 2020: SDI began pre-design data collection and field survey.
- September 2020: Staff and SDI held first community meetings both virtual and onsite tent events to gather input for the conceptual design including a post meeting survey for additional community input.
- October 2020: CIC meeting for a project update including community input to be considered in the conceptual design.
- December 2020: Staff and SDI held a second virtual community meeting to present the conceptual design and gather input.
- March 2021: Design development level completed.
- April 2021: CIC meeting for a project update.
- June 2021: Staff and SDI held the third and final virtual community meeting to present the design development and gather input.
- July 2021: CIC meeting for the update on the final design.
- November 2021: Construction documents completed.

## **DISCUSSION**

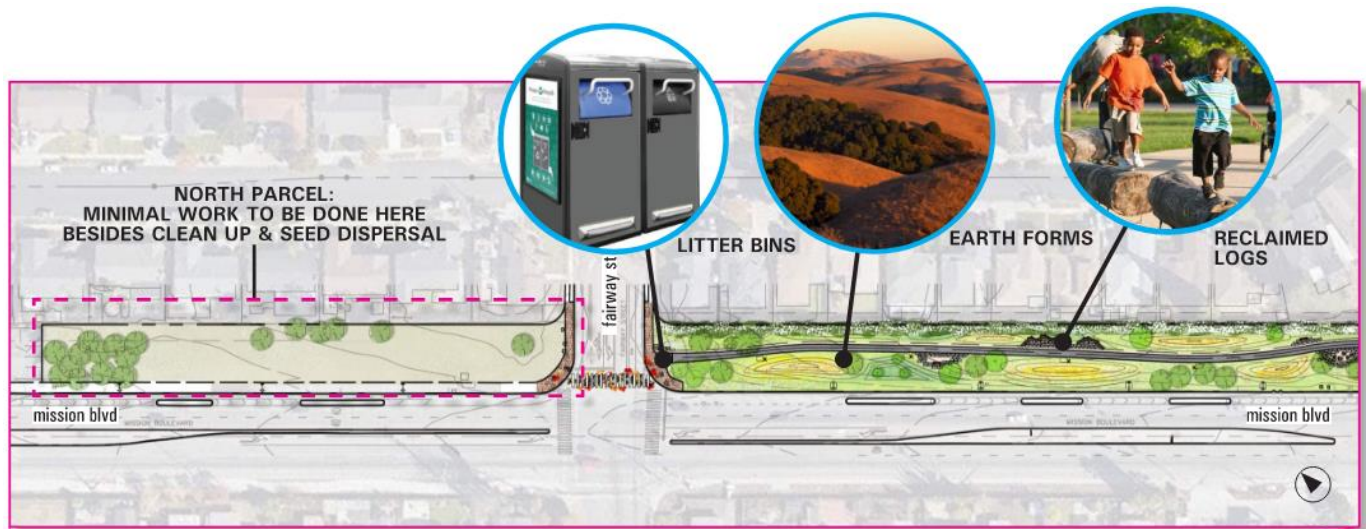
From the beginning through the end phases of design, the process for making improvements to the Linear Park Landscape project included collaboration with community members through three meetings. After each community meeting, staff provided updates to the CIC and received comments and direction. The construction documents are now complete and include the following features:

- Reshape the flat landscape areas, using cut and fill to create earth forms that echo the East Bay Hills
- Plant new trees, no-mow grass, native plants, wildflowers, and irrigation
- Realign the existing asphalt path at two locations
- Add decomposed granite shoulder along the existing path for alternative surface for walker/runners as well as making it dog friendly
- Create expanded paving areas and pathways using recycled concrete
- Add seating using reclaimed timbers and upcycled accent seating
- Add boulders
- Install Bigbelly trash and recycling receptacles and pet waste stations

- Add art crosswalk
- Provide privacy to adjacent properties by removing invasive plants, planting new shrubs and limbing up existing oleander along existing fencing
- Add shade trellis at Corrine Street bus stop
- Minimal improvements (clean-up & broadcast wildflower seeds) to section north of Fairway Street due to potential sale of City-owned property



*Linear Park Landscape project limit of work on the eastside of Mission Blvd from Fairway Street to the south city limit*



*Features to include Bigbelly trash and recycling receptacles, new earth forms and reclaimed logs*



*Other features include new planting, using upcycled material and pet waste stations*



*The addition of a shade trellis at the Corrine Street bus stop*

With the completion of the construction documents, staff seeks the Council’s approval of the plans and specifications and call for bids to be received on December 14, 2021.

Environmental review of the Linear Park project was included in the review of the Mission Boulevard Phase 2 project. Phase 2, including the Linear Park, was determined to be categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines for the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

## **ECONOMIC IMPACT**

Completion of the landscape improvements will provide the final aspect of the complete streets total project for this portion of Mission Boulevard by providing additional pedestrian and bicycle facilities, recreation facilities which will result in positive economic benefits for nearby businesses and increased property values for residential areas adjacent to the Linear Park.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

This landscaping project is funded by the Route 238 Corridor Improvement Fund. Currently, the adopted FY20 CIP includes \$2,813,000 for the project.

The estimated project costs are as follows:

	Estimated Cost
Construction	\$2,000,000
Construction Contingency	\$200,000
Design	\$400,000
Construction Admin, Inspection, Testing	\$213,000
Project Total	\$2,813,000

Currently, there is sufficient funding based on the estimates. This construction cost will be re-evaluated after bids are received and if there is a shortfall, a source of funding will come from the potential sale of the City-owned property north of Fairway. The estimated project cost is based on the improvements outlined in the Discussion section and does not include new fencing along the existing fencing, additional exercise equipment, or sound walls, which were requested through community meetings. For these improvements, additional funding will be needed.

## **STRATEGIC ROADMAP**

This agenda item supports the Strategic Priority of Improve Infrastructure. Specifically, this item relates to the implementation of the following project:

Project 7: Improve Mission Boulevard as a key 'Gateway to the City'

## **SUSTAINABILITY FEATURES**

1. Water: The project will include the installation of drought tolerant plants to reduce water usage.
2. Environment: This project will implement ReScape California (initially Bay-Friendly Landscaping) techniques to use native and climate appropriate plants for the linear park. The project will be reviewed for ReScape certification after the project design is complete.

3. Bike and Ped: The project will provide a pleasant, safe, and inviting environment for walking, jogging, casual biking, and exercise.

## **PUBLIC CONTACT**

As part of the design process, staff and the design consultant held three community meetings on September 25, 2020, December 10, 2020, and June 23, 2021. Based on the presentation of the conceptual design and design development, the feedback from the community members who provided input was overall positive. Information about the project can also be found on the project webpage: <https://hayward-ca.gov/Linear-Park>. After the construction contract is awarded, a preliminary project notice will be distributed to residents along the linear park and nearby neighborhoods.

## **NEXT STEPS**

The following is the tentative schedule for this project:

Open Bids	December 14, 2021
Award Construction Contract	January 18, 2022
Begin Construction	February 14, 2022
Complete Construction	Summer 2022

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