




Department of
Community Investment

Memorandum

Monday, June 22, 2015

TO: Redevelopment Commission
FROM: Michael Divita 
SUBJECT: Project Budget for Western Avenue Corridor Improvements

As part of its implementation of the *West Side Main Streets Revitalization Plan*, the City of South Bend will be making a series of infrastructure improvements to Western Avenue to create an environment more inviting to commercial and residential investment. A budget of \$750,000 from the River West Development Area is sought to assist with these improvements.

As part of the 2015 Western Avenue street improvements project, the lane striping on Western Avenue will be revised between William and Sheridan Streets to be one lane in each direction with a center left-turn lane. As space and demand dictate, on-street parking and bicycle facilities will be added. Sections of sidewalk in poor condition will be replaced throughout the corridor. Additionally, the three block section of Western Avenue between Dundee Street and Bendix Drive will receive full streetscape work. The curbs, sidewalks, driveway approaches, and street pavement will be replaced. Street trees and decorative lighting will be added, and new sections of water main and sewer will be installed. Construction is expected to start in July and be completed in November 2015.

The City's Board of Public Works opened bids on this project on June 18. The low bid was \$2,783,287.01. To finance this project, River West Development Area funds are requested to supplement funding from the TIF Infrastructure Bond and the Major Moves account.

Staff requests approval of a project budget of \$750,000 from the River West Development Area for Western Avenue street improvements.

