




Department of
Community Investment

Memorandum

August 24, 2015

TO: Redevelopment Commission
FROM: Chris Dressel, Staff 
SUBJECT: City Cemetery Master Plan: Colfax Avenue Improvements – Phase I

Staff requests the Redevelopment Commission's approval of project budget for Phase I of the Colfax Streetscape Improvements in the amount of \$300,000 as part of a master revitalization plan for the City Cemetery area.

Colfax Avenue is a key corridor for visitors to the cemetery. As identified during the master plan process, there's a need for an improved appearance and cemetery access for Colfax and other streets immediately surrounding the cemetery.

Phase IA of the project will include the planting of trees between LaSalle Connector and William Street. The total number of trees will be increased to create a consistent, uniform appearance and only trees that are dead, dying, or diseased would be removed, including any stumps. Phase IA of the project will take place in Fall 2015.

Phase IB of the project includes conversion of the block between LaSalle Connector and Laporte Avenue from 1 to 2 way traffic and at a minimum is anticipated to include a reconfiguration of traffic lanes and a traffic study for intersections within the project area. Phase IB of the project will take place in 2016.

If you should have any questions or are in need of more information, please feel free to contact me at either cdressel@southbendin.gov or 235-5847.

