Department of
Community Investment

Redevelopment Commission Agenda Item
Monday, June 13, 2016

TO: Redevelopment Commission

FROM: Michael Divita *MD*

SUBJECT: Project Budget for Western Avenue Streetscape Improvements

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Staff requests approval of an initial project budget of $375,000 from the River West Development Area for the engineering and construction of Western Avenue streetscape improvements. Further funds for construction will be requested in early 2017.

As part of its implementation of the *West Side Main Streets Revitalization Plan*, the City of South Bend wishes to make continued streetscape improvements to Western Avenue to create an environment more inviting to commercial and residential investment. This project would have two main elements: 1) improvements to the Western Avenue-Olive Street intersection, and 2) four blocks of streetscape work. Following the City's purchase and demolition of the former Polish National Alliance property at the northwest corner of Western and Olive, the intersection will be reviewed for possible changes, such as curb radii, lane alignments, and signal timings, to better accommodate traffic moving through the intersection. Streetscape improvements would be made on Western Avenue between Olive Street and Bendix Drive; this work would be consistent with the improvements completed between Bendix Drive and Dundee Street last year. 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.

Engineering work will proceed through the remainder of 2016. Tentatively, the project will be bid in early 2017 for construction starting in the spring.

INTERNAL USE ONLY: Project Code:_ 16JW01_____
Total Amount new/change (inc/dec) in budget: $375,000_____; broken down by:
Acct #324.1050.460.42.03 Amt:_$375,000_; Acct #_____ Amt:_____;
Acct #_____ Amt:_____; Acct #_____ Amt:_____;
Going to BPW for Contracting? Y/N
Is this item ready to encumber now? Engineering contract will be encumbered upon BPW approval_
Existing PO#_____Inc/Dec $_____