



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

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**BELMONT SHORE PARKING AND BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA ADVISORY COMMISSION MEMBERS**  
City of Long Beach  
California

**REFERENCE: 16-066BS**

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve expenditure not to exceed \$100,000 for Plans, Specifications and an Estimate (PS&E) to improve the medians located on East Second Street and within the boundaries of the Belmont Shore Parking and Business Improvement Area.

## DISCUSSION

The Belmont Shore Parking and Business Improvement Area Advisory Commission (Commission) requested that the City of Long Beach build on earlier efforts to provide upgrades to the median island along Second Street from Livingston Drive to Bay Shore Avenue. The Commission expressed interest in refreshing the medians while creating a sense of consistency along the corridor with new landscaping.

The Department of Public Works engaged the services of its on-call landscape architectural professionals, Hirsch & Associates, Inc (HAI), to gather community feedback and develop a conceptual design for the medians. After a series of community meetings, HAI developed a final concept that addresses several project goals, including: improve the aesthetic appeal of the median, increase maintenance and irrigation efficiency, reduce maintenance costs due to tree root damage, reduce water use, and mitigate damage to the landscape and irrigation as result of annual events. In addition, the project will reinforce a sense of place for the Belmont Shore business and residential communities.

The Department of Public Works is requesting approval of \$100,000 of the Belmont Shore parking meter revenue to complete PS&E in order to advertise and bid the project. In addition to irrigation and landscaping, the final design could include lighting elements, new flag poles and enhanced crosswalks as was discussed during community outreach meetings. These items will be bid as options, which means the City can decide to not award those bid items if the cost is too high. The City will work with the Commission to approve a final construction budget prior to the City Council awarding the contract.

## RECOMMENDATION

Approve recommendation.