



## Transportation Committee

February 28, 2013

### Request to Change Scope for City of Galt Community Design Project

**Issue:** Should the city of Galt be allowed to change its scope of work for its Community Design Program awarded project?

**Recommendation:** That the Transportation Committee recommend that the Board approve the city of Galt's request for a work scope change, subject to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) also approving a STIP amendment for the project.

**Discussion:** The city of Galt is requesting to change to its scope of work and reduce the local funding match for its Community Design Project awarded in December 2011. Every two years, the SACOG Community Design Program provides funding to cities, counties, transit and air quality districts in Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties (Placer and El Dorado counties have their own programs). The program seeks to provide financial incentives to jurisdictions that promote implementation of Blueprint principles with physical development, leveraging other public and private funds. After SACOG awards funding, any significant changes to the scope, schedule or budget must be approved by the SACOG Board.

In its original application for the "C" Street/Central Galt Complete Streets Project, the city requested \$2.0 million and offered \$1.9 million in local redevelopment funds to improve streetscapes in its downtown. The city explains its difficulty in providing match funds since the elimination of redevelopment funds and ruling changes associated with redevelopment bonds (letter attached). The city is proposing to provide the minimum program-required match and proportionately reduce the amount of construction it would perform, while maintaining the smart growth nature of the project.

Staff believes that this request is reasonable given the circumstances that affect many local governments. The project was rated highly by the Program Advisory Committee. Staff believes that the revised scope of work and budget would have been recommended for funding by that committee.

Approved by:

Mike McKeever  
Chief Executive Officer

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## Office of the City Manager

February 14, 2013

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Subject: "C" Street / Central Galt Complete Streets Community Design Project

Dear Mr. Chew:

Thank you for taking the time to meet with Gwen Owens and Diane Nguyen regarding the City of Galt's "C" Street / Central Galt Complete Streets Project. This project is a top priority for the City of Galt and vital to the continued private investment in Galt's Old Town. As such, the City is fully committed to its timely completion. Unfortunately, the State threw us a curve when the Department of Finance recently withheld approval of project Redevelopment Agency Funding (RDA) Bond funding. While we understood that no more "new start" projects would be considered, we had not anticipated that existing projects – for which bonds had already been sold – would be affected. Given this reversal, the City believes that a phased approach, which allows the City to design and construct the project in segments, is now the best strategy. This strategy will deliver a timely project within the current funding constraints to provide a central business corridor that enhances bicycle and pedestrian access.

The City's proposal is to re-scope the project to deliver the same concept as identified in the original application, but reduce the limits of improvements on C Street to include only Sixth Street to Lincoln Way, while the grant eligible improvements on Fourth Street would remain unchanged. The scope change would result in an overall estimated construction budget for Transportation Enhancement eligible improvements of approximately \$2.25 million. The City also requests approval to reduce the required construction match from 48.72% to 11.47%, to reflect the typical required match for projects of this type.

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I've attached a summary of the proposed improvements within the corridor. Thank you again for this opportunity to work collaboratively with SACOG to facilitate the realization of the "C" Street / Central Galt Complete Streets Project. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Gwen Owens at (209) 366-7273 or [gowens@ci.galt.ca.us](mailto:gowens@ci.galt.ca.us).

Sincerely,

CITY OF GALT



Jason Behrmann  
City Manager

Attachment

c: Steven Winkler, Public Works Director  
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## **“C” Street / Central Galt Complete Streets Improvements**

### **Fourth Street Improvements:**

Improvements include - angled parking (curb, pavement drainage etc.), enhanced crosswalks (including special pavement treatment and ADA ramps), pedestrian for walkways, site furnishings (benches, trash receptacles, bollards and bike racks), and landscaping in adjacent to walkways. Landscape repair/transition from pedestrian pavements to existing open space, landscape irrigation, irrigation point of connection and controller, electrical point of connection and themed pedestrian and street lighting.

### **C Street Improvements (Sixth Street to Lincoln Way):**

Improvements include - curb realignments to provide landscape areas and new/widened pedestrian walkways, reduced street crossing distances, landscaped planter strips, landscaped median at the Lincoln Way intersection, ADA ramps and street crossings, landscape irrigation system, irrigation point of connection, electrical point of connection and themed pedestrian and street lighting, streets cape site furnishings (benches, trash receptacles, and way finding signage).