



## City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

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**Title:** Downtown Streetscape Improvements Project - Contract Amendment

**Recommendation:** That Council 1) receive a brief update on the project, 2) authorize a contract amendment in the amount of \$122,450.00 for costs associated with custom planter construction and for adding a second work shift to expedite construction time, and 3) authorize the Administrative Services Director to execute the necessary budget transfer to fund the contract amendment

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**Council Meeting Date:** 11/22/2022

**Date Prepared:** 11/17/2022

**Agenda:** Administrative

**Background Information:** On April 26, 2022, Council authorized award of a Design-Build Contract with Sierra Foothills Construction Company for the Downtown Streetscape Improvements Project. The project involves the transformation of Mill Street (from Neal to West Main Street) and portions of Main Street (from Church Street to Richardson Street) to create a pedestrian friendly, town square atmosphere, allowing restaurants and retail businesses to expand operations into the city right of way.

The water line replacement work on Mill Street has now been completed. Bollard sleeves and concrete borders at both ends of Mill Street have been installed and construction of the parklets on Main Street is scheduled to be completed at the end of this month. The temporary concrete barriers in place at all of these locations will then be removed for the winter holiday festivities.

Staff has been working with Sierra Foothills Construction in an attempt to reduce the length of time that the construction fencing will be in place on Mill Street during each phase. The Contractor has estimated that the schedule can be expedited by up to two weeks per phase by working double shifts; reducing the closure time of each block of Mill Street from the original six weeks to approximately four weeks. The additional labor and operational costs to work double shifts is \$35,570.00.

On September 27, 2022, Council directed staff to evaluate design changes to include custom planters with integrated seating in place of some of the stacked rock planters currently approved with the contract. Concrete planters with corten steel facing, metal bench frames and wooden tops and backs are proposed at four locations. Additional costs proposed by the Contractor to proceed with construction of these custom planters is \$86,880.00.

In total, to fund these schedule changes and custom planter benches, Staff is requesting authorization of a contract amendment in the amount of \$122,450.00. At Council's direction a budget transfer of General Fund reserves would be executed to fund the additions.

**Council Goals/Objectives:** The Downtown Streetscape Improvements Project executes portions of work tasks towards achieving/maintaining Strategic Plan Goal #1 - Community and Sense of Place, Goal #4 - Economic Development and Vitality and Goal #7 - Water & Wastewater Systems & Underground Infrastructure.

**Fiscal Impact:** The Downtown Streetscape Improvements Project is fully funded in the 22/23 FY CIP Budget with a combination of Measure E funds, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding, Water Rate Funds, Local Transportation Funds and General Funds. A budget transfer of additional General Funds would fund the added contract costs.

**Funds Available:** Yes

**Account #:** 300-406-66005

**Reviewed by:** City Manager