



## STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** January 22, 2025

**PRESENTER:** Jesus A. Gonzalez, City Engineer

**SUBJECT:** Public Street Right-of-Way for the Vineland Avenue Widening Project from Whitesbridge Road to 660' to the South (JG)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Council by motion adopt a resolution:

1. Approving an agreement with The J. S. and S. K. Sidhu Family 2009 Revocable Trust in the amount of \$53,600 for the purchase of public street right-of-way for the Vineland Avenue Widening Project from Whitesbridge Road to 660' to the South and;
2. Approving the Certificate of Acceptance and authorizing the City Manager to execute the same on behalf of the City.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City is in the process of finalizing its design for the Vineland Avenue Widening Project from Whitesbridge Road to 660' to the south. The project will construct the segment of Vineland Avenue to its ultimate width of 84' inclusive of sidewalk construction, sewer and water infrastructure surface elevation adjustments and storm drain inlets relocation.

Implementation of the project requires the acquisition of portions of two privately owned parcels. In October of 2019 one of the parcels was acquired, however an agreement could not be reached on the portion of parcel, spanning a frontage distance of 177.64 feet and totaling 3,908 square feet, owned by the J.S. and S.K. Sidhu Family 2009 Revocable Trust (Sidhu Trust).

In early 2024, following periodic City inquiries, Sidhu Trust representatives expressed a desire to move acquisition conversations forward to which the City outsourced right-of-way acquisition services resulting in an updated property appraisal. On October 9, 2024, Council authorized the presenting of the acquisition offer to the Sidhu Trust in the appraised value of \$53,600. The Sidhu Trust accepted the offer and signed the presented right-of-way agreement.

In order to move forward with the acquisition and close escrow, State law requires that Council accept street right-of-way for public use and the City enter into an acquisition agreement.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The estimated project cost for right-of-way is \$155,600. The City has budgeted \$90,300 from

Federal RSTP funds and \$65,300 from Local Transportation Funds. The costs include related engineering, acquisition services and the right of way purchase.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

A. Resolution w/Exhibits