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To: DDA Board of Directors  
From: Austin Colson, Director – Community & Economic Development/DDA Director  
Date: February 21, 2025  
RE: 2025 Southfield Road Hanging Flower Baskets Order

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The Beautification Committee has been working to identify plant varieties that will recreate the vibrant floral displays seen along Southfield Road last spring and summer. To achieve this, the committee contacted multiple nurseries and vendors to gather quotes and explore the best options. After reaching out to the City of Oak Park regarding their contractor for seasonal flower displays, a qualified nursery was identified—one that is also widely used by many local DDAs on an annual basis for their beautification efforts.

The estimated cost to purchase plants, new soil, and fertilizer for 40 hanging baskets from Jos. Kutchey and Sons is \$1,871. This expense has already been incorporated into the DDA’s budget for FY 2024-2025. The baskets will be delivered to the contractor, where they will be filled with new soil and flowers before being transported to the city for installation along Southfield Road.

***Suggested Motion:*** Authorize DDA Director to order flowers for the hanging flower baskets from Jos. Kutchey and Sons for an amount not to exceed \$.