



# MEMO TO CITY COUNCIL

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## Request to Include Topic on the City Council Agenda

**From:** Community Development, Parks & Recreation, & Public Works      **Meeting Date:** October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
**Presenter:** Brian McClure, Mike Barton, & Al Christy      **Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Topic:** Cost Share with ACHD For Eagle Road, Victory to Amity, Non-Transportation Improvements

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### Recommended Council Action:

Approve cost share permit for non-transportation improvements associated with ACHD's Eagle Road, Victory to Amity widening project. Non-transportation improvements include agreement for the City to install landscape improvements within roundabout islands, to reimburse ACHD for PVC sleeves to roundabouts for infrastructure, and to reimburse ACHD for fiber optic conduit.

### Background:

The associated cost share with ACHD covers several different elements all of which are considered by ACHD to be "non-transportation improvements". For these types of improvements, ACHD requires a cost share or interagency agreement.

#### Fiber Conduit:

ACHD is providing conduit for future City of Meridian fiber optic lines within this corridor, as part of the City's private fiberoptic network. The cost share is for conduit only. Trying to run fiberoptic in the future without conduit would be cost prohibitive. Typically, fiber conduit is run through a Public Works interagency agreement, but for this project was run as part of the cost share. The estimated cost of this conduit is \$54,352, and will be run through Information Technology.

#### PVC and Landscaping:

City Council has previously expressed an interest in aesthetic landscaping improvements within roundabout islands. Roundabouts associated with this project will be located at Zaldia and Eagle, and at Amity and Eagle (the existing roundabout here is being reconstructed and widened). To facilitate these improvements in the future, City staff requested PVC sleeves so that water and electrical could be run to the islands with the project. Understanding the City intended to improve the landscaping in the future, ACHD requested that the City pay for the interim treatment until permanent landscaping can be installed. Installing these sleeves with the project is much cheaper than trying to retrofit these utilities later without them. Staff estimates at least 160' of 4" PVC sleeving material will be placed under the road. While the true cost of the sleeves is unknown because the project hasn't been awarded, the City will need a budget of \$9,500 to properly prepare for any award amount.

**While this cost share permit does not include any landscaping work, which is being left up to the City, this cost share would oblige the City, within a defined period, to provide landscaping improvements at these roundabouts.** A subsequent budget amendment, likely for an interim treatment of bark will be necessary. ACHD expects that the roundabout will have an interim improvement by November 30, 2021, and a permanent improvement no later than June 30, 2022. If the City is able to complete a prototype landscape design (previously approved by Council), a permanent treatment could be completed instead. ACHD is not willing to accept bare earth as part of a completed transportation project, and is not willing to install rock (their typical treatment), understanding that the City may improve the landscaping in the future.

An interim treatment of bark, to cover approximately 3,600 square feet of area in each roundabout, is estimated to need 25 cubic yards of bark. While the true cost is unknown at this time, staff estimates a budget of \$6,250 to properly prepare for installation. Permanent improvements will depend on level of effort and final design; City Council feedback on design concepts will be solicited at a future meeting. Parks and Recreation Department staff will discuss a budget amendment for interim and/or permanent improvements at a future meeting. If this cost share is approved a budget amendment will be required, plus the cost for perpetual maintenance of these items.