



MEMO TO CITY COUNCIL

Request to Include Topic on the City Council Agenda

From:	Mike Barton, Parks & Recreation	Meeting Date:	November 6, 2024
Presenter:	Mike Barton, Parks Superintendent Caleb Hood, Deputy Director Planning and Development	Estimated Time:	15 minutes
Topic:	Arterial Roadway Landscaping		

Background:

ACHD has two active road widening projects (Ustick Road) that have center medians for landscaping and one (Linder Road) that has both center medians and buffer strips between the curb and the multi-use path. Previously (2021), the Council expressed an interest in hearing opportunities for landscaping at entryway corridors or where implementation is achievable on longer corridors.

The Ustick Road widening project fits the criteria for an entry corridor due to the on and off ramps to SH16 and that ACHD is actively designing and constructing 3+ miles of the corridor into Meridian from the County line.

The Aesthetic Subcommittee of the Linder Road Taskforce has discussed multiple elements of this Project including Art, landscaping within the buffer strips between the multi-use pathway and curb and landscaping within the center medians.

The design of these three projects closely follows the recommendations of the ACHD Capital Roadway Improvement Guide for cost, durability, low water consumption and ease of maintenance.

Because of this previous direction, staff have been working closely with ACHD to include landscaping in these projects.

The purpose of this presentation is to inform Council of our progress and discuss likely up-front costs and the cost of ongoing maintenance.