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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 1, 2019
TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members
FROM: Rachelle Kellogg, Community Development Director
SUBJECT: Red Church Pedestrian & Circulation Improvement Project - 65% Plan Review

RECOMMENDATION:

City staff is requesting that the City Council review the proposed 65% plans for the Red Church Pedestrian & Circulation Improvement Project and provide staff direction for any revisions before the consultant prepares the 90% and final project plans and specifications.

BACKGROUND:

Willdan Engineering was awarded the engineering consultant contract for the Red Church Pedestrian & Circulation Improvement Project on October 15, 2018. The scope of services under the contract included engineering, field survey work, landscape and electrical design and public outreach services to prepare contract documents (plans, specifications and estimated cost) for the project. Following completion of the initial draft of the 35% design plan, Willdan and City staff met with project stakeholders and the public to receive comments and/or concerns. The plans were revised to address comments and concerns received and on January 7, 2019 the City Council reviewed the 35% design plan for the project and provided direction to staff and consultants in preparation of the 65% plans. Staff and Willdan have also met with Caltrans staff to review the 65% project plans and determine submittal requirements.

DISCUSSION:

The Red Church Pedestrian & Circulation Improvement Project, as designed, will improve pedestrian facilities and address ADA compliance by providing safer pedestrian access and increased pedestrian visibility within the project area. The project will also increase sight distances for motorists and add traffic calming features to reduce the vehicular speeds of northbound traffic. Improvements within the 65% plans include:

- 1) Realignment of the intersection of Snell Street with Highway 49/Washington Street.
- 2) Realignment and restriping of the northbound left-turn pocket from Highway 49/Washington Street to Snell Street.
- 3) Construction of new and/or replacement of existing crosswalks and ADA compliant curb ramps.
- 4) Construction of new sidewalk, curb and gutter along both sides of Highway 49/Washington Street and a portion of Snell Street.
- 5) Construction of a new crosswalk with pedestrian “bulb-outs” and ADA compliant curb ramps in front of the City parking garage.

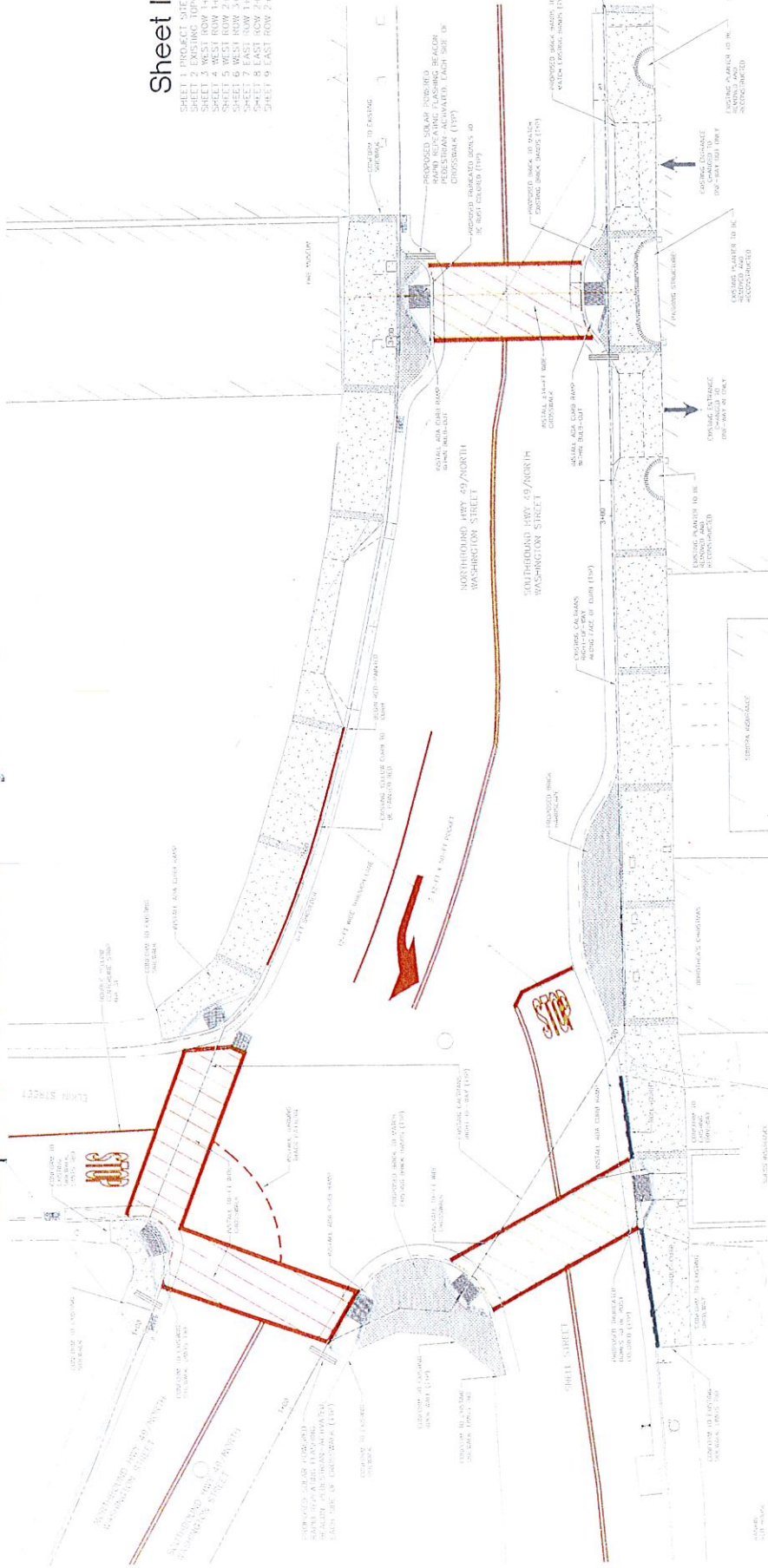
- 6) Construction of a pedestrian hardscape area at the intersection of Highway 49/Washington Street and Snell Street to include benches, planter, etc.
- 7) Installation of new solar powered pedestrian-activated flashing beacons at the Highway 49/Washington Street and Elkin Street crosswalk and the crosswalk in front of the parking garage.
- 8) Painting the northbound curb red/no parking between the Fire Museum and Elkin Street and relocating the existing Museum and monument signs to improve sight distance.
- 9) “Cat-tracking” the left turn movement from southbound Highway 49/Washington Street onto Elkin Street and add a center line on Elkin Street, to encourage motorists to stay in their lane when turning.
- 10) Widen the sidewalk area in front of the Red Church to accommodate ADA compliant ramps, protect the existing wall and increase pedestrian safety and access.
- 11) Reconstruct parking garage planters and continue the brick sidewalk pattern through the project area.

City staff is presenting the final draft of the 65% plans for Council consideration, an opportunity for additional public comment; and direction from Council should any further revisions be warranted.

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RED CHURCH PEDESTRIAN AND CIRCULATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Project Site Plan



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