September 15, 2005

Honorable Chairman and Members of the Public Works Commission Regular Meeting of September 28, 2005

PROPOSED PLANTER/BARRIER FOR NEW CLOCK IN PIER PLAZA

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Public Works Commission review and comment on the proposed Planter/Barrier for the new clock in Pier Plaza.

Summary:

Staff had been planning the installation of the new clock donated by the Kiwanis Club in the Pier Plaza when concerns were raised regarding the ability of the existing bollards along Hermosa Avenue to stop a possible run-away vehicle heading westbound on Pier Avenue.

It's been determined that these bollards are not capable of stopping a vehicle hitting them straight on; therefore, staff is recommending that a reinforced concrete planter be constructed as a safety barrier for the Pier Plaza. Staff believes this would be a very good safety improvement considering the high number of people that congregate in the Plaza area, as well as being an aesthetic enhancement.

The proposed design of the planter will allow for a 15-foot emergency access way from the south side (see attached drawing). It is recommended that the bollards remain to prevent vehicles from parking in this area and maintaining a pedestrian passageway in front of the planter.

Attachment: Drawing

Respectfully submitted,

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