

January 10, 2006

Honorable Chairman and Members of the
Public Works Commission

Regular Meeting of
January 18, 2006

PIER AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Public Works Commission receive public comment and consider options for the reconstruction of Pier Avenue between Hermosa Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway.

Summary:

The scope of this project will include reconstruction of street pavement and sidewalk along Pier Avenue between PCH and Hermosa Avenue. The Commission will be considering an option presented by staff that would reduce the number of travel lanes to one lane in each direction between Bard Avenue and Palm Drive at the same time retaining the diagonal parking and while widening the sidewalks. Staff proposes to stripe Pier Avenue in order to simulate the proposed one-lane of traffic in each direction as a test project for a period of three to six months to determine traffic impact.

In addition to widening sidewalks, the project will consider adding street furniture, street trees and "old style" street lighting. The existing drainage problem, which has flooded certain private properties on Pier Avenue, will also be addressed. Staff will be presenting different options for consideration and would like to receive input from the public and the Commission.

This project is funded for design this fiscal year and for construction to be completed in FY 06-07.

An ad announcing this item ran in the 1/12/05 edition of the Easy Reader and copies of the notice were distributed to establishments and residents in the affected area.

Options:

If it is determined that there is not support for reducing the number of travel lanes, then the street and sidewalk will be reconstructed in their existing locations.

Attachment: Hearing Notice

Respectfully submitted,

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