



**REPORT TO COUNCIL AND
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

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**Consent
January 12, 2010**

**Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
Honorable Chair and Members of the Redevelopment Agency Board**

Title: Elvas Avenue Landscaping Project

Location/Council District: 5907 Elvas Avenue to City Pump Station; Council District 3

Recommendation: **1) Adopt a City Resolution** a) establishing a capital improvement project for Elvas Avenue Landscaping Project (T15105500) b) amending the FY2009/10 CIP budget by appropriating \$125,000 in 2006 Tax Exempt Bond funds to the Elvas Avenue Landscaping Project; c) authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Individual Project Agreement (IPA) for the Elvas Avenue Landscaping Project; and d) making related findings. **2) Adopt a Redevelopment Agency Resolution** a) amending the 2010 Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) budget defunding the Elvas Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project-Phase I by \$125,000 and re-allocating funds to the Elvas Avenue Landscaping Project; b) authorizing the Executive Director to execute an IPA with the City of Sacramento in the amount of \$125,000 for the Elvas Avenue Landscaping Project; and c) making related findings.

Contact: Chris Pahule, Assistant Director, Community Development, 440-1350; Celia Yniguez, Program Manager, 440-1399 x1401; Tim Mar, Supervising Engineer, 808-7531

Presenters: None

Department: Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency; City of Sacramento Department of Transportation

Description/Analysis

Issue: Elvas Avenue from 5907 Elvas Avenue to the City Pump Station has inadequate sidewalk and no landscaping resulting in visual and physical blighting conditions. Funding is needed to design and re-construct sidewalk and streetscape improvements.

In 2007, the Agency funded the Elvas Avenue Streetscape Improvements Project-Phase I for streetscape design between 62nd Street and J Street in the amount of \$150,000. The Project included two phases: design and construction.

Since then, the City initiated the 65th Street Area Study (Area Study), which provides streetscape design recommendations for this and other streets in the Redevelopment Area. Additionally, right-of-way delineation resulted in encroachment concerns. As a result, only \$25,000 was expended and Phase I was put on hold.

Recently, St. Francis High School (SFHS), East Sacramento Chamber (ESC), City and Agency staff came together to discuss functional and aesthetic improvements for a section of Elvas Avenue. The focus was on short-term pedestrian and aesthetic improvements which would not be removed by future streetscape projects. This collaboration resulted in the proposed Elvas Avenue Landscaping Project (T15105500), which consists of sidewalk and streetscape improvements for a 700 ft. section west of 5907 Elvas Avenue to the City Pump Station (see Attachment 1). The proposed re-allocation of \$125,000 will be utilized to refine a design, develop cost estimates, and construct the sidewalk and irrigation for landscaping. SFHS and ESC have made a commitment to landscape this segment.

Policy Considerations: The actions contained in this report are consistent with the adopted 2009-2014 65th Street Redevelopment Area Implementation Plan. The actions, in as much as they further pedestrian-friendly communities, are also consistent with the objectives of the 65th Street/University Village Plan and the South 65th Street Area Plan, policy documents governing land use within the 65th Street Redevelopment Area.

Environmental Considerations:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): The construction of improvements on Elvas Avenue are exempt under CEQA per guideline 15301(c) which allows for repair or minor alterations to existing infrastructure such as streets, sidewalks, bicycle paths and landscaping.

Sustainability Considerations: The recommended actions would achieve the City's Sustainability Master Plan focus on urban design, land use, green building and transportation within the City by reducing dependence on the private automobile, increasing access to public transit and promoting transit supportive land uses.

Other: The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) does not apply.

Committee/Commission Action: *65th Street Redevelopment Advisory Committee (RAC):* At the meeting on November 10, 2009 the RAC unanimously adopted the motion recommending the approval of the attached resolutions. The votes were as followed:

AYES: Arnold, Billingsley, Cantu, Collins, Diepenbrock, Garcia, Klein, Little, McElhinney, Sikich, Smith, Z'berg

NOES: None

ABSENT: Clady, Defanti, O'Mara

Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Commission: At its meeting on December 9, 2009, the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Commission considered the staff recommendation for this item. The Commission recommended that the project was not a priority and therefore no funding should be allocated. The votes were as follows:

AYES: Dean

NOES: Burruss, Chan, Fowler, Gore, Morgan, Morton, Rosa, Shah and Stivers

ABSENT: Otto

Rationale for Recommendation: The Elvas Avenue Landscaping Project will improve the street by installing safer, pedestrian-friendly sidewalks along with aesthetic improvements. The improvements will be fully realized by working in partnership with SFHS and ECS and leveraging City of Sacramento and Agency resources.

Financial Considerations: This report recommends the allocation of the remaining \$125,000 in the Elvas Avenue Streetscape Project-Phase I funds to the Elvas Avenue Landscaping Project. City of Sacramento funds are not readily available to complete the identified project, resulting in the need for redevelopment funds.

M/WBE Considerations: The items in this report have no M/WBE impact; therefore, M/MBE considerations do not apply.

Respectfully Submitted by:


LA SHELLE DOZIER
Executive Director

Recommendation Approved:

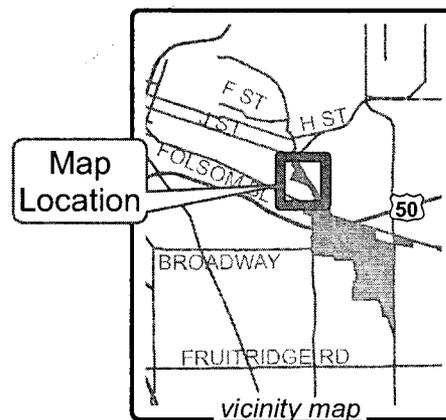
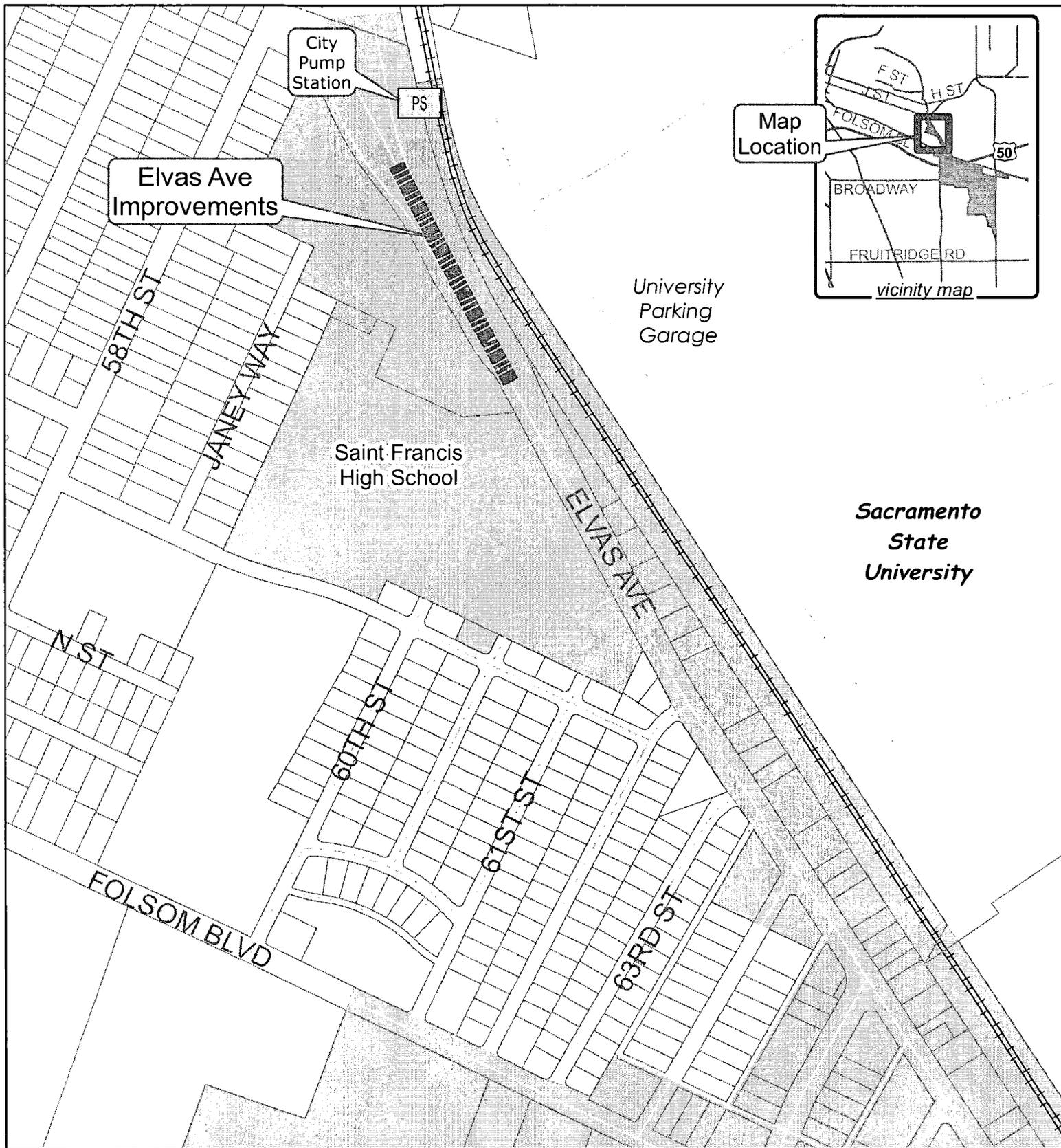

RAY KERRIDGE
City Manager

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65th Street Redevelopment Area Elvas Ave Landscaping Projects



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RESOLUTION NO. 2010 -

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

on date of

ESTABLISHMENT OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR THE ELVAS AVENUE-LANDSCAPING PROJECT: APPROVAL OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR 65TH STREET REDEVELOPMENT AREA TRANSPORTATION PROJECT T15105500; AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN INDIVIDUAL PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO; RELATED FINDINGS

BACKGROUND

- A. The Transportation and Streetscape Improvements Projects component of the 65th Street Five-Year Implementation Plan calls for funding for transportation and streetscape improvements needed to improve the connectivity in the area, increase pedestrian and bicycle safety and access, relieve congestion, and decrease traffic impacts to neighborhoods. Such activities will reduce the blighting influences of inadequate infrastructure and transportation facilities. A potential project includes Elvas Avenue.
- B. Streetscape facility improvements on Elvas Avenue are consistent with the 65th Street/University Transit Village Plan's goal to "Ensure a balanced circulation system for vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists to create attractive, convenient and safe movement to, from, and throughout the transit village area."
- C. The Agency considers it desirable to provide \$125,000 of 2006 Tax Exempt Bond funds to the Elvas Avenue Landscaping Project.
- D. The construction of improvements on Elvas Avenue are exempt under CEQA per guideline 15301(c) which allows for repair or minor alterations to existing infrastructure such as streets, sidewalks, bicycle paths, landscaping, and lighting.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. After due consideration of the facts presented, the findings, including the environmental findings regarding this action, as stated above, are approved.
- Section 2. In accordance with California Redevelopment Law Section 33445, the City Council further finds and determines that:

- (a) The Project will benefit the Project Area by evaluating and making recommendations to improve inadequate infrastructure and transportation facilities and to enhance aesthetics and improve pedestrian sidewalks and bicycle paths, thereby improving access and safety for residents and business customers. In developing the vacant, blighted parcel the Project will improve the street environment and support future private development.
- (b) No other reasonable means of financing the Project are available to the community.
- (c) The payment of the cost for the Project is consistent with the Project Area Implementation Plan and will assist in eliminating blighting conditions that include inadequate and undersized infrastructure inside the Project Area and improving unsafe conditions and traffic congestion.

Section 3. The Elvas Avenue Landscaping Project T15105500 is established as a new Capital Improvement Project.

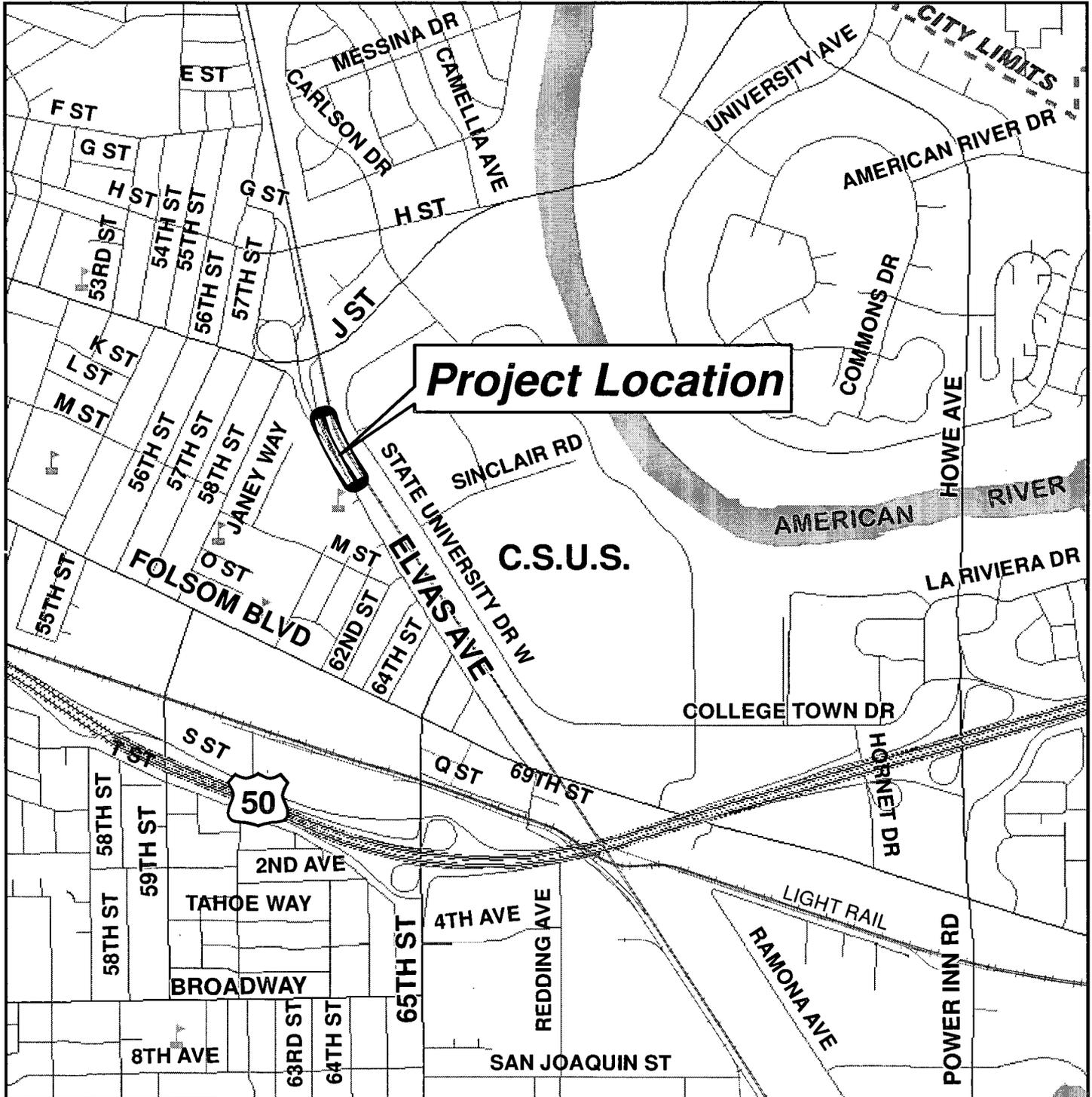
Section 4. The City FY2009/10 FY Capital Improvement Project budget is amended to accept \$125,000 from the 65th Street Redevelopment Project Area non housing funds (2006 Tax Exempt Bond funds) for the Elvas Avenue Landscaping Project T15105500.

Section 4. The City Manager is authorized to enter into an IPA for the Elvas Avenue Landscaping Project to carry out the efforts of T15105500.

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Exhibit A: Location Map

Location Map for
Elvas Avenue (University Garage to Sump Station)
Landscaping Project
(T15105500)



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RESOLUTION NO. 2010 -

Adopted by the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Sacramento

on date of

ELVAS AVENUE LANDSCAPING PROJECT; RELATED BUDGET AMENDMENT; DEFUNDING ELVAS AVENUE STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND REALLOCATING FUNDING TO ELVAS AVENUE LANDSCAPING PROJECT; AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE INDIVIDUAL PROJECT AGREEMENT; RELATED FINDINGS

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BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. All of the evidence presented having been duly considered, the findings, as stated above, are approved.
- Section 2. In accordance with California Redevelopment Law Section 33445, the Agency further finds and determines that:
 - (a) The Project will benefit the Project Area by evaluating and making recommendations to improve inadequate infrastructure and

transportation facilities and to enhance aesthetics and improve pedestrian sidewalks and bicycle paths, thereby improving access and safety for residents, and business customers. Developing a vacant, blighted parcel will improve the street environment and support future private development in the Project Area.

- (b) No other reasonable means of financing the Project are available to the community.
- (c) The payment of the cost for the Project is consistent with the Project Area Implementation Plan and will assist in eliminating blighting conditions that include inadequate and undersized infrastructure inside the Project Area and improving unsafe conditions and traffic congestion.

Section 3. The Executive Director, or her designee, is authorized to amend the 2010 Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) budget by allocating \$125,000 from the 65th Street Redevelopment Project Area non-housing funds (2006 Tax Exempt Bond funds) to the Elvas Avenue Landscaping Project (T15105500).

Section 4. The Executive Director, or her designee, is authorized to defund the Elvas Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project-Phase I by \$125,000 in 65th Street Redevelopment Project Area non housing funds and re-allocate the funds to the Elvas Avenue Landscaping Project.

Section 5. The Executive Director, or her designee, is authorized to execute an IPA in the amount of \$125,000 for the Elvas Avenue Landscaping Project.