



# City Council Report

**Date:** September 9, 2019  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Kari Kent, Assistant City Manager  
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**Subject:** Gilbert Road Light Rail Extension  
City Funded Landscaping Improvements  
City Project No. CP0562  
Council District 4

## Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to provide information to the Council about the inclusion of City-funded improvements as part of the Gilbert Road Light Rail Extension (GRE) project (See Exhibit "A" for project location).

Staff recommends that Council approve the funding of landscaping improvement located at the northeast corner of the Mesa Drive Park & Ride site. The total amount of the proposed improvements is \$45,949.

## Background

On March 10, 2015, the City Council approved entering into a Design and Construction Agreement for the development of the Gilbert Road Light Rail Extension (GRE) project. This project extends the existing light rail system approximately 1.9 miles from Mesa Drive and Main Street, to a new end of line station just west of Gilbert Road.

The approved Design and Construction Agreement includes a process for the City to add City-funded improvements to the project. These improvements typically include upgrades to City utilities and other facilities that are located adjacent to or within the new light rail facilities, but are not being directly impacted by the project. These improvements are referred to as Concurrent Non-Project Activities (CNPA), which must be funded by the City.

This CNPA request is for landscaping an existing City-owned lot at the northeast corner of the Mesa Drive Park and Ride site. The approximately 9,800 square-foot existing City-owned lot is unimproved adjacent to the newly renovated Pioneer Park and the existing landscaped Park and Ride facility.

**Discussion**

The request to landscape the City-owned lot was submitted to METRO for their review and concurrence. As part of this process, METRO requested pricing from the GRE project contractor, Stacy-Witbeck Sundt, A Joint Venture (SWS). The pricing provided from the contractor was reviewed and negotiated by City and METRO staff, after which all parties agreed to a negotiated cost that was reasonable for the proposed work.

**Alternatives**

The Council could choose not to include these CNPA improvements as part of the light rail project. This is not recommended since leaving the lot unimproved leaves it unsightly next to the landscaped Mesa Drive Park and Ride and Pioneer Park.

**Fiscal Impact**

These improvements are funded by Transportation General Obligation Bonds.

**Coordinated With**

The Transit and Transportation Departments concur with this recommendation.