

STAFF REPORT

**CITY COUNCIL
August 24, 2004**

To: Mayor and City Council

From: George J. Rodericks, City Manager

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**SUBJECT: OCTA TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITY (TEA)
PROJECTS**

BACKGROUND

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) has issued a call for projects for the Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) program. This is a federal grant program awarded through OCTA. The Call for Projects is targeted at \$6.8 million over two fiscal years, 2005-06 and 2006-07. This funding will be split equally between bicycle/pedestrian and landscaping program categories. The program provides for a maximum of 75 per cent federal funding.

Project applications are evaluated by an advisory panel who will review and rank the applications based on a point system.

FINDINGS

Staff has reviewed the call for project information and is recommending submittal of the Taft Avenue landscape medians and landscaping project from Center Drive to Cannon Street for the grant funds. The project would upgrade the existing irrigation system and landscaping from Center Drive to Lemon Street and construct new landscaped medians from Lemon Street to Cannon Street (see attached plans).

Total estimated project construction cost is \$410,000. Although the minimum City match is 25%, staff is recommending a 50% City match in order to gain additional points in the evaluation process. Staff has also included funding in this year's capital improvement budget to complete the design and environmental documents for the project since projects that are ready to go also receive significant additional points. In order to qualify for the program a Resolution of the City Council authorizing the application for funding is required.

FISCAL IMPACT

The cost to prepare the application, project design and environmental document has been included in the 2004-05 FY budget.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Resolution 2004-2778, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Villa Park Authorizing Application for Funds for the Transportation Enhancement Activity (TEA) Program

under the 1998 Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century for the Taft Avenue Landscaping Project, and authorize the Mayor to sign.