

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: April 9, 2019

TO: Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee

FROM: For Adel H. Hagekhalil, P.E.
Executive Director and General Manager
Bureau of Street Services

SUBJECT: UNIMPROVED MEDIAN ISLAND MAINTENANCE (CF 18-0879)

As directed by the City Council, the Bureau of Street Services (StreetsLA) is submitting this report on the resources and staffing necessary to maintain and clean the City's more than four million square feet of unimproved median islands.

There are two different classes of median islands within the public right of way: improved and unimproved. Improved median islands have an irrigation system: currently StreetsLA maintains more than 10 million square feet of improved median islands using contractors.

Unimproved median islands do not have an irrigation system, and generally fall within the following subtypes:

- Medians with non-irrigated trees and/or plants
- Medians made of concrete
- Medians with concrete curbing around an asphalt center

The City's more than 4 million square feet of unimproved medians currently do not receive regular maintenance, as the StreetsLA staff positions devoted to that function were deleted during the budget crisis of 2010 to 2012. Maintenance of the unimproved median islands consists of removing unwanted vegetation growth (weeds) litter and other debris. In response to the Council motion, StreetsLA proposes the following staff and equipment in order to provide quarterly maintenance of each unimproved median island panel, with additional visits as needed on a case-by-case basis after rainstorms produce a new crop of weeds.

The matrix below summarizes the staffing and equipment needed:

Qty	Personnel	Class Code	Annual Salary	Sub-total
1	Street Service Superintendent	4158-1	\$117,981	\$117,981
1	Management Analyst	9184-0	\$96,304	\$96,304
1	Administrative Clerk	1358-0	\$52,465	\$52,465
4	Street Service Supervisor	4152-1	\$97,219	\$388,876
4	Equipment Operator	3525-0	\$96,715	\$386,860
4	Truck Operator	3583-0	\$63,319	\$253,276
8	Street Services Worker I	4150	\$60,814	\$486,512

12	Local Targeted Hire (vocational)	3113	\$34,970	\$559,520
4	Motor Sweeper Operator	3585-0	\$74,345	\$297,380
	SUB TOTAL			\$2,639,174
Qty	Equipment		Unit Cost	Sub-Total
5	Pick-up truck		\$40,000	\$200,000
4	Crew Cab truck		\$45,000	\$180,000
4	Tool Truck -utility (1 ton)		\$65,000	\$260,000
4	Set -up Truck		\$135,000	\$540,000
4	Rubber Tire Loader w/4 in 1 bucket		\$255,000	\$1,020,000
4	Tractor Truck		\$160,000	\$640,000
4	Trailer		\$40,000	\$160,000
4	Front Loader (over cab loader)		\$200,000	\$800,000
4	Truck, Dump – 12 cubic yards		\$175,000	\$700,000
	SUB TOTAL			\$4,500,000
	ESTIMATED TOTAL COST			\$7,139,174

As an option, some or all of the proposed equipment may be leased or acquired through a lease-purchase arrangement.

Please contact Division Manager Mr. Sherman Torres at 213-847-3240 with any questions you may have regarding this report.

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