



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

City Council Interoffice Communication

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
From: Keith Bohr, City Council Member 
Date: July 17, 2006
Subject: *H-ITEM FOR AUGUST 7, 2006, CITY COUNCIL MEETING –
REVIEW STREET RECONSTRUCTION PETITION PROCESS*

STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

The City Council recently concluded a series of agendized discussions concerning street reconstruction projects that were initiated by citizen petitions. During these discussions over the past six months, it became clear that the process is in need of revision so that the limited resources of the city can be best distributed to those streets that are most in need of reconstruction.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

I recommend that the City Council take action to:

1. Freeze the current street tree petition list for six months. The current order of work will continue on the established list, but no further citizen-initiated petitions will be accepted during this period.
2. Direct staff to work with the City Council's Beautification, Landscape and Tree Subcommittee, to develop a comprehensive, amended process that will:
 - (a) Equitably deal with those streets on the established petition list.
 - (b) Ensure that new streets added to this, or a similar petition list, are ranked according to relative need, and ensure that the rules of the revised petition process are clearly enumerated to minimize any misunderstanding of the process or the city's responsibilities.

xc: Penny Culbreth-Graft, City Administrator
Paul Emery, Deputy City Administrator
Bob Hall, Deputy City Administrator
Joan Flynn, City Clerk
Robert Beardsley, Director of Public Works

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