



**CITY OF LODI**  
**COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

**AGENDA TITLE:** Approve Specifications and Authorize Advertisement for Bids for Completion of Citywide Tree Survey 2012

**MEETING DATE:** February 15, 2012

**PREPARED BY:** Public Works Director

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve specifications and authorize advertisement for bids for completion of Citywide tree survey 2012.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The City of Lodi Public Works Department Street Division manages the City's urban forest, which includes nearly 10,000 trees located in the public right-of-way and at City facilities, excluding trees maintained by the City's Parks Division. A properly managed urban forest is a valuable asset to our community, not only aesthetically by softening and providing natural character to City streets, reducing noise, and providing historical value, but also by providing emotional and psychological benefits to Lodi's citizens. Additionally, a well-maintained urban forest provides environmental benefits by moderating climate effects and improving air quality.

This project includes updating the existing tree inventory prepared in 2001 to reflect the size, location and health of City trees. This information will enable City staff to properly prioritize and budget tree maintenance needs, which minimizes the risk of injury or damages from falling trees and branches.

The specifications are on file in the Public Works Department. The planned bid opening date is March 7, 2012. The project estimate is \$25,000.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** An updated tree inventory will enable more cost-effective management and maintenance of the City's urban forest, reducing the likelihood of damage claims filed due to falling trees or limbs.

**FUNDING AVAILABLE:** This project will utilize the Gas Tax Fund (3215036).

  
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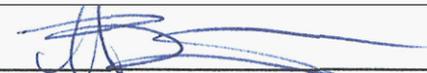
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