

OPPORTUNITY #4 - HARBOR BLVD. MEDIANS TURF REPLACEMENT & BEAUTIFICATION

HARBOR BLVD. & GULCH RD. MEDIANS

Funded by a Harbor Community Benefit Foundation (HCBF) grant for approx. \$75,000, this project involves rehabilitating the existing landscape medians along Harbor Blvd. between O'Farrell and 6th St. The existing Mexican Fan Palms will remain, but the remaining landscape will be replaced with a drought tolerant landscape that will include:

- Large stature broadleaf trees planted between palms
- Flowering shrubs and groundcover that can provide year round color
- "Smart" irrigation system (matching funds from CalFire Grant (SEE OPPORTUNITY #1))
- Natural Wood Chip Mulch

"Smart" irrigation involves using systems that control the timing of the watering cycles based on soil moisture content, weather conditions and breaks in the pipes that supply the water to the planting areas. It also means using low flow non-spray or micro-spray sprinkler heads instead of larger spray heads. The control systems can be programmed to irrigate the planting areas for specified lengths of time and on a calendar schedule that can be



- Installing drought tolerant shrubs & groundcover
- Installing mulch



changed with the seasons, so the water cycle is appropriate for the time of year.

This project also includes rehabilitating the landscape on the slopes along Gulch Rd. at Harbor Blvd. The photos show the area for this Project Opportunity. Project treatments/ elements will include:

- Pruning existing palms
- Installing "Smart" irrigation system
- Planting large stature drought tolerant trees