

TO: JAMES L. APP, CITY MANAGER
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SUBJECT: MEDIAN AT SPRING STREET BETWEEN SECOND AND THIRD STREETS
DATE: NOVEMBER 16, 1999

Needs: For the City Council to review and approve the reconfiguration of an existing raised median at Spring Street.

- Facts:**
1. As part of the Niblick Bridge Project, the City Council directed staff to review the configuration of an existing median island at Spring Street.
 2. The Council asked staff to investigate the possibility of increasing the lane widths at Spring Street between Second and Third Streets.
 3. Attached is an exhibit showing the existing and proposed modification of this area.
 4. Currently, both northbound and southbound travel lane widths between Second and Third Streets are 24-foot wide.

Analysis and

Conclusion: The purpose of the raised median is both functional and aesthetic. It is functional in that it prevents cross-street movements to or from driveways and it serves as a protective barrier for left turn movements. It's aesthetic value stems from the fact that it provides space for landscaping and becomes an entry statement for people entering the Spring Street Historic Downtown Area.

The City's Traffic Engineer consultant has concluded that the travel lanes can be revised such that northbound traffic can increase to 25-foot wide and southbound travel lane to 26-foot to almost 27-foot wide. This would still retain a portion of the raised median and the existing landscaping while providing for wider travel lanes.

The consultant will be at the meeting to answer any questions from the City Council.

Policy

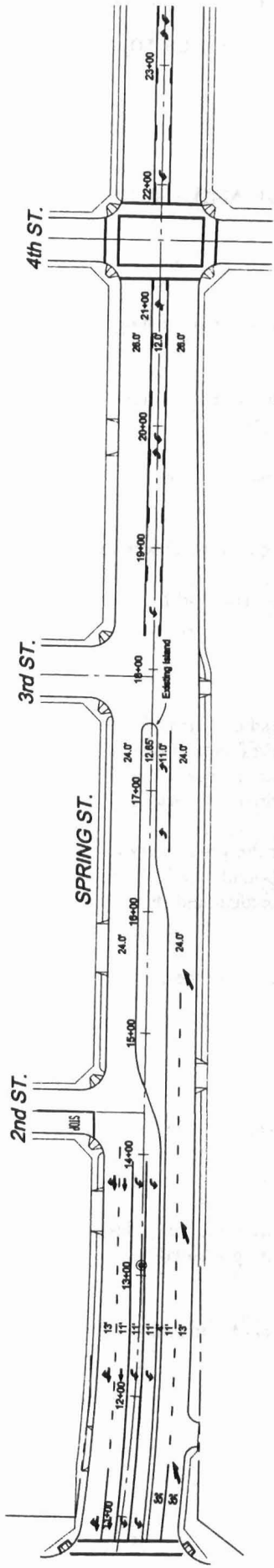
Reference: Adopted Capital Improvement Program

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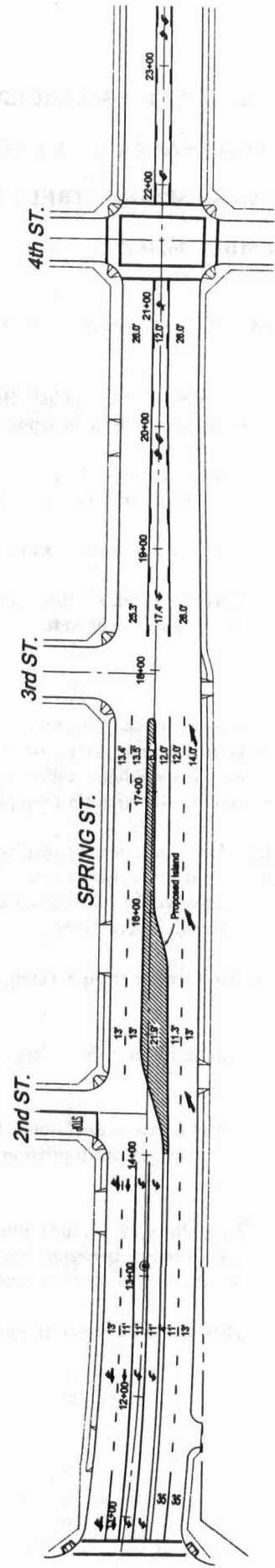
Impact: This work will be part of the Niblick Bridge project and its construction costs will be funded from the Niblick Bridge Budget Appropriation.

- Options:**
- A. That the City Council direct staff to proceed with the final design of the median re-configuration between Second and Third Street as presented, and forward the plans and specifications for construction.
 - B. That the City Council amend, modify or reject the above option.

Attachments: (1)
1) Exhibit



EXISTING LAYOUT - EXISTING MEDIAN FROM 1ST TO 3RD



PROPOSED LAYOUT - MODIFIED MEDIAN FROM 1ST TO 3RD

THIS PLAN ACCURATE FOR PAVEMENT DELINEATION ONLY.

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PROPOSED
SPRING ST MEDIAN MODIFICATION
 1st STREET TO 3rd STREET

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 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - ENGINEERING DIVISION
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