

# OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** August 18, 2014

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER:** 3C

**STAFF:** Juan F. Guzman, Open Space Administrator

**REQUEST:** **For Possible Action:** To recommend to the Board of Supervisors the expenditure of additional funds approximating \$16,530 from the Open Space land acquisition account towards the purchase of a strip of land 20 feet wide and 1,421 feet long from the Arraiz Family 1993 Trust for the extension of the Freeway Multi-Use Path from Highway 50 South towards 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

At the February 24, 2014 meeting, the Open Space Advisory Committee unanimously recommended to the Board of Supervisors the expenditure of \$20,000 from Open Space funds towards the appraisal and acquisition of approximately 28,424 square feet of fee title land from the Arraiz Family in order to connect and complete a non-motorized trail from U.S. Highway 50 to 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

Approximately \$10,000 has been expended towards the appraisal costs, including two appraisals on adjacent lands. The appraisal for the subject parcel, completed by Mr. Tony Wren, MAI on June 4, 2014, concluded the value to be \$35,530 which was greater than the best guess estimate by staff. The appraised value is acceptable by the Arraiz Family. The escrow cost is estimated at \$1,000.

The Open Space Program and the Regional Transportation Commission have each committed \$10,000 towards the purchase. Staff is requesting the difference, approximately \$16,530, from Open Space funds to complete the transaction. At the April 21, 2014 meeting, the Open Space Advisory Committee approved \$30,653 towards land acquisition in the FY 2014-2015 budget for the Open Space Program. The total approximate cost of \$26,530 to the Open Space Program is within budget.

The Regional Transportation Commission has also obtained a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant in the amount of \$650,000 and has committed a cash match of 5% for the construction of the pathway in this section.

One of the functions of the Open Space Program is to facilitate the network of trails. This trail will be a continuation of the Carson City Freeway Multi-Use Path and is in keeping with the provisions of the Unified Pathways Master Plan. The Board of Supervisors has been supportive of the Parks and Recreation Department's efforts to advance the trail network in the City.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Move to recommend to the Board of Supervisors the expenditure of additional funds approximating \$16,530 from the Open Space land acquisition account towards the purchase of a strip of land 20 feet wide and 1,421 feet long from the Arraiz Family 1993 Trust for the extension of the Freeway Multi-Use Path from Highway 50 South towards 5<sup>th</sup> Street.