


**City of Yuba City  
Administration  
Staff Report**

**Date:** November 7, 2006  
**To:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**From:** Steven Jepsen, City Manager 

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**Summary**

**Subject:** Formation of a City Council Ad Hoc Committee for the Plumas Streetscape Project Alternative Recommendations.

**Recommendation:** Approve the formation of a City Council Ad Hoc Committee for the Plumas Streetscape Project consisting of Vice Mayor Miller and Councilmember Ramirez.

**Alternative:**

1. Do not form the Ad Hoc Committee and delay action on the item until the new Council is seated.
2. Direct staff to work directly with the Downtown Business Association and consultants to determine project alternatives.

**Fiscal Impact:** The fiscal impact of forming the Ad Hoc Committee is minimal consisting of minor additional meeting times for consultants and staff.

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**Details**

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Ad Hoc Committee is to review the alternative bid elements for the Plumas Streetscape Project to determine recommendations to the full City Council for: (1) base project for bidding, (2) items to be included in the project as alternative bid items, and (3) funding mechanisms for project construction.

**Background:**

The City of Yuba City has listed the enhancements to Plumas Street and the Streetscape Project as a priority for the community for several years. Recent bids for this project have caused the City to go back and reassess the scope of the project, value engineer components of the project, and reassess funding needs.

As part of this process for re-evaluating the project, the City Council held a Study Session on October 24<sup>th</sup> to review proposed project modifications presented by the City's consultant, Freedman, Tung and Bottomley (FTB). At this meeting the Downtown Business Association (DBA) requested that select items from the FTB list of modifications be restored. The list of DBA requested items were thought of as:

- (1) Items which were not cost effective to be removed from the base project.
- (2) Items of significance that could be bid as alternates and included in the project, if bid savings would allow.

Work scope:

The Ad Hoc Committee would meet with the DBA, staff and consultants, as necessary, to determine the base project scope and bid alternatives with recommendations returned to the full City Council for action. The Ad Hoc Committee would also recommend funding options to provide for the implementation of the project.

Timeframe:

The Ad Hoc Committee would be appointed for the duration of the bid process only and shall sunset with the project going to bid or the termination of the project, whichever occurs first.

Schedule:

The Ad Hoc committee shall determine its own schedule in conjunction with the participating stakeholders. All Ad Hoc Committee meetings shall conform to the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act. Ad Hoc Committee meetings shall not require public notice or posting except those meeting where members of the public are invited to speak. Such meetings will require 72 hour advance notice.

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