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# Staff Report

## City of Manhattan Beach

**TO:** Honorable Mayor Ward and Members of the City Council

**THROUGH:** Geoff Dolan, City Manager

**FROM:** Neil Miller, Director of Public Works  
Juan Price, Maintenance Superintendent

**DATE:** August 1, 2006

**SUBJECT:** Appropriation of \$28,400 for the City's share of Street and Drainage Repairs conducted by American Martyrs Church at 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Laurel Avenue

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the appropriation of \$28,400 from the Gas Tax Fund as the City's share of street repairs being conducted by American Martyrs Church at the intersection of 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Laurel Avenue.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATION:**

Adequate funds are available in the city's general Gas Tax Fund for this project.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Chapter 7.12.010 -7.12.030 of the Manhattan Beach Municipal Code requires adjacent property owners to repair damaged sidewalks to keep them in a safe condition. American Martyrs Church was notified by the City in the summer of 2005 that such repairs were required. The sidewalks were damaged due to invasive Brazilian Pepper tree roots growing through the tree wells which are between the curb and the sidewalk. In addition, the tree roots have caused significant damage to the City's street and curb and gutter to the point that flow of storm and nuisance water is affected and large areas of standing water remain after rains or residential runoff. These standing pools of water stagnate and become mosquito breeding grounds. Additionally, the standing water accelerates the decomposition of the asphalt roadway, evidenced by pot holes, surface raveling, and cracking. It has been a long standing policy that the City performs the repairs to curb, gutter and street surface in these situations and the property owner pays for the sidewalk repair. American Martyrs Church is now prepared to conduct sidewalk repairs. In addition, the trees that have caused this damaged have been deemed nuisance trees by the Public Works Department and therefore will be replaced by American Martyrs with trees that have less invasive root systems. The City has asked that American Martyrs use their contractor to conduct the curb, gutter and street surface repairs on a reimbursement basis.

### **DISCUSSION:**

This partnership allows the project to progress in a timely manner and allows the City staff to avoid

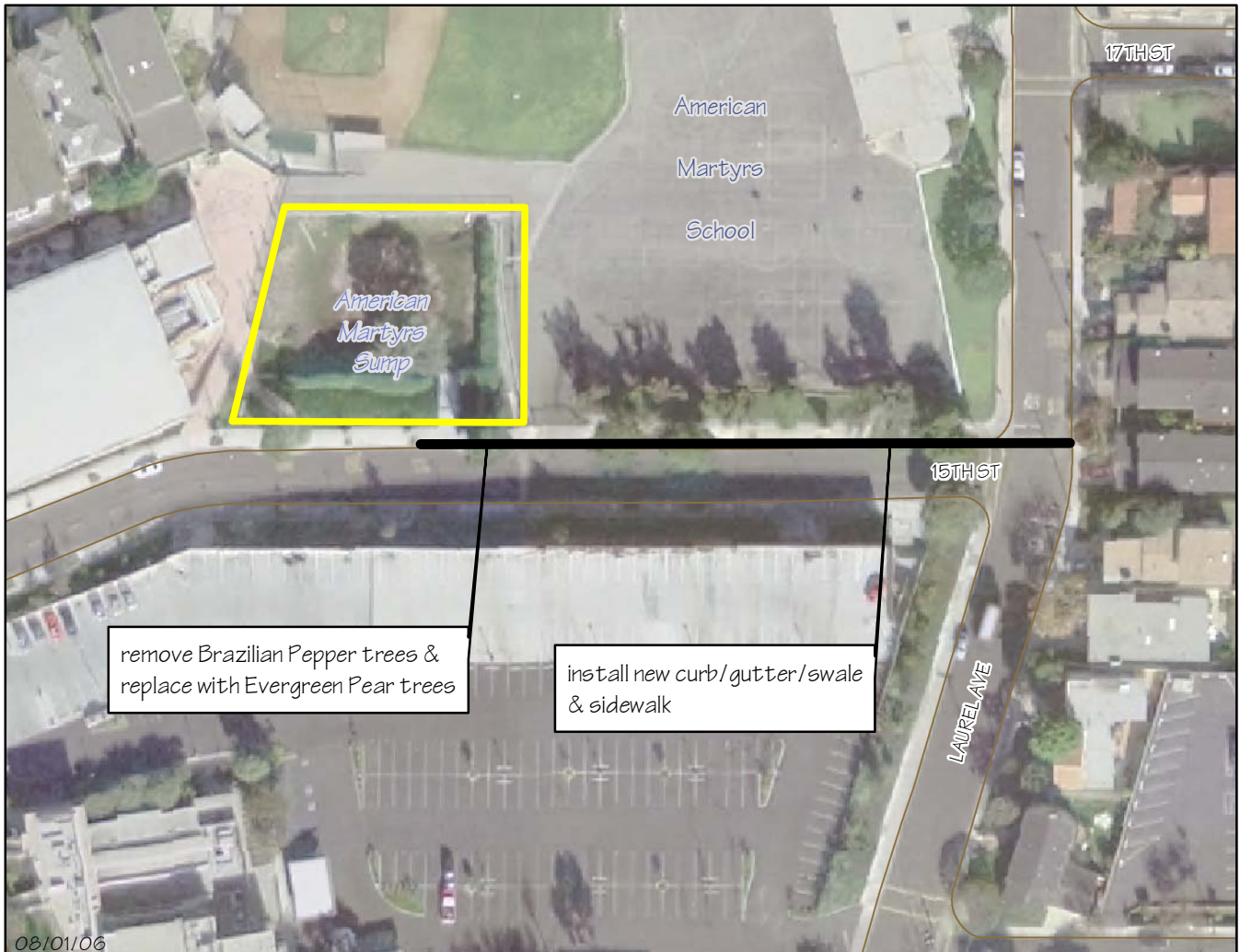
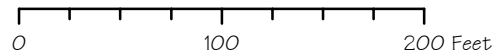
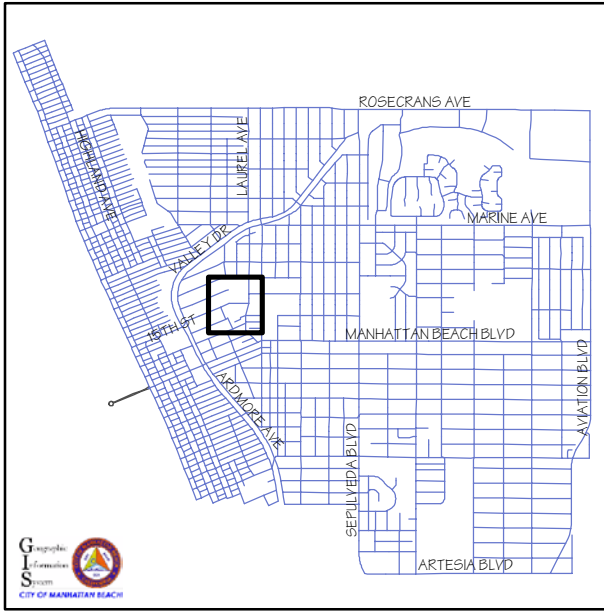
the cost and time commitment of preparing a separate Public Works contract for this relatively small job. Also, the backlog of other priority street work for the City's street maintenance crew is substantial and this arrangement allows the City's crew to go on to other needed work.

American Martyrs has submitted their contract costs to the City for the curb, gutter and street surface work in the amount of \$28,400. City staff has reviewed these costs, compared them with the unit costs associated with recent City CIP projects, and found them acceptable.

Attachments: GIS Map of work site

xc: American Martyrs Church

# American Martyrs School Hardscape Repairs Project



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