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CONSENT CALENDAR  
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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Councilmembers Lori Droste, Ben Bartlett, Cheryl Davila, and Mayor Arreguin  
Subject: Traffic Circle Vegetation Maintenance Policy

RECOMMENDATION

Refer to Parks and Waterfront Commission and the Transportation Commission to establish a city/community task force to:

- a) Evaluate the City's current traffic circle vegetation policy and
- b) Conduct a community led process to update that policy to ensure pedestrian/bicycle/vehicle safety and preserve community efforts to beautify traffic circles.

Task force activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Conducting a survey of current traffic circles and their vegetation
- Conducting a survey of neighborhood associations, neighborhood captains, community and community groups such as Berkeley Partners for Parks to determine which traffic circles are being maintained by community members
- Examining the City of Oakland's 'Adopt a Spot' initiative to encourage community involvement in the maintenance of public spaces by loaning tools, supplies, and technical assistance to committed members of the community
- Hosting a presentation from City staff to better understand concerns with the current traffic circle policy and any safety concerns that should be taken into consideration
- Developing a clear set of guidelines/criteria to allow for community maintenance of traffic circles
- Outlining the appropriate community outreach strategy and process to share the updated policy for managing vegetation in traffic circles
- Developing a replanting strategy, with emphasis on drought-resistant plants.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Staff time

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Supports the City's Climate Emergency Declaration, the City's Climate Action Plan and commitment to Vision Zero.

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Adopt a Spot, City of Oakland:

<http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/PWA/s/SO/OAK024605>