



## Board Report

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### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Capital Improvement Committee:

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### SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Board of Supervisors directed staff to pursue development at the southwest Corner of Gabilan and Church Streets (the Site) to provide landscaped open space and buffer areas next to paved off-street parking in approximately equal parts. Staff procured design services in order to program needs, develop schematic design and deliver a cost estimate. Schematic design was completed (Attachment A) and based on the preliminary estimate of construction costs, staff was able to assemble an overall project budget (Attachment B, adjusted to present).

Staff presented a comprehensive report of multiple parking strategies, and the project budget to develop 80 paved parking spaces with landscape and open space buffer areas was estimated to be \$1.79M. Additionally the Board of Supervisors provided direction for alternative parking strategies to address immediate, short term and long term solutions for the campus. On July 28, 2020, the Board reaffirmed its direction to develop the corner of Gabilan and Church Streets with surface parking to address an immediate need, and the Budget Office identified the Building Use Fund as the funding source.

Developing the Site with 80 paved parking spaces and open space would take about 16 months to complete final design, CEQA review, bidding and construction. The City's Vibrancy Plan identifies this as a preferred site for a shared parking structure to serve the entire government center (City, County, Courts, and other partners). This long-term plan would afford ability to replace City/County surface parking in the area with other uses such as affordable housing.

A mitigation of the government campus EIR certified in 2003 was to return the corner of Church and Gabilan site to open space. The subject project will require CEQA review to address this change of use. Part of the action will require assessment if the proposed landscape satisfies the mitigation in the certified EIR. If not, then the action would involve replacing/revising the mitigation, which would involve amending the EIR (Supplemental) that triggers discussion of alternatives. Alternatives analysis requires identifying projects that reduce impacts (e.g. temporary unpaved parking). A Supplemental EIR affords an opportunity to evaluate a parking structure as part of the longer-term vision, which could realize an efficiency of cost for that CEQA analysis.

With the support of the Capital Improvement Committee, staff will proceed to the Budget Committee with recommendations for funding actual and estimated project costs incurred through FY2020/21, and ultimately to the full Board of Supervisors. Staff will return to the Board during the budgeting cycle for FY2021/22 to request funds for the construction phase of the project. A project worksheet appears in the FY 2020/21-2024/25 Capital Improvement Program's Unfunded Projects list.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

The recommended action will be presented to the Budget Committee on January 27, 2021. Staff meets regularly with the City of Salinas to coordinate projects/services in accordance with the Downtown MOU.

**FINANCING:**

Although the Church and Gabilan Streets-Development of County Property project was not included in the Funded Projects list, it was included in the Unfunded Projects list. Staff has or will have incurred expenditures in the amount of \$307,461 and will ask the Board Supervisors to allocate that amount from the Building Improvement & Replacement Fund 478 in order to finalize planning, design and environmental tasks through June 30, 2021. The construction phase programmed for FY2021/22 is estimated to cost \$1,667,257, and the total project budget is currently estimated at \$1,974,719.

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**Attachments:**

Attachment A - Schematic Design

Attachment B - Project Budget