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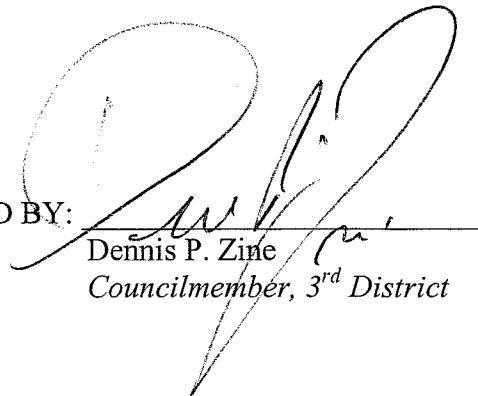
The Sherman Way Beautification Project is expected to bring highly anticipated streetscape improvements to the Canoga Park area in Council District 3. Recently, however, this worthwhile project has been plagued with long delays that have caused severe disruption to traffic patterns and local commerce in the community.

Major intersections along Sherman Way, where the thoroughfare meets Owensmouth Avenue, Canoga Avenue, and DeSoto Avenue, have been excavated and reduced to as little as one usable lane for traffic in each direction. Local businesses have been seriously impacted. To make matters worse, due to errors on the part of the City's private contractor, no work has been performed on the project for three weeks. Residents have had to endure the disruption of fully excavated streets without the benefit of any visible progress on the project. The estimated project completion time may be as much as five weeks late.

While some inconvenience is inevitable in any major construction project, the City should do all that it can to minimize the negative effects of construction on surrounding neighborhoods. In particular, when private contractors have been selected to perform work on behalf of the City, the highest levels of oversight must be maintained in order to ensure project quality.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct the Department of Public Works, the Bureau of Contract Administration, the Community Redevelopment Agency, and the private contractor selected for the Sherman Way Beautification Project to report immediately to the Public Works Committee with a full explanation of any delays to the project, recommendations for the swift completion of the project with minimal impact to the community, and further recommendations to improve City oversight of private contractors in community beautification projects.

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