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**Regular Meeting of Beautification and Maintenance Commission  
City Council Chambers  
18747 Clarkdale Avenue  
Artesia, CA 90701  
(562) 865-6262**

**Thursday, January 16, 2025  
6:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

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ROLL CALL

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING PUBLIC COMMENTS

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OLD BUSINESS

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1. Adopt Minutes from October 17, 2024 Regular Meeting and October 23, 2024 Special Meeting

NEW BUSINESS

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2. Approval of Heritage Trees
3. Presentation on Proposed Improvements – 2025 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and Street Improvements

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

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*Date Posted: January 13, 2025*



# BEAUTIFICATION AND MAINTENANCE AGENDA REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** January  
16, 2025

**ITEM NO:** 1.

**TO:** Beautification and Maintenance Commission

**SUBJECT:** Adopt Minutes from October 17, 2024 Regular Meeting and October  
23, 2024 Special Meeting

**FROM:** Leslie Nacionales-Tafoya, Management Analyst

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:**

Ernesto Sanchez, Public Works Manager

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval of minutes as presented for the following meetings:

October 14, 2024 Regular Meeting and  
October 23, 2023 Special Meeting.

Attachments: Minutes of October 17, 2024 Regular Meeting of Beautification and Maintenance Commission and  
October 23, 2024 Special Meeting of Beautification and Maintenance Commission, Parks and  
Recreation Commission,  
Public Safety Commission and Planning Commission

**Attachments**

[Minutes.oct.17.24.pdf](#)

[Minutes.oct.23.24.specialmtg.pdf](#)

**CITY OF ARTESIA  
BEAUTIFICATION AND MAINTENANCE COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING**

**October 17, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Beautification and Maintenance Commission of the City of Artesia was called to order on Thursday, October 17, 2024, at the Council Chambers at 6:02 pm by Chairperson Bhandari.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Vice Chairperson Ahir  
Commissioner Flores  
Commissioner Torre  
Commissioner Bailey

ABSENT: Chairperson Bhandari

ALSO PRESENT: Ernesto Sanchez, Public Works Manager  
Leslie Nacionales-Tafoya, Management Analyst (Clerk)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge was led by Vice Chairperson Ahir.

**MEETING PROCEDURES**

Staff member Leslie Nacionales-Tafoya read the meeting procedures.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion by Vice Chairperson Ahir. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bailey. Said motion carried 4-0-0-0 in the following roll call vote:

Ayes:	Commissioners: Flores, Torre, Ahir and Bailey
Noes:	Commissioners: None
Abstain:	Commissioners: None
Absent:	Commissioners: Bhandari

**ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Staff made public comment announcement. There were no public comments at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Adopt the Minutes from January 18, 2024.**

Motion by Commissioner Bailey. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Torre. Said motion carried 4-0-0-0 in the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioners: Flores, Torre, Ahir and Bailey  
Noes: Commissioners: None  
Abstain: Commissioners: None  
Absent: Commissioners: Bhandari

### **NEW BUSINESS**

2. Public Works Manager briefed Commission members on the City Monument Program. Vice Chair Ahir opened discussion since the report was informational only and closed the discussion after comments and questions from Commission members.
3. Staff provided information on Tree Trimming and Removal Appeal Process. Vice Chair Bhandari opened discussion since the report was informational only and closed the discussion after comments and questions from Commission members.

### **PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER COMMENTS**

There were no comments.

### **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Each of the Commissioners provided comments. Further discussion was held.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Beautification and Maintenance Commission adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

**CITY OF ARTESIA MINUTES  
OF THE JOINT SESSIONS OF THE CITY COMMISSIONS  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**October 23, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Joint Session of the City Commissions of the City of Artesia was called to order on October 23, 2024 at 6:07 p.m. at the Albert O. Little Community Center by Chairperson Manalo.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Vice Chairperson Ahir  
Commissioner Flores  
Commissioner Torre

ABSENT: Chairperson Bhandari  
Commissioner Bailey

ALSO PRESENT: Ernesto Sanchez, Public Works Manager  
Leslie Nacionales-Tafoya, Management Analyst (Clerk)

**PRESENTATION**

Representative from Chee Salette provided a report on the design and layout of the upcoming Artesia Botanical Garden.

**ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Two (2) speaker cards were submitted. Two members of the public provided comments.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Parks & Recreation Commissioners provided comments.  
Beautification and Maintenance Commissioners provided comments.  
Public Safety Commissioners provided comments.  
Planning Commissioners provided comments. Further discussion was held.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Manalo adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.



# BEAUTIFICATION AND MAINTENANCE AGENDA REPORT

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MEETING DATE: January 16, 2025

ITEM NO: 2.

**TO:** Beautification and Maintenance Commission

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Heritage Trees

**FROM:** Leslie Nacionales-Tafoya, Management Analyst

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:**  
Ernesto Sanchez, Public Works Manager

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## BACKGROUND:

Per AMC 7-4.05, "The Tree Advisory Board of the City of Artesia is hereby created and shall consist of the members of the Beautification and Maintenance Commission." In the same section, the duties of the Tree Advisory Board are described. One of the duties of the Tree Advisory Board is to designate trees as "heritage trees" as defined by Section **7-4.09**. Criteria for heritage tree designation is as follows:

- (a) Shall be in a condition that the tree can be maintained in the landscape so as not to create an unreasonable risk.
  - (b) Shall be at least 12 inches in diameter.
  - (c) Shall have the consent of the property owner. For a tree on City-owned property, the City Manager or designee must consent; and
  - (d) Shall meet at least one of the following criteria:
    - (1) Specimen tree of significant habitat value for migratory birds and butterflies.
    - (2) California native species.
    - (3) Historical or cultural significance.
    - (4) A tree that plays an important functional role in the City parks or for City planning and maintenance.
- (Ord. 22-931, § 3)

**ANALYSIS:**

Currently, the City is in the process of designing the Artesia Botanical Garden. As part of the design process, the City and designer met with the LA County Fire to make sure that the design was in compliance with LA County Code requirements regarding access for emergency vehicles. The area of access requires a certain level of clearance for fire trucks. LA County Fire planning officials told the City that any trees that were encroaching in the access area, would be required to have their tops trimmed to blue sky. However, if the trees were designated heritage trees, they would only be required to be trimmed up to 13 feet and the remaining canopy would be allowed to remain.

The trees in question, meet criteria a-c and section (4) of d above. The City has determined that the functional role of the trees in the Botanical Garden are to provide shade as well as a beautiful canopy for visitors to enjoy. If the trees, are not designated as heritage trees, their tops will be trimmed and the shade and natural beauty of a mature forest in the Botanical Garden would be eliminated. There are 10 trees that are in the access area. Each tree was tagged with an id number by the designer's arborist. Photographs of each tree and their id number are attached to this report.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Tree Advisory Board approve 10 trees identified as 49, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58 and 59 located at 11462 178th St. (Artesia Botanical Garden Site) to be designated as Heritage Trees.

**ATTACHMENT:** Proposed Trees for Heritage Tree Designation

**Attachments**

[Proposed Heritage Tree Designation.pdf](#)

## TREES PROPOSED FOR HERITAGE TREE DESIGNATION





Tree 49





Tree 51







Tree 52





Tree 53







Tree 54







Tree 55







Tree 56



Tree 57







Tree 58







Tree 59





# BEAUTIFICATION AND MAINTENANCE AGENDA REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** January 16, 2025

**ITEM NO:** 3.

**TO:** Beautification and Maintenance Commission

**SUBJECT:** Presentation on Proposed Improvements – 2025 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and Street Improvements

**FROM:** Ernesto Sanchez, Public Works Manager

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:**

Ernesto Sanchez, Public Works Manager

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Beautification and Maintenance Commission review the proposed improvements and provide comments and recommendations.

**BACKGROUND:**

The City of Artesia was recently awarded \$209,430 in Highway Safety Improvement Program funding in order to install a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon at the northwest corner of 186<sup>th</sup> Street and Devlin Avenue, as well as enhanced crosswalks at eight (8) un-signalized intersections throughout the City. These improvements are prescribed by the City's Local Roadway Safety Plan, which analyzed crossroads collision data between 2015 and 2019 across the City's entire roadway network. Through this process a list of intersections and roadway segments with high incidences of collisions was developed. This process identified the need for signalized and un-signalized improvements Citywide.

Additionally, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Agency has designated downtown Artesia as the terminus location of the Southeast Gateway Line and has prioritized active transportation improvements surrounding the future station. As such, active transportation improvements funded by the City, such as enhanced crosswalks and other improvements that encourage walking and biking may be eligible costs that can be used to reduce the City's cost to build the line. Staff is actively incorporating eligible improvements on Pioneer Boulevard improve active transportation and reduce the city's future financial commitments to the Southeast Gateway Line.

**ANALYSIS:**

The proposed Highway Safety Improvement Program improvements include:

- Installation of enhanced crosswalks at eight (8) locations:
  - 166th Street and Alburdis Avenue
  - 178th Street and Roseton Avenue
  - 178th Street and Jersey Avenue
  - Ashworth Street and Clarkdale Avenue
  - 183rd Street and Elaine Avenue
  - 186th Street and Elaine Avenue
  - 186th Street and Grayland Avenue

- 186th Street and Horst Avenue
- Installation of enhanced crosswalks with beacon at 186th Street and Devlin Avenue.
- Installation of new street pavement at 186th Street between Pioneer Boulevard and Norwalk Boulevard, Elaine Avenue between 183rd Street and South Street, and Grayland Avenue between 183rd Street and South Street.
  - Elaine Avenue and Grayland Avenue to receive pavement markings and additional signage to discourage speeding.

The proposed improvements to Pioneer Boulevard between 183rd Street and 187th Street include:

- Installation of Durathurm treatment at existing crosswalks;
- Removal of bulb outs and palm trees to establish positive drainage at 186th Street and 187th Street;
- Installation of decorative pavement art at the center of Pioneer Boulevard and 183rd Street; and
- Addition of right turn lane from Pioneer Boulevard northbound to 187th Street.

#### **Attachments**

[2025 HSIP IMPROVEMENT Exhibit.pdf](#)

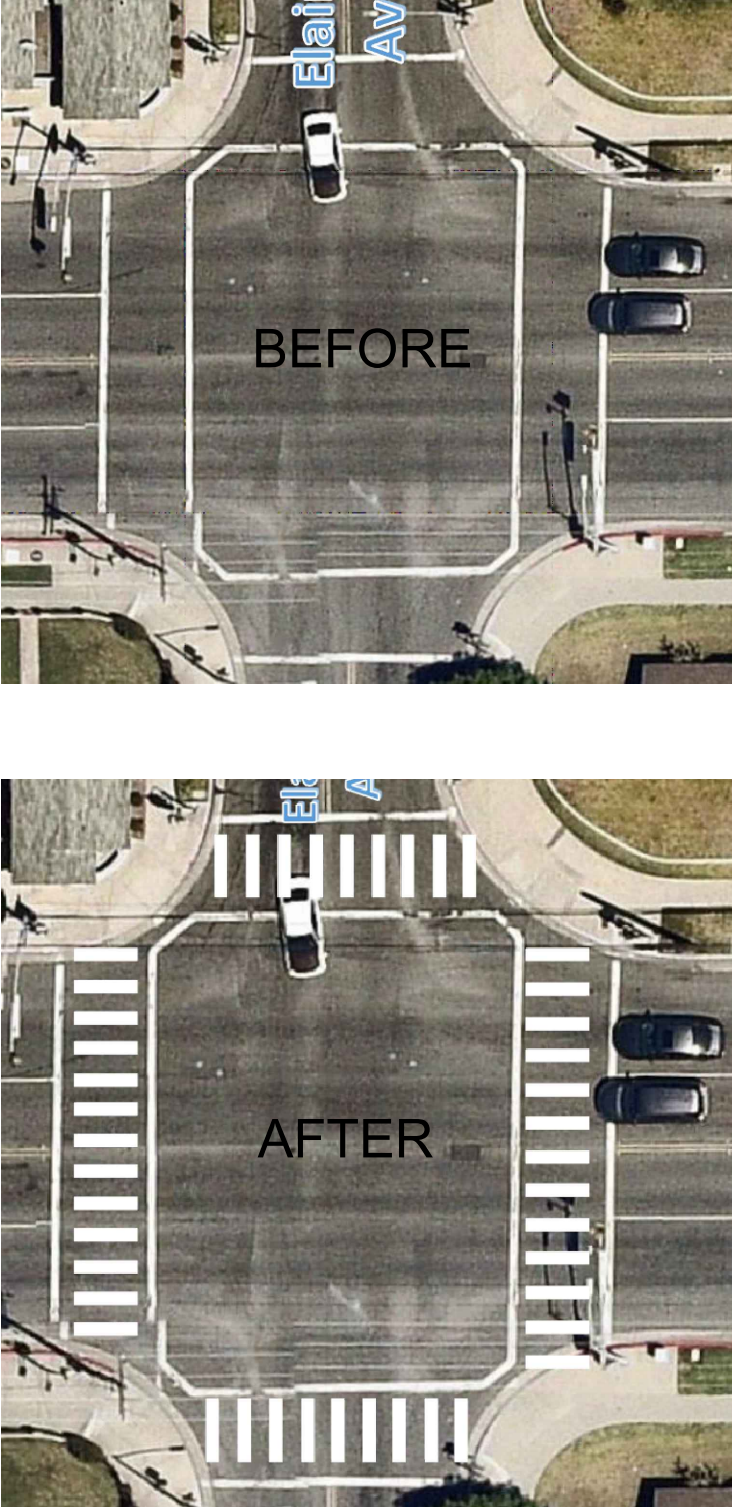
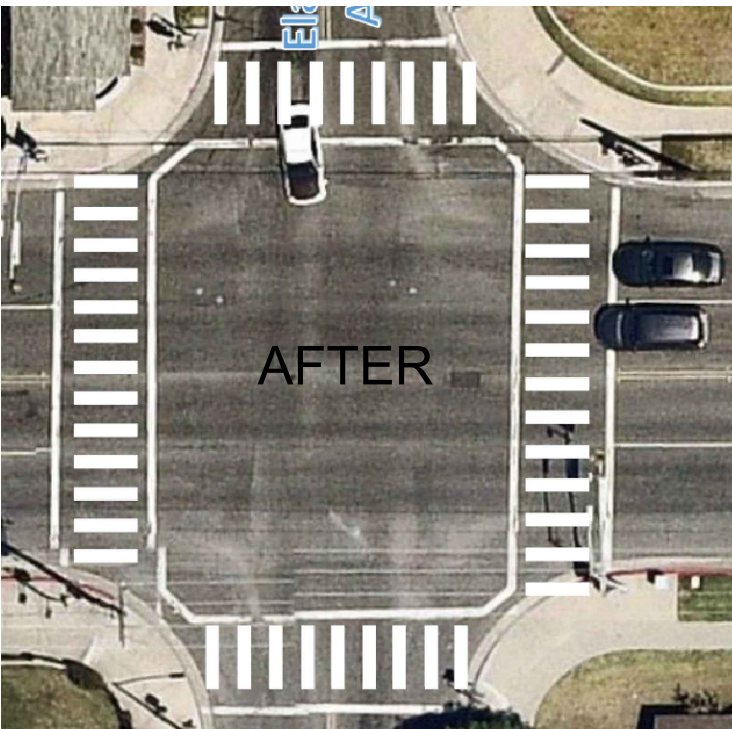

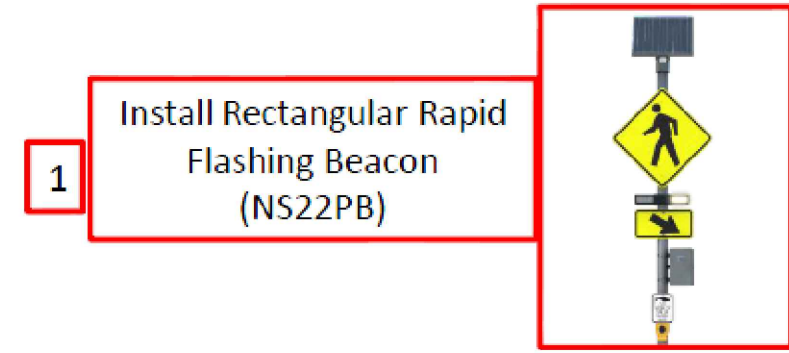
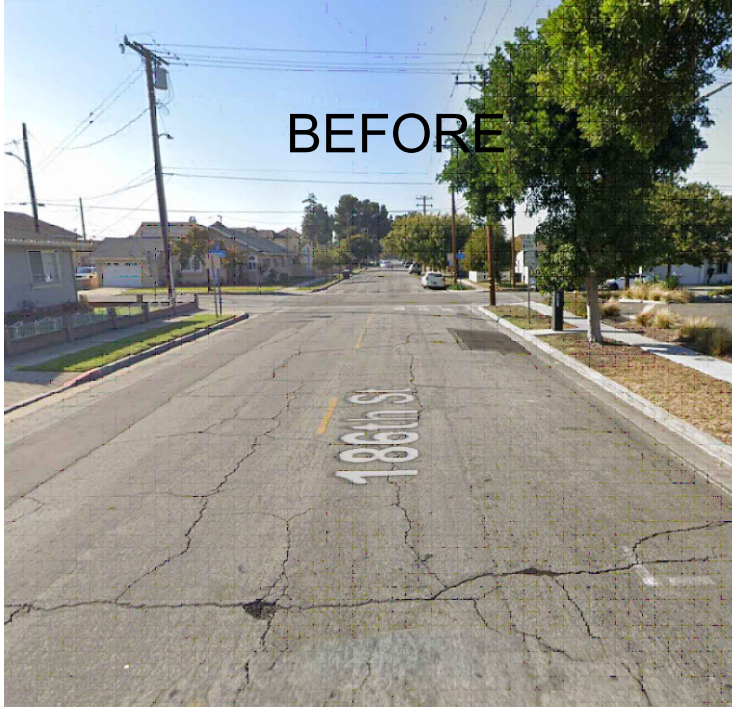

[2025 FLM Exhibit.pdf](#)



# CITY OF ARTESIA

## 2025 HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (HSIP) AND STREET IMPROVEMENTS



ENHANCED CROSSWALK	ENHANCED CROSSWALK WITH BEACON	STREET PAVEMENT AND STRIPING IMPROVEMENT
8 LOCATIONS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>166th St. X Alburdis Ave.</li><li>178th St. X Rosetone Ave.</li><li>178th St. X Jersey Ave.</li><li>Ashworth St. X Clarkdale Ave.</li><li>183rd St. X Elaine Ave.</li><li>186th St. X Elaine Ave.</li><li>186th St. X Grayland Ave.</li><li>186th St. X Horst Ave.</li></ul>	1 LOCATION: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>186th St. X Devlin Ave.</li></ul>	3 LOCATIONS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>186th Street: Pioneer Blvd. - Norwalk Blvd.</li><li>Elaine Avenue: 183rd St. - South St.</li><li>Grayland Avenue: 183rd St. - South St.</li><li><b>NOTE:</b> Elaine and Grayland Avenue to receive pavement marking and additional signage to discourage speeding.</li></ul>
 	 	 

COST ESTIMATE (R.O.M.)	
ENHANCED CROSSWALK	\$ XXX,XXX.XX
RAPID FLASHING BEACON	\$ XXX,XXX.XX
STREET IMPROVEMENT	\$ XXX,XXX.XX
TOTAL:	\$ XXX,XXX.XX
HSIP GRANT:	\$ 209,430.00
BALANCE:	\$ XXX,XXX.XX



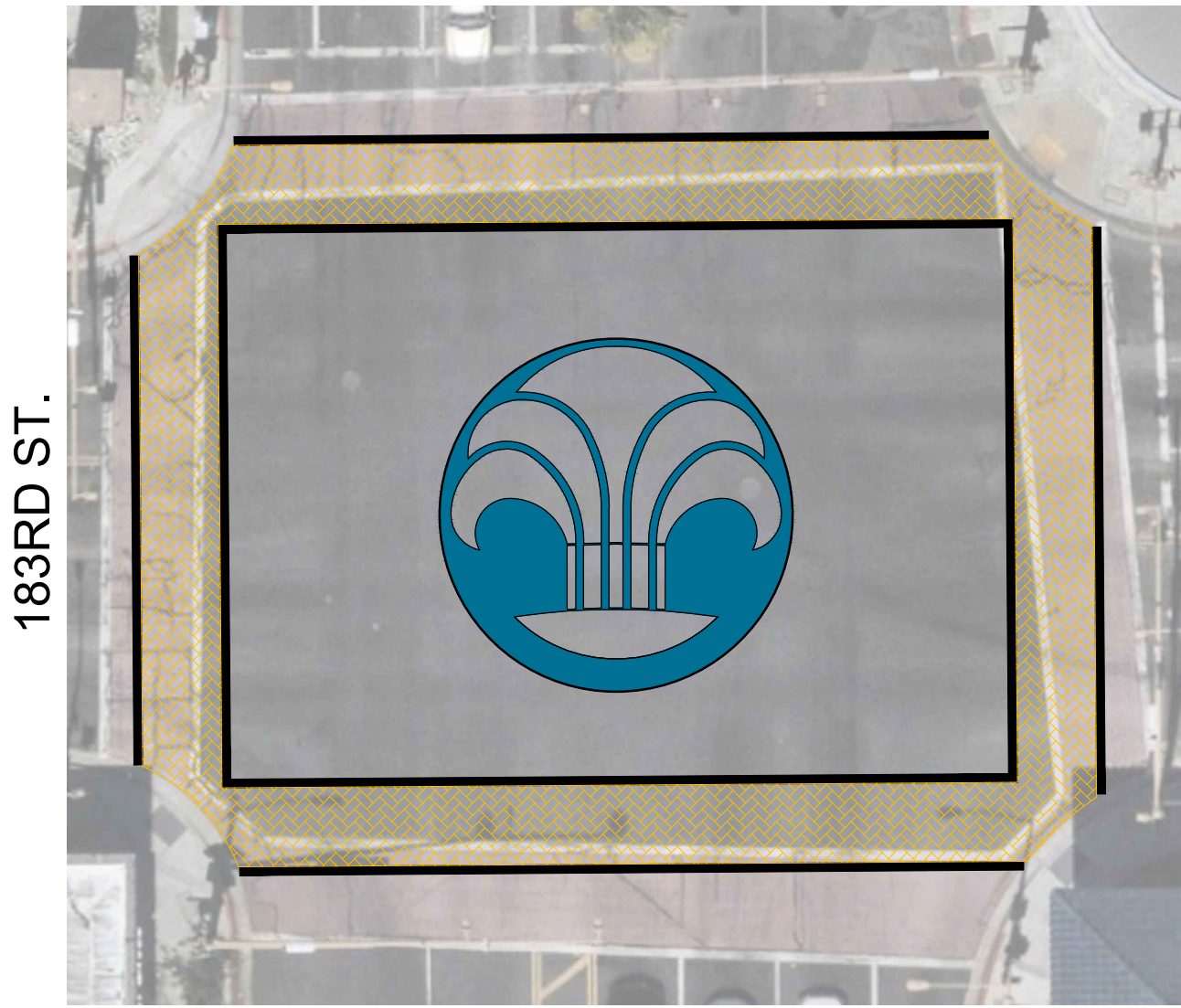
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## FIRST-LAST MILE (FLM) PROGRAM IMPROVEMENTS



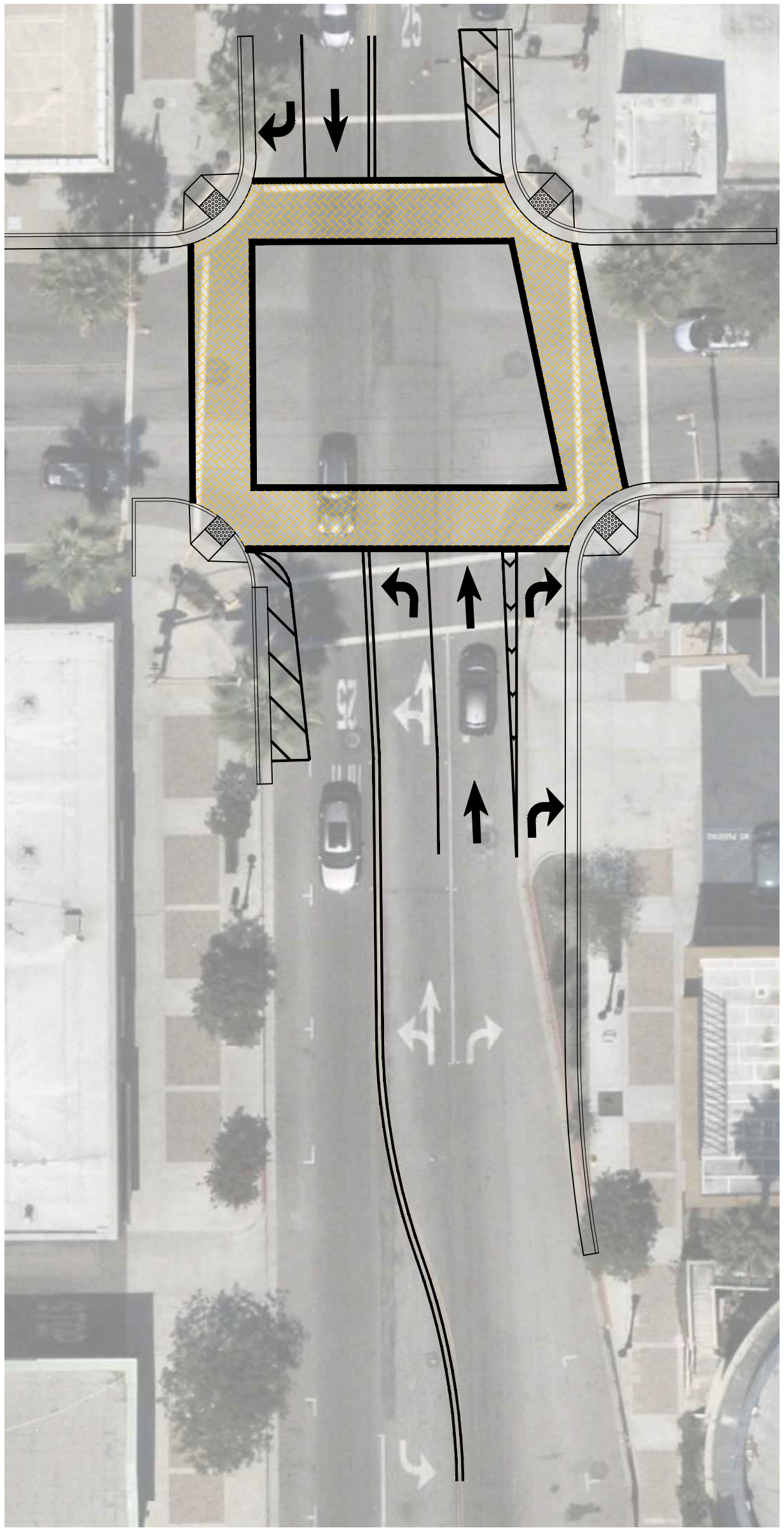
### DECORATIVE CROSSWALK

PIONEER BLVD.



183RD ST.

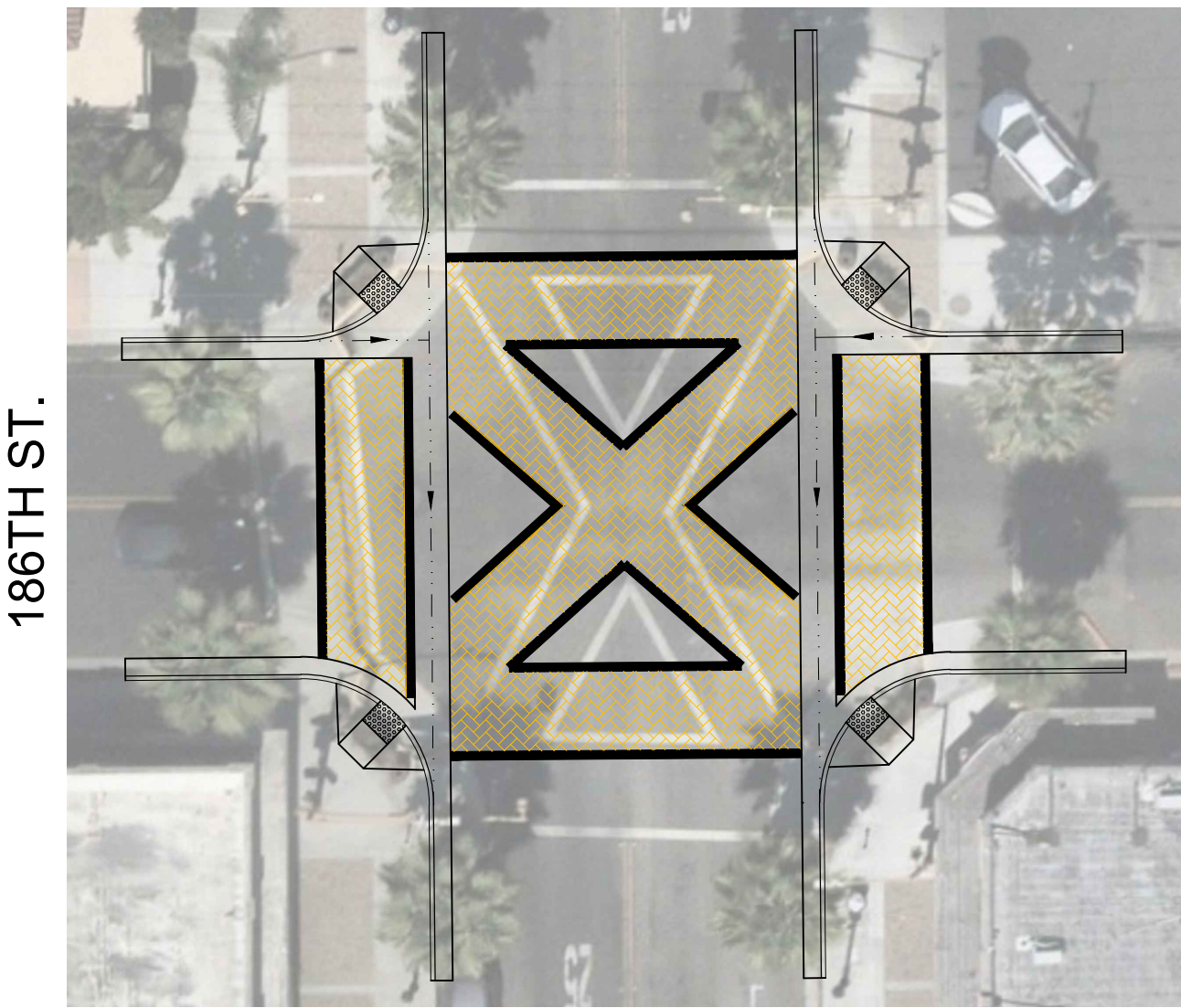
PIONEER BLVD.



187TH ST.



VITHA PLAZA



186TH ST.

- INSTALLATION OF DURATHERM TREATMENT AT EXISTING CROSSWALK
- REMOVAL OF BULB OUTS AND PALM TREES TO ESTABLISH POSITIVE DRAINAGE AT 186TH AND 187TH
- INSTALLATION OF DECORATIVE PAVEMENT ART ON THE CENTER OF PIONEER & 183RD
- ADDITION OF A RIGHT TURN LANE FROM PIONEER BLVD NORTHBOUND TO 187TH STREET



FIRST LAST MILE PROGRAM IMPROVEMENTS

FIRST LAST MILE PROGRAM  
IMPROVEMENTS

CITY OF ARTESIA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING

EXH1

DATE: JANUARY, 2025