



December 4, 2013

Gerri Doyle  
Sr. Transportation Planner  
Missouri Dept. of Transportation  
600 NE Colbern Road  
Lee's Summit, MO 64086

Re: STP 3368 (404) Byars Road Trail Enhancement Project: Request for Use of Proprietary Items

Dear Ms. Doyle,

The following information is intended to demonstrate that there is a financial and aesthetic benefit to utilizing proprietary specifications in terms of landscape elements on the Byars Road Trail Enhancement Project. We are requesting an exemption from MoDOT Section **136.9.2.6** for: benches litter receptacles, and quoins/medallions that will be used on the above referenced project. Though other products/brands of these landscape components would meet the functionality and durability requirements desired by the City, utilizing different products than those used on previous projects recently completed in the City would not fit within the aesthetic standard established throughout the City's improvement projects thus far. During the initial phases of the Main Street improvement projects, the design team, along with the City spent multiple public meetings and conducted visual preference studies to insure that the landscape amenities used on City project that would fit within the desired "feel" for the City. The selection of the benches and litter receptacles were selected through this process. By specifying the trade name products listed below, the City of Grandview will insure a seamlessly completed theme with identical landscape elements throughout the City.

- Scarborough Benches by Landscape Forms
- Scarborough Litter Receptacles by Landscape Forms
- Quoins/medallions by Pineapple Grove

Additionally, by specifying the same products as in previous projects, the City will see cost savings and ease of maintenance in the future.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Jaclyn White'.

Jaclyn White

Assistant City Engineer

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