

List of Elements That may be Used in Traffic Medians

1. Trees
 - a. Typically planted at 30' on center. Distance can vary depending tree species.
 - b. For a list of street trees visit BSS/UFD's website:
<http://bss.lacity.org/UrbanForestry/StreetTreeSelectionGuide.htm>
 - c. Tree spacing requirements set minimum clear distances from infrastructure, such as: water and gas meters, fire hydrants, street lights, etc. See attachment.
2. Shrubs
 - a. The city does not have a list of approved plants that can be used in the public right of way, thereby allowing more freedom for design expression. However to provide a safe environment we ask the that all the plants used comply at a minimum with Section V, A, of the Residential Parkway Landscape Guidelines posted on BSS' website at:
http://bss.lacity.org/Engineering/pdfs/Residential_Parkway_Landscaping_Guidelines_2015.pdf
3. Plant Ground covers (no lawn/turf)
 - a. Same as #2 above.
4. Non-vegetative groundcovers: Mulch, bark chips, decomposed granite, synthetic turf.
 - a. Most are acceptable depending on level of care provided by maintenance party/agency. Loose materials such as decomposed granite, mulch and bark chips should not be used as a stand-alone ground cover, and should only be used in conjunction with plant material.
 - b. Synthetic turf is an acceptable ground cover. City staff is currently finalizing a Standard Plan to provide acceptable installation standards.
 - c. Loose gravel is not allowed unless it's part of an active stormwater capture system.
5. Paving material: concrete, asphalt, brick, pavers, cobbles.
 - a. Are typically allowed based on appropriate use and safety.
6. Irrigation: Drip, micro-spray, bubblers. Spray heads not allowed.
 - a. Each median is treated as an independent stand-alone system, with its own dedicated meter, backflow preventer, controller, etc.
7. Community markers and Signage.
 - a. Are typically allowed. Provided community outreach and support has been documented.
 - b. Advertisement is not allowed in the public right of way. Language should be limited to identifying the community.
 - c. While there are no height restrictions, the signs/monuments need to have a 2' horizontal clearance from face of curb.
8. Artistic elements; can be stand alone or made part of community markers.
 - a. Same as #7 above.
 - b. Will need Cultural Affairs Department approval.

9. Stormwater capture systems/Bioswales

- a. Can be installed pending site conditions, soil type, and maintenance.
- b. Site should be located at low point or downward side of a storm flow area.
- c. These systems require a high level of maintenance. A maintenance entity/agency needs to be identified. If not maintained, standing water can create foul odors and mosquito infestations.
- d. See Standard Plans 480 through 486 at BOE's Technical Document site:
<http://eng.lacity.org/techdocs/stdplans/index.htm>