

## Oak Park MAC CSA 4 Landscape Committee Report: May 29, 2025

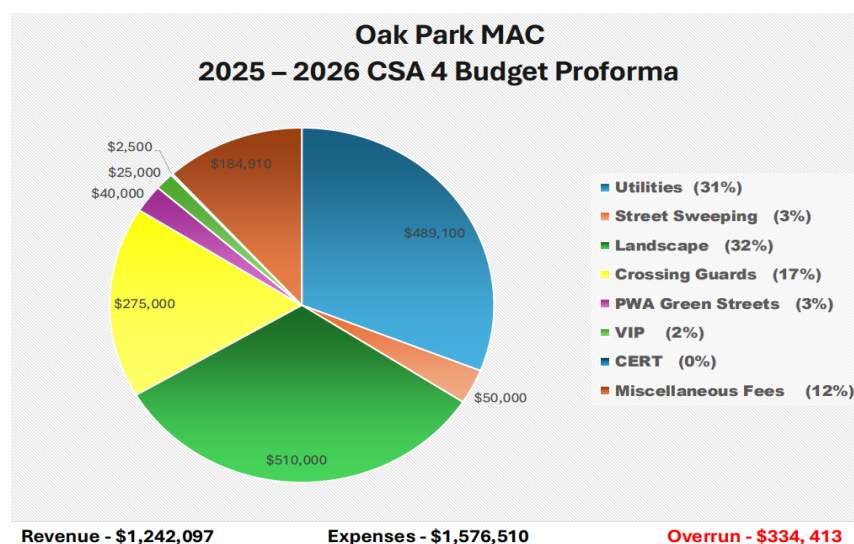
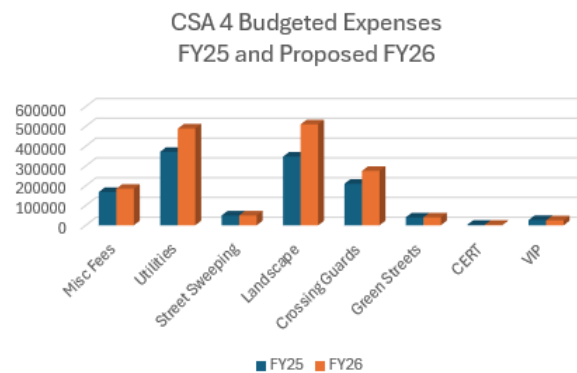
### Submitted by: Brian Trushinski, CSA 4 Landscape Committee Chair

- The new CSA 4 landscaping contractor will begin on July 1, 2025.
- Significant planting is needed (many bare patch areas) along the north and south sides of Hawthorne Drive between Bowfield Street & Kanan Road. Enhanced Landscapes said that 5-gallon lantanas (*Lantana camara*) would be a good plant choice as they are fairly drought tolerant, will spread after 2-3 years from planting, and have deep root systems that effectively hold the soil and reduce the risk of hillside erosion to adjacent public sidewalks.

This will be the main CSA 4 landscape planting project in 2025. County Public Works Agency (PWA) said that the project cost estimate will be prepared in July when the new CSA 4 landscaping contractor is onboard.

- Last month, Brian Trushinski asked that Public Works: Central Services (Ms. Joan Araujo) calculate the total amount of FY 2025/26 budget money from the \$510,000 Landscape allocation that can be used for community landscaping projects, including the Hawthorne Drive planting. The County has not provided this information to date.

	FY25	FY26
Misc Fees	168100	184910
Utilities	371300	489100
Street Sweeping	49900	50000
Landscape	347500	510000
Crossing Guards	210000	275000
Green Streets	40000	40000
CERT	2500	2500
VIP	27000	25000
Revenue	1206500	1242097



- PWA said that the utility service box located at the end of the Bowfield Street cul-de-sac / Kanan Road has been repainted. The Sheriff's Department informed PWA that the graffiti tagging was not from any known gang; it was likely from kids defacing public property.
- Public Works staff said that two (2) commercial-grade replacement solar lights at the 'Welcome to Oak Park' monument sign in the Kanan Road center median (between Conifer Street and Tamarind Street) would each cost about \$1,000.00. The other option would be to continue replacing the less expensive (\$35.00/each) lights every 2-3 months as they normally wear out. This can be discussed at a future MAC meeting after the Ventura County Board of Supervisors approves the CSA 4 budget in June.
- There were two irrigation breaks along Kanan Road in May (i) near Churchwood Drive, and (ii) Oak Park Lane. The damage was due to the age of the pipes and possibly from recent earthquake activity. Both have been repaired.
- Enhanced Landscapes said that there are many bare-earth spots throughout the CSA 4 area where infill planting should be undertaken. Dieback is primarily a result of reduced irrigation usage over the past few years in response to CSA 4 budget constraints. Infilling and irrigation monitoring will occur in 2025 as the budget allows.
- Supervisor Gorell's staff (Mr. Israel Rodriguez) attended the Committee meeting and said that he would investigate the status of the Oak Park cycling lane painting/stripping project. The County received a grant from the state for this work on a Countywide basis.
- PWA staff said that a detailed cost estimate for the suggested "Welcome to Oak Park" monument sign and front planting area on Lindero Canyon Road would have to wait until the FY 2025/26 CSA 4 budget was approved by the Board of Supervisors. Staff did, however, say that a 'ballpark' cost estimate would be between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

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