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 that all the plants used comply at a minimum with Section V, A, of the Residential Parkway Landscape Guidelines posted on BSS’ website at:  

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.

   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.