

Agenda Report

TO: City Council

July 14, 2003

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Authorization to Amend Contract No. 17,879 with McLean and Schultz for Right-of-Way Phase and Modifications to the Bridge Design for the Sierra Madre Villa Light Rail Station Southern Pedestrian Overcrossing

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to amend Contract No. 17,879 with McLean and Schultz for completing the right-of-way phase and modifications to the bridge design of the southern pedestrian overcrossing to the Sierra Madre Villa light rail station, to increase the total "not to exceed" amount from \$380,000 to \$529,650, which is an increase of \$149,650.

BACKGROUND

The Sierra Madre Villa Light Rail Station consists of a northern pedestrian overcrossing from the parking garage to the light rail station located on the state route 210 Freeway. The future southern access bridge will be a direct and safe approach for pedestrians, bus riders, and auto drop-offs approaching from the south side of the freeway and will reduce traffic congestion at the north access.

On January 28, 2002, the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Contract with McLean and Schultz in the amount of \$295,000 for the design of a south pedestrian access bridge to the Sierra Madre Villa Station.

On July 15, 2002, a contract amendment in the amount of \$85,000 was approved by the City Council to complete a Project Study Report ("PSR") required by Caltrans and to complete a Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) application for the 2003 Call for Projects. It was anticipated that Caltrans would allow a majority of the PSR for the north pedestrian crossing to be utilized, as it is similar to the south pedestrian crossing. However, Caltrans ruled that an entirely new PSR be completed.

An increase in the contract is now required to complete the right-of-way phase and modify the plans to meet new Caltrans requirements. City staff was planning to perform the right-of-way

work, but the current workload would not allow staff to perform the necessary services in a timely manner. The right-of-way work includes acquisition of the Caltrans and Orchard Supply Hardware (OSH) properties needed for this project. Caltrans has agreed to relinquish their right-of-way to the City. Modifications to the plans are necessary due to new Caltrans standards which require a poured-in-place design rather than the previously designed metal segmented bridge.

The project cost for the south access pedestrian bridge to the Sierra Madre Villa station is \$5,000,000. Council has appropriated \$2,500,000 from the Light Rail Reserves, leaving \$2,500,000 unfunded. City staff has been working with various entities to try to identify additional funding for this project. The City's congressional delegation requested a \$2.5 million earmark in the Federal Transportation Appropriations bill, but this attempt was unsuccessful. On January 13, 2003, the City Council authorized the City Manger to submit an application to the MTA in the 2003 Call for Projects. MTA staff will be recommending to their Board of Directors in February 2004 that projects in the 2003 Call for Projects be approved. If the City's application is approved, these funds (\$2,500,000) will not be available until 2005 or later.

There will be funds remaining after the completion of Phase I of the Gold Line. A portion of the remaining funds will be transferred to start the funding of Phase II of the Gold Line, and some will be used for betterments along the Gold Line Phase I. The City has asked the Construction Authority to consider funding the shortfall of the south access pedestrian bridge as one of those betterments.

The project status of the Southern Pedestrian Overcrossing at the Sierra Madre Villa Station is as follows:

<u>Bridge Design</u>	<u>Status</u>
▪ Type selection approval process	Completed
▪ Geotechnical investigation	Completed
▪ Caltrans Project Study Report (PSR)	Completed
▪ Checked plans review process	Completed
 <u>Caltrans Review and Approval</u>	
▪ Caltrans review of PSR	Completed
▪ Caltrans preliminary approval	Completed
▪ Caltrans final approval	November 2003
▪ Relinquishment of Caltrans property	November 2003
▪ Execute Maintenance Agreement	December 2003
▪ Execute Encroachment Agreement	December 2003
 <u>South Tower Complex and Support Facilities Design</u>	
▪ Type selection approval process	November 2003
▪ Checked plans review process	November 2003

Right-of-Way Acquisition

- Acquire Caltrans easement November 2003
- Acquire Orchard Supply Hardware Easement December 2003

Street Design

- Bus pull-out area on Colorado Boulevard December 2003
- Walkway, pedestrian lighting and landscaping on Sierra Madre Villa Boulevard December 2003

Advertise and Award of Contract

January-April 2004
(Project must be fully funded by January 2004 to allow advertising per this schedule)

Construction of Bridge, Tower and Support Facilities

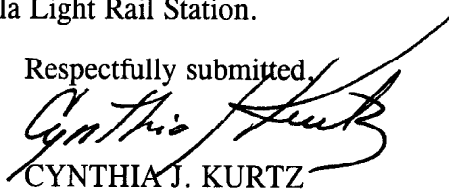
April 2004 to April 2005
(Based on available funding)

- Bridge
- South Tower with two elevators
- Kiss and Ride drop off on Colorado Boulevard
- Improved bus stops on Colorado Boulevard
- Walkway, pedestrian lighting and landscape Improvements on Sierra Madre Villa from South Tower to Colorado Boulevard

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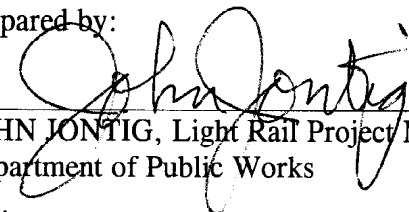
Sufficient funds for this contract amendment are available in Budget Account 75068, South Access Pedestrian Bridge to the Sierra Madre Villa Light Rail Station.

Respectfully submitted,



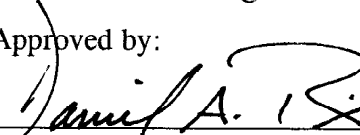
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