

# Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

July 28, 2003

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Contract Award to Steiny and Company, Inc. for Installation/Modification of Traffic Signals at Craig Avenue and Maple Street and Other Locations for an Amount Not to Exceed \$ 481,000.00

## RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Accept the bid dated July 2, 2003, submitted by Steiny and Company, Inc. in response to the Specifications for Installation/Modification of Traffic Signals at Craig Avenue and Maple Street and Other Locations, reject all other bids received, and authorize the City Manager to enter into such contract as is required.
2. Acknowledge the project to be categorically exempt under Section 21084 of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1984 in accordance with Article 19, Section 15301 (Class 1), subsection (c) of the Resources Agency of California Guidelines (minor alterations involving negligible expansion of use beyond that previously existing) pursuant to the findings of the Secretary of the Resources Agency and authorize the City Manager to execute and the City Clerk to file a Notice of Exemption for the project with the Los Angeles County Clerk.

## BACKGROUND:

The Department of Public Works has prepared plans and specifications for the installation of new signals at Craig Avenue and Maple Street, Craig Avenue and Corson Street, Los Robles Avenue and Howard Street, New York Drive and Bradley Street, and at Washington Boulevard and Sinaloa Avenue and for modifications of traffic signals at Colorado Boulevard and San Gabriel Boulevard.

These six projects are included in the current Capital Improvement Program and have been combined to form a single construction project to receive lower bid prices and to reduce contract administration and inspection costs.

The modification of the existing traffic signals at Colorado Boulevard and San Gabriel Boulevard is a safety improvement. The installation of protective/permissive left-turn phasing on all approaches at this intersection will allow for safer and more efficient movement of traffic.

The new traffic signals at Craig Avenue and Maple Street, Craig Avenue and Corson Street, Los Robles Avenue and Howard Street, New York Drive and Bradley Street, and Washington Boulevard and Sinaloa Avenue will allow for safer and more efficient movement of traffic and pedestrians. In addition, light emitting diodes (LED) signal heads will be installed at these intersections for energy savings.

The work includes the installation of new traffic signal and street light standards, traffic signal equipment, loop detectors, video detection cameras, street light luminaires, conduit, conductors, pull boxes, channelization striping, pavement markings, signage, and miscellaneous appurtenant work.

A finding of compliance with the General Plan was previously made and is shown on pages 2.16, 5.14, 5.15, 5.16, 5.17 and 5.30 of the FY 2003-2008 Capital Improvement Program.

Under the State Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this project is categorically exempt since the work consists of minor alterations involving negligible expansion of use beyond that previously existing. Therefore, it is recommended that a Notice of Exemption be filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk.

The project was advertised in the Pasadena Journal on June 12, 2003. In addition, the Notice Inviting Bids was published in five trade publications. Bid packets were obtained by 18 contractors, 6 of whom submitted bids for the project.

Following advertising, bids were received on July 2, 2003, and are as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Steiny and Company, Inc.	\$437,500.00
2. J F L Electric, Inc.	\$494,540.55
3. Moore Electrical Contracting	\$498,140.00
4. California Electrical services	\$515,083.30
5. Taft Electric Company	\$531,655.78
6. Comet Electric, Inc.	\$630,832.25

The lowest bid received was 5.54% higher than the Engineer's Estimate of 414,500.00.

It is recommended that Steiny and Company, Inc. be awarded the contract for this project as they are the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and that the other bid be rejected. The proposed contract with Steiny and Company, Inc. fully complies with the competitive bidding ordinance and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder as did the Contractor selection process. The Contractor has indicated that the award of this contract will result in no new hires to his present workforce.

The contract for this project will be set up as follows:

Base Bid	\$437,500.00
Contingency Allowance	<u>\$ 43,500.00</u>
Contract "Not to Exceed" Amount	\$481,000.00

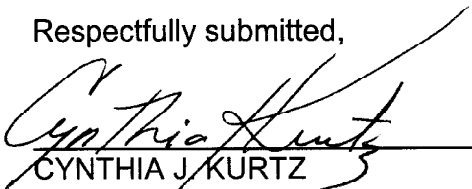
Construction will begin in August 2003 and be completed in November 2003.

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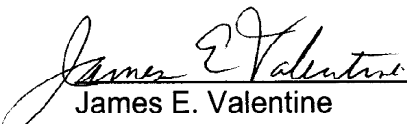
Sufficient funds are available in the following Budget Accounts to cover the cost of this Contract:

- Traffic signals at Craig Avenue and Maple Street are available in Budget Account No. 75871.
- Traffic signals at Craig Avenue and Corson Street are available in Budget Account No. 75848.
- Traffic signals at Los Robles Avenue and Howard Street are available in Budget Account No. 75061.
- Traffic signals at New York Drive and Bradley Street are available in Budget Account No. 75013.
- Traffic signals at Washington Boulevard and Sinaloa Avenue are available in Budget Account No. 73115.
- Traffic signals at Colorado Boulevard and San Gabriel Boulevard are available in Budget Account No. 75901.

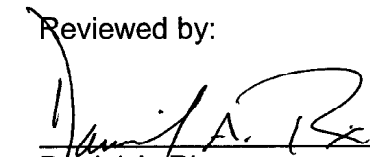
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