

# Agenda Report

Date: May 12, 2003

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Contract Award to E.C. Construction for the Improvement of Allen Avenue from Maple Street to Corson Street For An Amount Not to Exceed \$105,000

## RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Accept the bid dated April 30, 2003 submitted by E. C. Construction in response to the Specifications for the Improvement of Allen Avenue from Maple Street to Corson Street, 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 (CEQA) in accordance with Article 19, Section 15301 (Class 1), subsection (c) of the Resources Agency of California Guidelines (repair of existing public streets) 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:

This project consists of widening of the sidewalk on the west side of Allen Avenue between Corson Street to Maple Street, and the installation of additional street lighting. This work will provide enhanced pedestrian access to the Allen Avenue Light Rail Station.

Plans and specifications for the subject project, which is included in the 2003 Capital Improvement Program, were prepared by the Department of Public Works. In accordance with Section 4.08.070 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, bids have been requested and received.

A finding of compliance with the General Plan was previously made and is shown on page 5.33 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 the maintenance of existing public streets. Therefore, it is recommended that a Notice of Exemption be filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk.

This project was advertised in the Pasadena Journal on April 17, 2003. In addition, the Notice Inviting Bids was published in three trade publications. Bid packets were obtained by four contractors, two of whom submitted bids for the project.

Following advertising, bids were received on April 30, 2003 and are as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. E. C. Construction, South El Monte	\$ 84,173.00
2. Damon Const. Co., Carson	\$ 90,230.00

The lowest bid received was 0.1% higher than the Engineer's Estimate of \$84,090.00.

It is recommended that E. C. Construction be awarded the contract for this project as they are the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and that all other bids be rejected. The proposed contract with E. C. Construction 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 there will be no new hires as a result of this contract.

It is anticipated that the Contractor will perform additional work by change order under this contract that is outside of the scope of the project as bid. Specifically, the median island at Allen Avenue and Corson Street encroaches into the crosswalk in such a way as to create an insurmountable barrier to wheelchairs and other similar devices. It is proposed to have the median island modified, or moved back, in order to rectify this problem. The estimated cost of the additional work is \$12,000. The actual cost will be based on unit prices bid for other similar work for this project. It is requested that additional contingency funds, above the typical 10 percent allowance, be included in the contract for this work.

The contract for this project will be as follows:

Base Bid	\$ 84,173.00
Contingency Allowance, including Median Modifications	\$ 20,827.00
CONTRACT "NOT TO EXCEED" Amount	\$105,000.00

It is anticipated that construction will begin in June 2003 and be completed in July 2003.


FISCAL IMPACT:

Sufficient funding for this project is available in Budget Account 75021, Gold Line Light Rail Station Enhancements.

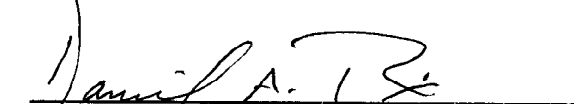
Respectfully submitted,

  
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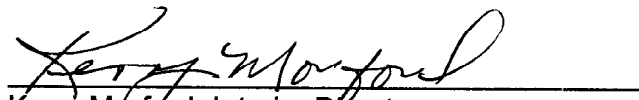
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