

# Agenda Report

**TO: CITY COUNCIL**

**DATE: September 13, 2004**

**FROM: CITY MANAGER**

**SUBJECT:** Contract Award to Ranco Corporation for the State Route 710 Mitigation – California Boulevard Right Turn Lane at Fair Oaks Avenue Project, for an Amount Not to Exceed \$179,531

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the City Council accept the bid dated August 27, 2004, submitted by Ranco Corporation in response to the Plans and Specifications for the California Boulevard Right Turn Lane at Fair Oaks Avenue Project; reject all other bids received; and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract not to exceed \$179,531, which includes the base bid of \$163,210 and \$16,321 for any additional work the City may order pursuant to the project plans and specifications.

## **BACKGROUND**

The California Boulevard Right Turn Lane at Fair Oaks Avenue project is one of the eight projects included in the State Route (SR) 710 Mitigation Project, which was approved by City Council on June 17, 2002. This project was federally funded through transportation bill H.R. 5394 in October 2000. The eight SR 710 Mitigation projects were selected based on their potential to improve mobility in those areas identified as impacted by the gap in the 710 freeway.

This project has been determined to be Categorically Exempt in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Programmatic Categorical Exclusion in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The California Department of Transportation, which is administering the funds provided under H.R. 5394, has approved the environmental documents and the Notice of Exemption has been recorded with the Los Angeles County Clerk.

The California Boulevard Right Turn Lane at Fair Oaks Avenue project includes a 15-foot widening of the south side of California Boulevard from Fair Oaks Avenue to just east of Fairmount Avenue to provide an eastbound to southbound right turn lane. The proposed right turn lane will facilitate traffic operations and reduce congestion at this intersection. Additional right-of-way is required along the south side of California

Boulevard to construct the proposed improvements. The property owner, Huntington Memorial Hospital Trust (HMH), has entered into a Grant of Easement for public street purposes to dedicate the necessary right-of-way to the City.

The project will be separated into two phases. Phase 1 includes a right-turn pocket that will accommodate current peak hour traffic volumes at the intersection without impacting the existing Cal Oaks Pharmacy building located on California Boulevard approximately 200 feet west of Fair Oaks Avenue. The recommended Contract Award described herein is for the Phase 1 project.

The Phase 2 project would extend the Phase 1 right-turn pocket westerly along California Boulevard to match the existing street width east of Fairmont Avenue. Phase 2 will require modification of the existing Cal Oaks Pharmacy building and will be constructed when HMH commences its planned development of the adjacent site and clears the required right-of-way for construction.

This project (Phase 1) was advertised in the Pasadena Journal on August 6, 2004. In addition, the Notice Inviting Bids was published in five trade publications. Bid packets were obtained by 17 Contractors, eight of whom submitted bids for the project.

Following advertising, bids were received on August 27, 2004, and are as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Ranco Corporation, Brea	\$163,210
2. Palp Inc. dba Excel Paving, Long Beach	\$169,324
3. Bannaoun Engineering-Constructors, Chatsworth	\$173,830
4. Olivas Valdez, Inc., Covina	\$197,616
5. Sialic Contractors Corporation dba Shawman, Downey	\$212,992
6. Sequel Contractors, Inc., Santa Fe Springs	\$224,700
7. Griffith Company, Santa Fe Springs	Non-Responsive
8. Tyner Paving Company, Los Angeles	Non-Responsive
Engineer's Estimate	\$195,000

The lowest bid received was 16 percent lower than the Engineer's Estimate of \$195,000.

It is recommended that Ranco Corporation be awarded the contract for this project as they are the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and that the other bids be rejected. The proposed contract with Ranco Corporation 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	\$163,210
Contingency Allowance	\$ <u>16,321</u>
Contract "Not to Exceed" Amount	\$179,531

Construction will begin in October 2004 and be completed in December 2004.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this project are available in Budget Account 73202, California Boulevard Right Turn Lane at Fair Oaks Avenue.

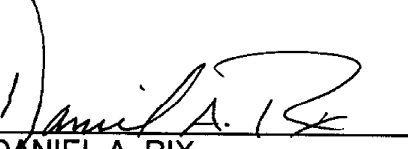
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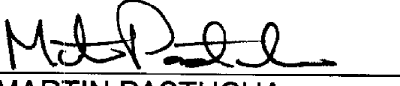
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