

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: March 28, 2005

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: REJECTION OF BIDS - INSTALLATION OF IN-FILL LIGHTING ON HALSTEAD STREET AND ON COLORADO BOULEVARD.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council reject all bids received on March 2, 2005, in response to the Specifications for the Installation of In-fill Lighting on Halstead Street and on Colorado Boulevard and authorize the City Manager to call for new bids.

BACKGROUND:

This project called for the installation of in-fill pedestrian lighting, street furniture and street trees on Halstead Avenue from the Sierra Madre Villa Gold Line Station to Rosemead Boulevard and on Colorado Boulevard from Northup Avenue to Sycamore Avenue. The work consists of the installation of street light poles, foundations, conduit and conductors, pull boxes, benches, trash receptacles, the planting of street trees, and miscellaneous appurtenant work.

All work on Halstead Avenue is in accordance with the East Pasadena Specific Plan and work on Colorado Boulevard is per the East Colorado Boulevard Specific Plan adopted by the City Council. This project would increase the safety and attractiveness of both avenues.

Following advertising bids were received on March 2, 2005, and are as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. TDS Engineering, Inc., Westlake Village	\$526,913.00
2. C.T.&F. Inc. Bell Gardens	\$544,306.00
Engineer's Estimate	\$404,406.00

The low bid exceeds the Engineer's Estimate by 30.3% and exceeds the available funding.

Staff has contacted the bidders and pole suppliers and has determined that there are two reasons for these higher than expected bids. The first is the continued escalation of prices of concrete, steel and copper. These markets are quite unstable and prices continue to rise at a rate higher than expected. Second, there is a large amount of traffic signal and street light work in progress throughout the region and many regular bidders were too busy to bid.

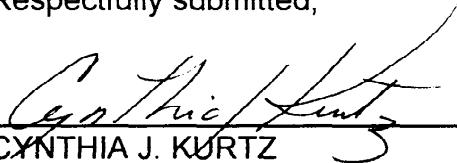
Due to the unexpected cost increase, it is recommended that all bids be rejected and the project be re-advertised. In order to reduce the cost, the City will reduce the scope of work by deleting lighting in a block where the lights have a potential to be installed as a condition of development. The City will also split the project into two separate projects, one for installation of concrete street lighting poles on Halstead Street and the other for the installation of steel street lighting poles on Colorado Boulevard. Re-bidding this project will delay construction six to eight weeks from the original construction dates.

Following re-advertising and contract award, it is anticipated that construction will begin in July 2005 and be completed in October 2005.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The request to re-bid the project is an attempt to keep the cost of project within the funds available in Budget Account No. 75059, Gold Line Pedestrian Enhancements.

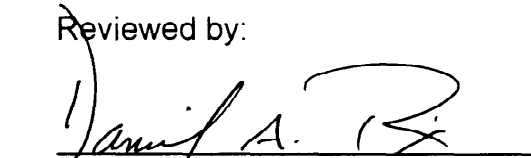
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