

# Agenda Report

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL

**DATE:** August 17, 2009

**FROM:** CITY MANAGER

**SUBJECT:** CONTRACT AWARD TO E.C. CONSTRUCTION FOR THE EXTENSION OF WALNUT STREET AND KINNELOA AVENUE FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,400,000

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Acknowledge the Mitigated Negative Declaration and the Notice of Determination for the project, which was filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk on May 4, 2007.
2. Accept the bid, dated July 29, 2009, submitted by E.C. Construction for the Extension of Walnut Street and Kinneloa Avenue, reject all other bids received, and authorize the City Manager to enter into such contract not to exceed \$2,400,000.00.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Kinneloa Avenue-Walnut Street Extension and Improvements, CIP Project No. 73132, will restore a direct connection between Colorado Boulevard and Foothill Boulevard, which existed before the construction of the adjacent I-210 Freeway. It will also include four traffic signals and street improvements on Walnut Street between San Gabriel Boulevard and Altadena Drive. The need for the street extension is identified in both the City's General Plan Mobility Element and the East Pasadena Specific Plan as a vital component in improving traffic circulation in east Pasadena, and for the benefits to be derived on Sierra Madre Villa Avenue/Madre Street, especially in light of the Gold Line Light Rail Station on Sierra Madre Villa Avenue.

This project was divided into two phases in order to combine like work and to expedite project delivery. This project consists of extending Walnut Street approximately 1,100 feet east from the intersection of Walnut Street and Sunnyslope Avenue to the intersection of Walnut Street and Kinneloa Avenue, reconstructing approximately 600

feet of Kinneloa Avenue from Colorado Boulevard to the Walnut Street intersection, and extending Kinneloa Avenue approximately 675 feet north to the intersection of Titley Avenue (to be renamed Kinneloa Avenue) and Foothill Boulevard. The work includes the removal of concrete curbs, gutters, sidewalks, drive approaches, reinforced concrete walls, the Avon access ramp, asphalt concrete pavement and existing fences; earthwork; construction of storm drain facilities; reconstruction of the bridge over Eaton Wash Channel; construction of asphalt concrete pavement; the construction of concrete curbs, gutters, sidewalks, wheelchair ramps and drive approaches; the installation of a street lighting system, traffic signals and traffic striping; and the planting of street trees.

The Department of Public Works prepared Specifications for the subject project. In accordance with Section 4.08.070 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, bids have been requested and received. The project was advertised in the Pasadena Star News on July 3, 2009. In addition, the Notice Inviting Bids was published in three trade publications and listed on the City website. Bid packets were obtained by 49 contractors, eight of whom submitted bids for the project.

The following advertising bids were opened on July 29, 2009 and are as follows:

	<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1.	E.C. CONSTRUCTION	\$ 2,162,007.67
2.	POWELL CONSTRUCTORS	\$ 2,241,072.50
3.	SPIESS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC.	\$ 2,359,992.82
4.	LOS ANGELES ENGINEERING, INC.	\$ 2,508,207.70
5.	UNION ENGINEERING COMPANCY, INC.	\$ 2,679,392.46
6.	SHAWNAN	\$ 2,842,082.00
7.	VIDO SAMARZICH, INC.	\$ 2,990,249.62
8.	MALLCRAFT, INC.	\$ 3,191,961.31
	ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE	\$ 3,685,000.00

The bid received from the successful low bidder is much lower than the Engineer's Estimate due to a slowing economy, resulting in greater competition between Contractors. It is recommended that E.C. Construction be awarded the contract for this project as they are the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The proposed contract with E.C. Construction fully complies with the Competitive Bidding and Living Wage Ordinances. The Contractor has indicated that the award of this contract will

result in no new hires to his present workforce. The proposed contract will be set up as follows:

Base Bid	\$ 2,162,007.67
Contingency Allowance	\$ 237,992.33
Contract "Not to Exceed" Amount	\$ 2,400,000.00

It is anticipated that the project will begin in September 2009 and be completed in spring 2010.

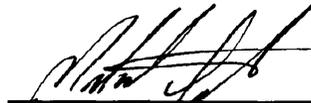
**ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:**

This project addresses the Transportation category of the Green City Action Plan by restoring a street segment in the City's existing transportation system which will assist in accommodating future residential and commercial growth by addressing overall mobility and access. The project also addresses the waste reduction category with the use of rubberized asphalt street pavement, thereby reducing the number of used tires that are sent to the landfill.

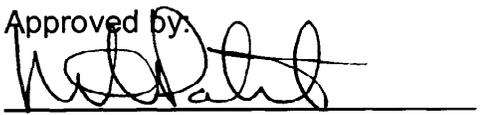
**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This \$9.4 million project is funded with a combination of Commercial Development fees, Gas Tax and Proposition 1B Funds in addition to a pledge of future Traffic Reduction Fees and future Commercial Development Fees from developers. There are currently sufficient funds available in the project account to fund construction of Phase 1 improvements.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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