

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: July 13, 2009

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: CONTRACT AWARD TO G-COAST CONSTRUCTION INC. FOR NORTH LAKE AVENUE TREE PENINSULA IMPROVEMENTS - FROM BELL STREET TO BOYLSTON STREET FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Acknowledge the project to be categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act in accordance with Title 14 Chapter 3, Classes 1 and 2, Sections 15301(c) and 15302 (c); replacement and reconstruction of existing facilities involving no expansion of use; and
2. Accept the bid dated June 10, 2009, submitted by G-Coast Construction Inc. for North Lake Avenue Tree Peninsula Improvements - from Bell Street to Boylston Street; reject all other bids received; authorize the City Manager to enter into such contract for a "not to exceed" amount of \$100,000.00.

BACKGROUND:

This North Lake Avenue Tree Peninsula Improvements project provides for the enhancement of the existing tree peninsulas between Bell Street and Boylston Street, as part of the North Lake Specific Plan. The work includes miscellaneous excavation of mulch and soil; construction of concrete edge restraints; construction of interlocking concrete pavers and underlying sand bedding and aggregate base; and construction of colored concrete paving.

The North Lake Specific Plan was designed to enhance the quality of life for the community. The existing tree peninsulas between Bell Street and Boylston Street were constructed in 1998 in accordance with the North Lake Specific Plan. The tree peninsula areas are currently covered with mulch, which has eroded during

heavy winter rainstorms. The subject project will address the erosion issue, and provide a decorative feature consistent with the Specific Plan. The project was presented to and supported by the North Lake Task Force. The pattern and color palette of the proposed interlocking concrete pavers will match the existing paver construction within the center median islands on Orange Grove Boulevard east and west of Lake Avenue.

The Department of Public Works prepared Plans and 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 Journal on May 14, 2009. In addition, the Notice Inviting Bids was published in three trade publications, listed on the City website, and mailed out to 15 potential bidders. Bid packets were obtained by 20 contractors, 12 of whom submitted bids for the project.

Following advertising, bids were opened on June 10, 2009 and the results are as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. G-Coast Construction Inc, Encino	\$86,850.00
2. TMT Development Co Inc dba TK Engineering, Los Angeles	\$96,450.00
3. Yakar, San Dimas	\$99,069.00
4. Albert Allen dba Allen Construction, Whittier	\$109,324.80
5. DD Systems, Inc dba Ace CD Inc, Glendora	\$109,454.60
6. F S Construction, Sylmar	\$110,850.00
7. Arc-Accucon Construction, La Crescenta	\$112,194.20
8. E C Construction, South El Monte	\$117,999.50
9. Vido Samarzich, Inc, Alta Loma	\$119,800.00
10. Kalban Inc, Sun Valley	\$129,570.00
11. J D C Inc, Rancho Cucamonga	\$136,100.00
12. Addscape Inc, Los Angeles	\$148,400.00
Engineer's Estimate	\$153,500.00

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 G-Coast Construction Inc. be awarded the contract for this project as they are the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The proposed contract with G-Coast Construction Inc. fully complies with the Competitive Bidding and Living Wage Ordinances. The Contractor has indicated that the award of this contract will result in zero new hires to his present workforce.

The proposed contract will be set up as follows:

Base Bid	\$ 86,850.00
Contingency Allowance	<u>\$ 13,150.00</u>
Contract "Not to Exceed" Amount	\$ 100,000.00

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

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

This project addresses the Waste Reduction category of the Green City Action Plan by eliminating the mulch which previously eroded from the existing tree peninsulas during heavy rainstorms. In addition, this will also reduce the amount of mulch entering the storm drain system through catch basins, thereby satisfying the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Sufficient Street Occupation Rental Fees for this project are available in Capital Improvement Budget Account 75954, North Lake Specific Plan.

Respectfully submitted,



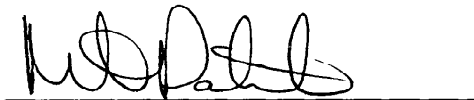
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Priority	Project No.	Description	Total Estimated Cost	Appropriated Through FY 2008	Adopted FY 2009	Proposed FY 2010	FY 2011 to 2014 Estimated Cost
14	75954	North Lake Specific Plan					
		Commercial Dev. Fee R920021441	59,045	59,045	0	0	0
		Commercial Dev. Fee R920022362	95,955	95,955	0	0	0
		Commercial Dev. Fee R9809851	150,000	150,000	0	0	0
		Gas Tax	491,000	491,000	0	0	0
		General Fund	873,000	873,000	0	0	0
		Street Occupation Rental Fees	200,000	0	200,000	0	0
		Unfunded	2,831,000	0	0	0	2,831,000
		Total	4,700,000	1,669,000	200,000	0	2,831,000

DESCRIPTION: This project provides for the implementation of the various public improvements described in the adopted North Lake Specific Plan.

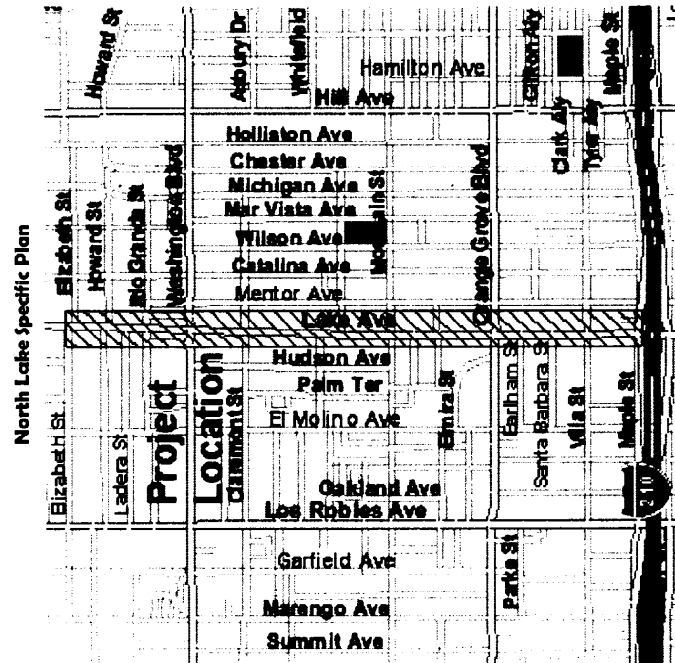
1. Tree Lanes and Tree Peninsulas - Construct tree lanes and tree peninsulas, including landscaping and irrigation on Lake Avenue at the following locations:
 - a. Maple Avenue to Villa Street
 - b. Villa Street to Orange Grove Boulevard
 - c. Orange Grove Boulevard to Boylston Street
 - d. Boylston Street to Bell Street
 - e. Bell Street to Claremont Street
 - f. Claremont Street to Washington Boulevard
 - g. Washington Boulevard to Rio Grande Street - COMPLETED
 - h. Rio Grande Street to Elizabeth Street

2. New Traffic Signal

- a. Rio Grande Street at Lake Avenue - COMPLETED

3. Roadway Maintenance - Perform street resurfacing at the following locations:

- a. Claremont Street - Lake Avenue to Hudson Street - COMPLETED
- b. Lake Avenue - Villa Street to Maple Street - COMPLETED
- c. Washington Boulevard - Lake Avenue to Michigan Avenue - COMPLETED



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4. Chokers and Median Islands - Construct chokers and median islands on Lake Avenue at the following locations:
 - a. Claremont Street to Washington Boulevard
 - b. Boylston Street to Mountain Street - COMPLETED
5. Street Lighting - Install pedestrian lighting at the following locations:
 - a. Lake Avenue - Maple Street to Elizabeth Street - COMPLETED
 - b. Orange Grove Boulevard - Elmira Street to Mentor Street - COMPLETED
 - c. Washington Boulevard - El Molino Avenue to Catalina Avenue - COMPLETED
6. Street Trees - Develop and implement a tree plan which will include the installation of landmark trees at the following locations:
 - a. Lake Avenue and Maple Street
 - b. Lake Avenue and Elizabeth Street
7. Streetscapes - Install benches, trash receptacles, bike racks and news racks - COMPLETED

JUSTIFICATION: The North Lake Specific Plan strives to capture the full potential of the area through design strategies to enhance the corridor's overall appearance; pedestrian opportunities and amenities; compatible land use; safe and comfortable circulation systems; and identification of economic opportunities for existing businesses and residents in the surrounding neighborhoods.

SCHEDULE: In FY 2008, installation of the traffic signal at Rio Grande Street and Lake Avenue and plans for benches and trash receptacles were completed. In FY 2009, improvements to the tree peninsulas will be completed on Lake Avenue from Boylston Street to Bell Street. The decomposed granite within the existing tree peninsulas will be removed and replaced with decorative paving.

RELATIONSHIP TO THE GENERAL PLAN: The North Lake area was identified in the General Plan for special treatment by means of the Specific Plan land-use designation. The plan serves the community needs and enhances the quality of life in Pasadena.

IMPACT TO THE NORTHWEST: This project is located in Northwest Pasadena which is an area that has been targeted for revitalization.

HISTORY: This project was created in FY 1996 and received initial funding in FY 1997.