

# Agenda Report

November 21, 2011

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** Department of Public Works  
**SUBJECT:** **CONTRACT AWARD TO STEINY AND COMPANY, INC., FOR THE MODIFICATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT LOS ROBLES AVENUE AND UNION STREET, AND AT WASHINGTON BOULEVARD AND HILL AVENUE, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$226,000**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find the project proposed herein to be categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") in accordance with Section 15301 (Class 1), subsection (c). This exemption includes minor alterations of existing public facilities (including streets) involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination, and there are no environmental reviews; and
2. Accept the bid dated October 12, 2011, submitted by Steiny and Company, Inc., in response to the Project Specifications for the Modification of Traffic Signals at Los Robles Avenue and Union Street, and at Washington Boulevard and Hill Avenue, reject all other bids received, and authorize the City Manager to enter into such contract as is required for an amount not to exceed \$226,000.

## **BACKGROUND:**

This project consists of the installation of protected/permissive left-turn traffic signals for the intersections of Los Robles Avenue and Union Street, and at Washington Boulevard and Hill Avenue. The projects also include upgrading the intersection to provide vehicle and pedestrian detection systems that will improve mobility in the area and enhance traffic safety.

The Department of Public Works prepared plans and specifications for this project and bids have been received.

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This project was advertised in the Pasadena Journal on September 22, 2011. In addition, the Notice Inviting Bids was published in three trade publications and on the City website. Bid packets were obtained by nine contractors, five of whom submitted bids for the project.

Following advertising, bids were received on October 12, 2011, and are as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Steiny and Company, Inc., Baldwin Park, CA	\$ 205,600
2. C. T. & F., Inc., Bell Gardens, CA	\$ 217,771
3. California Professional Engineering, Inc., La Puente, CA	\$ 219,554
4. Freeway Electric, Inc., Riverside, CA	\$ 222,222
5. Flatiron Electric Group, Chino, CA	\$ 244,987
Engineer's Estimate	\$ 212,000

The lowest bid received was 3% lower than the Engineer's Estimate.

It is recommended that Steiny and Company, Inc. be awarded a contract for this project as they are the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and that the other bids be rejected. The proposed contract with Steiny and Company, Inc., 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 contract will be set up as follows:

Base Bid	\$ 205,600
Contingency Allowance	<u>\$ 20,400</u>
Contract "Not to Exceed" Amount	\$ 226,000

It is anticipated that work will begin in January 2012 and be completed in June 2012.

**COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:**

This project supports the City Council Strategic Goals to "Improve, maintain and enhance public facilities and infrastructure" and to "Improve mobility and accessibility throughout the City of Pasadena". This project is consistent with the Mobility Element Policy 3.2 by applying traffic management measures to control vehicular traffic speeds and volumes on local and collector streets within residential neighborhoods to assure safe and orderly traffic flows.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

### **National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Review**

As Federal funds are being used for the proposed intersection improvements, the projects are subject to NEPA review. On September 28, 2009, both projects were determined by the State acting for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), per Section 6004, NEPA compliance as a Categorical Exclusion under 23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)(2). On December 1, 2009, the City of Pasadena submitted a Preliminary Environmental Studies form for NEPA compliance to Caltrans Environmental for Section 106 and 4(f) determination.

### **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Review**

Prior to the NEPA review and in compliance with the process stated above, the project for the intersection of Los Robles Avenue and Union Street was subject to CEQA review where it was listed as one of the 11 corridors for the 710 Mitigation Project in the City of Pasadena. The Preliminary Environmental Study, which was prepared in September 2003, determined the project to be categorically exempt under CEQA in accordance with Section 15301 Existing Facilities (Class 1), Subsection (c).

The project at Washington Boulevard and Hill Avenue has been reviewed and also qualifies for exemption under CEQA in accordance with Section 15301 Existing Facilities (Class 1), Subsection (c). This exemption includes the minor alteration of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

The proposed projects will improve efficiency and safety at the existing intersections. There will be no expansion of the streets or expansion of capacity. A Notice of Exemption for the project was filed with Los Angeles County Clerk on March 30, 2010.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The cost of the project, including contract, administration and inspection, is \$236,000. Funding for this action will be addressed by utilization of existing budgeted appropriations in the *Left Turn Signal Phasing at Washington Blvd. and Hill Ave., and at Los Robles Ave. and Union St.* (Budget Account 75804) CIP project.

It is anticipated that all costs will be spent during the current fiscal year. On-going maintenance costs, including electricity, are anticipated and will be addressed by the utilization of existing budgeted appropriations in the Public Works Department's Street Lights and Traffic Signal program (Budget Account 101-764420).

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The following table represents a contract summary.

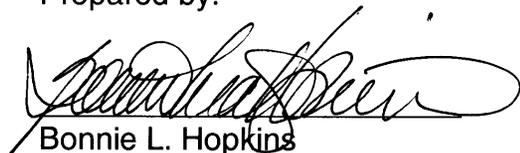
Base Bid	\$ 205,600
Contingency Allowance	\$ 20,400
Contract Total	\$ 226,000
Administration/Inspection	\$ 10,000
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 236,000

Respectfully submitted,



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