

Agenda Report

November 16, 2015

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Department of Public Works

SUBJECT: CONTRACT AWARD TO VART CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR SRTS-5064(071), SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL – LINCOLN AVENUE FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$315,000

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find the project herein to be categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines in accordance with Title 14, Chapter 3, Class 1, Section 15301, minor alterations of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing at the time of the lead agency's determination; and
2. Accept the bid dated October 23, 2015 submitted by Vart Construction, Inc. in response to the Specifications for Safe Routes to School – Lincoln Avenue, and authorize the City Manager to enter into such contract for an amount not to exceed \$315,000.

BACKGROUND:

This project consists of the construction of bulb outs and traffic signal upgrades at the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and Washington Boulevard; and the construction of raised paver medians north and south of the I-210 Freeway overcrossing on Lincoln Avenue. This project is funded through Cycle 3 of the Federal Safe Routes to School program. The purpose of the program is to enable and encourage children to walk and bicycle to school, and to create a safer walking and bicycling built environment within approximately two miles of a school. The bulb outs shorten the crossing distance and the medians increase safety at the intersections thus creating a more pedestrian friendly environment. The proposed improvements are in accordance with the Lincoln Avenue Specific Plan, and are within half a mile of Cleveland Elementary School.

A finding of compliance with the General Plan was previously made and is shown on page 2.8 of the adopted FY 2016 Capital Improvement Program.

The Department of Public Works prepared plans and specifications for this project. In accordance with Section 4.08.070 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, bids were requested and received. The project was advertised in the *Pasadena Journal* on October 1, 2015. In addition, the Notice Inviting Bids was published in six trade publications and published on the City's website, which generated notices to 84 local vendors. Bid packets were obtained by 22 contractors, nine of whom submitted bids for the project.

Following advertising, bids were received on October 23, 2015, and are as follows:

| Bidder | Amount (\$) |
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| 1. Vart Construction, Inc., Glendale | \$286,647 |
| 2. PTM Engineering, Riverside | \$296,926 |
| 3. Griffith Company, Santa Fe Springs | \$299,407 |
| 4. Sully-Miller Contracting Company, Brea | \$310,841 |
| 5. EC Construction, South El Monte | \$328,191 |
| 6. KTB Construction, West Hills | \$335,547 |
| 7. Unique Performance Construction, Anaheim | \$344,867 |
| 8.* PK Construction, Altadena | Non-Responsive |
| 9.** Yakar Construction, Covina | Non-Responsive |

* PK Construction's bidder's proposal was rendered non-responsive because the project addendum was not acknowledged.

** Yakar Construction's bidder's proposal was rendered non-responsive because no bid bond was submitted.

The lowest bid received was 15.6 percent lower than the Engineer's Estimate of \$339,825, which was based on past bids received.

The Department of Public Works recommends that Vart Construction, Inc. be awarded the contract for this project as they are the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The proposed contract with Vart Construction, Inc. fully complies with the Competitive Bidding and Living Wage Ordinances. In addition, the proposed contract with Vart Construction, Inc. fully complies with the Prevailing Wage Law (Senate Bill 7) per Resolution 9406 adopted by the City Council on December 15, 2014. The contractor has indicated that the award of this contract will result in no new hires to its present workforce.

Vart Construction, Inc. currently has two open purchase orders with the City: Restoration of Trail & Rubble Wall at Central Park (\$35,000); and Clearing of Debris Basins on Rutherford Drive (\$23,000). Vart Construction, Inc. has completed contracts and purchase orders totaling approximately \$1,800,000 on various City projects since 2010.

The contract for this project will be set up as follows:

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| Base Bid | \$ 286,647 |
| Contingency Allowance | \$ 28,353 |
| Contract "Not to Exceed" Amount | \$ 315,000 |

It is anticipated that construction will begin in January 2016 and be completed in July 2016.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

This project is consistent with the City Council's goal to improve, maintain and enhance public facilities and infrastructure and improve mobility and accessibility throughout the City. It also supports the Public Facilities Element of the General Plan by maintaining public facilities to enhance the quality of life of the community.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The City's Environmental Administrator recommends that the City Council determine the proposed project to be exempt under CEQA in accordance with Title 14, Chapter 3, Class 1, Section 15301, minor alterations of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of lead agency's determination.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost of this contract is \$315,000 and the total cost of this action will be \$365,000. Funding for this action will be addressed by the utilization of existing funds in the Improvements of Alleys and Concrete Streets FY 2011 - 2016 CIP project (budget account 73904), and Preventive Maintenance – Asphalt Streets FY 2010 – 2015 (budget account 73901). It is anticipated that all of the costs will be spent in FY 2016 and FY 2017. There are minor indirect and support costs such as maintenance anticipated.


The following table presents a summary of the sources of funds that will be used.

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| Preventive Maintenance - Asphalt Streets FY 10-15 (Budget Account 73901) | \$ 111,000 |
| Improvements of Alleys & Concrete Streets FY 11-16 (Budget Account 73904) | \$ 254,000 |
| Total Sources | \$ 365,000 |

The following table represents a contract summary.

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| Base Bid | \$ 286,647 |
| Contingency Allowance | \$ 28,353 |
| Contract Administration/Inspection | \$ 50,000 |
| Total Fiscal Impact | \$ 365,000 |

Respectfully submitted,



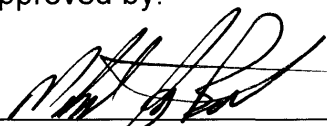
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