

# Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL September 11, 2000

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Repair of the Raymond Avenue Trunk Sewer and the Rose Bowl Sewer:  
Construction Contract Award to National Plant Services, Inc.

## RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Accept the bid, dated July 19, 2000, submitted by National Plant Services, Inc. in response to the specifications for the repair of the Raymond Avenue Trunk Sewer and the Rose Bowl Sewer, reject all other bids received, and authorize the City Manager to enter into such contract as is required. The amount of the proposed contract is \$240,000.
- (2) Acknowledge the project to be categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines (repair of existing sewerage systems with no expansion of use) and authorize the City Manager to execute and the City Clerk to file a Notice of Exemption therefor with the Los Angeles County Clerk.

## BACKGROUND:

Plans and specifications for the subject project, which is included in the adopted Capital Improvement Program, were prepared by the Public Works and Transportation Department. In accordance with Section 4.08.070 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, bids have been requested and received.

The project consists of the replacement or rehabilitation of damaged/deteriorated sections of sanitary sewers in Raymond Avenue, State Street, and the vicinity of the Rose Bowl.

New pipes will be installed to replace pipe sections with significant structural damage or offset joints. Temporary bypass systems will be installed as needed.

Pipe rehabilitation which does not require excavation, consists of root fumigation, hydrocleaning and root removal, initial television inspection, joint testing, joint sealing, and final television inspection.

The project also calls for the replacement and/or adjustment to grade of manhole frames and covers along each of the sewer lines.

Findings of compliance with the Public Facilities Element of the General Plan were previously made and are shown on Pages 6.9 and 6.10 of the adopted FY 2000-2004 Capital Improvement Program.

The project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines (repair of existing sewerage systems with no expansion of use), and it is recommended that the City Manager be authorized to execute and the City Clerk to file a Notice of Exemption therefor with the Los Angeles County Clerk.

The project was advertised in the Pasadena Journal on June 22, 2000. In addition, the Notice Inviting Bids was published in three trade publications, listed on two web sites, and letters were sent to 13 minority contracting organizations informing them of the project and requesting that members of their organizations submit bids. Bid packets were obtained by 14 contractors, two of which submitted bids for the project.

Following advertising, bids were opened on July 19, 2000 and were as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. National Plant Services, Inc., Long Beach	\$220,485.80
2. Matthew and Stewart Co., Inc., Signal Hill	\$241,149.37
Engineer's Estimate	\$211,619.00

The lack of interest in this project was primarily attributable to a large volume of underground construction being bid at this time – the City of Los Angeles had seven bid openings for sewer construction projects scheduled for the same day, each for a larger dollar value than the present project. In addition, there are only three contractors in Southern California that perform the specialized pipe rehabilitation work called for, further limiting the available pool of potential bidders. Although the bid submitted by National Plant Services, Inc. is 4.2 percent higher than the Engineer's Estimate, it is recommended that the firm be awarded a contract for the work. Rejection of the bids and readvertising for new bids would not necessarily result in any savings and could possibly increase the cost of the work.

The proposed contract with National Plant Services, Inc. complies fully with the Affirmative Action in Contracting Ordinance and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder as did the contractor selection process. The contractor has indicated that there will not be any new hires as a result of this contract.

The proposed contract with National Plant Services, Inc. will be set up as follows:

Base Bid	\$220,485.80
Contingency Allowance	<u>19,514.20</u>
Contract "Not to Exceed" Amount	\$240,000.00

It is anticipated that work will begin in October 2000 and be completed in April 2001. This period includes a 120 calendar day root fumigant absorption period when no work will be done on the sewer reaches in question. In addition, no work will be performed that will interfere with scheduled Rose Bowl events.

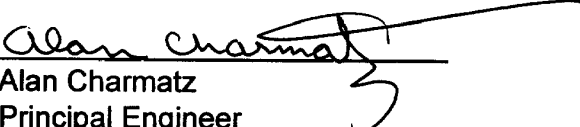
FISCAL IMPACT:

Sufficient funds are available in Budget Accounts 76533 (Raymond Avenue Trunk Sewer) and 76536 (Rose Bowl Sewer) to complete the recommended contract.

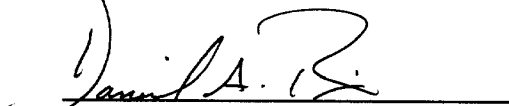
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