

Agenda Report

Date: August 11, 2003

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Amendment to Contract No. 18,236 with Kalban, Inc. for the Sierra Madre Villa Avenue Sidewalk Construction and Street Light Installation – Foothill Boulevard to 210 Freeway Off-Ramp

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 18,236 with Kalban, Inc. for the Sierra Madre Villa Avenue Sidewalk Construction and Street Light Installation – Foothill Boulevard to 210 Freeway Off-Ramp to increase the total contract “not to exceed” amount from \$74,900 to \$163,000.
2. Acknowledge the project to be categorically exempt under Section 21084 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Article 19, Section 15301 (Class 1), subsection (c) of the Resources Agency of California Guidelines (minor alterations involving negligible expansion of use beyond that previously existing) pursuant to the findings of the Secretary of the Resources Agency and authorize the City Manager to execute and the City Clerk to file a Notice of Exemption for the project with the Los Angeles County Clerk.

BACKGROUND:

This project initially consisted of widening of the sidewalk on the east side of Sierra Madre Villa Avenue between Foothill Boulevard and the 210 Freeway off-ramp, installation of additional street lighting, and planting new trees to provide enhanced pedestrian access to the Gold Line parking structure.

The scope of work is now expanded to include street widening on the east side of Sierra Madre Villa Avenue by five (5) feet, and the modification of traffic signals at Sierra Madre Villa Avenue at Foothill Boulevard. The cost of this additional work is \$88,100. Therefore, it is recommended that the original contract “not to exceed” amount be increased from \$74,900 to \$163,000.

As a condition of approval for the adjacent development, the applicant will fund \$60,000 of this construction work.

The five-foot widening of Sierra Madre Villa Avenue will facilitate MTA buses leaving the Gold Line Parking Structure, allowing an easier exit onto Sierra Madre Villa Avenue. Ultimately, the street will have a dual left turn lane for northbound Sierra Madre Villa Avenue to westbound Foothill Boulevard traffic.

The original project was advertised in the Pasadena Journal on April 3, 2003. In addition, the Notice Inviting Bids was published in three trade publications. Bid packets were obtained by 17 contractors, 8 of whom submitted bids for the project.

Following advertising, bids were received on April 16, 2003 and are as follows for the initial project work:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Kalban, Inc., Sun Valley	\$ 61,764.20
2. E.C. Construction, South El Monte	64,010.00
3. Palp Inc. dba Excel Paving Company, Long Beach	72,412.00
4. Perry C. Thomas Construction, Inc., Monrovia	73,255.03
5. F S Construction, Sylmar	73,966.00
6. Damon Construction Co., Carson	74,450.00
7. Olivas Valdez Inc., Covina	79,925.00
8. Ranco Corporation, Brea	91,250.00
Engineer's Estimate	\$ 73,000.00

Kalban, Inc. was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the contract. Its subsequent new bid including the additional work is \$147,437.50, which is 6% lower than the Engineer's estimate. Since completion of this project in a timely manner is especially important now that the Gold Line is open, it is recommended that in the best interest of the City, the City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into an amendment to Contract No. 18,236 with Kalban, Inc. to increase the contract "not to exceed" amount from \$74,900 to \$163,000 in lieu of re-advertising this project. Re-advertising this project would cause unreasonable delays and there would be no assurance that lower bids would be received.

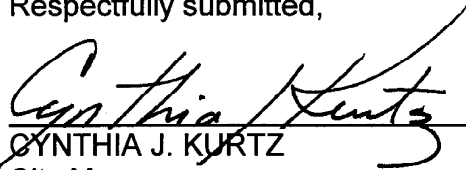
Under the State Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this project is categorically exempt since the work consists of minor alterations involving negligible expansion of use beyond that previously existing. Therefore, it is recommended that a Notice of Exemption be filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk.

It is anticipated that construction will begin in September, 2003 and be complete in October, 2003.


FISCAL IMPACT:

Sufficient funding is available for this project in Budget Account 75021, Gold Line Light Rail Station Enhancements.

Respectfully submitted,

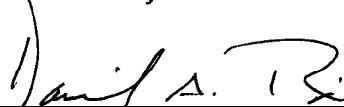

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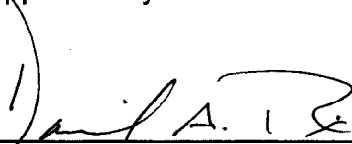
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