

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

September 8, 2003

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Contract Award to Steiny and Company, Inc. for the Fair Oaks Avenue Corridor Transportation Improvements, Federal-Aid Project LA9918770, for an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,996,000.00

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Accept the bid dated August 13, 2003, submitted by Steiny and Company, Inc. in response to the Specifications for Fair Oaks Avenue Corridor Transportation Improvements, Federal-Aid Project LA9918770, reject all other bids received, and authorize the City Manager to enter into such contract as is required.
2. Acknowledge the project to be categorically exempt under Section 21084 of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1984 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:

On April 13, 1998, the Federal Highway Administration approved a Record of Decision for the I-710 Freeway project. As part of this approval, the State of California, acting through its Department of Transportation (Caltrans), is required to mitigate the impact of traffic on local street systems during the design of the freeway extension.

As part of this process, four Design Advisory Groups (DAGs) were established to consider the specific needs of each community within the freeway extension corridor. A Pasadena DAG was formed to evaluate interim measures using \$2.182 million in federal highway funds. The project recommended was the improvement of the traffic signal system on Fair Oaks Avenue between Columbia Street and Orange Grove

Boulevard. A portion of the work included in this project is mitigation for the Paseo Colorado Project and is being funded from a deposit made by the developer.

The proposed work consists of the installation of vehicle detection at all intersections as well as left turn phasing, changeable message signs (CMS) and closed circuit television (CCTV) at selected locations. In addition, a new fiber optic communications system will be installed for the entire length of the project to facilitate communications between the Traffic Management Center in City Hall and local traffic signal, CMS and CCTV controllers in the field.

A finding of compliance with the General Plan was previously made and is shown on page 5.7 of the FY 2003-2008 Capital Improvement Program.

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.

The Public Works Department prepared plans and specifications for the subject project and bids have been received.

The project was advertised in the Pasadena Journal on July 16, 2003. In addition, the Notice Inviting Bids was published in five trade publications. Bid packets were obtained by 27 contractors, 3 of whom submitted bids for the project.

Following advertising, bids were received on August 13, 2003, and are as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Steiny and Company, Inc., Baldwin Park	\$1,814,489.50
2. Pete & Sons Construction, Inc., Riverside	\$1,889,860.00
3. KDC Inc. dba Dynalectric, Los Alamitos	\$2,021,938.00

The lowest bid received was 1.87% lower than the Engineer's Estimate of \$1,849,175.00.

It is recommended that Steiny and Company, Inc. be awarded the 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 ordinance and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder as did the Contractor selection process. The Contractor has indicated that the award of this contract will result in no new hires to his present workforce.

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

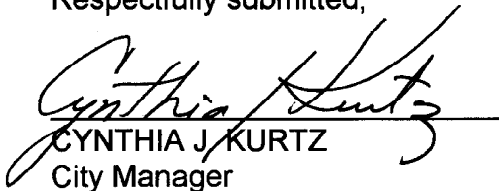
Base Bid	\$1,814,489.50
Contingency Allowance	<u>\$ 181,510.50</u>
Contract "Not to Exceed" Amount	\$1,996,000.00

Construction will begin in October 2003 and be completed in April 2004.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds for this project are available in Budget Account No. 75027, 710 Interim Traffic Improvements on Fair Oaks Ave – Intelligent Transportation System and from Budget Account No. 75029, Paseo Colorado Street and Traffic Mitigations.

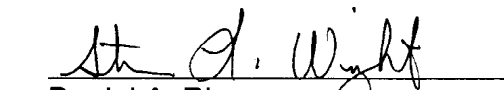
Respectfully submitted,


CYNTHIA J. KURTZ
City Manager

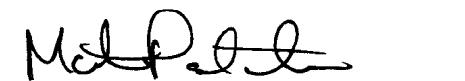
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