

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

September 22, 2003

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Contract Award to E. C. Construction Co.
for Installation of Traffic Chokers and Intersection Islands
at Various Locations for an Amount Not to Exceed \$192,000

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Accept the bid, dated September 10, 2003 submitted by E. C. Construction Co. in response to the specifications for Installation of Traffic Chokers and Intersection Islands at Various Locations, reject all other bids received, and authorize the City Manager to enter into such contract as required.
- (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(c) of the Resources Agency of California Guidelines (minor alteration of existing public streets) 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:

The work consists of the construction of chokers along California Boulevard and Del Mar Boulevard and the construction of raised traffic islands at the intersections of Los Robles Avenue and Marengo Avenue, and Lake Avenue and Arden Road. The work includes: concrete excavation; roadway excavation; construction of curb, gutter, sidewalk, wheelchair ramps, asphalt concrete pavement, concrete pavement and stamped asphalt concrete; and tree planting.

The construction of the traffic chokers and intersection islands are mandated by a Settlement Agreement, dated March 15, 1999 and amended March 25, 1999, that ended litigation over the Forest City development on South Lake Avenue: *Pasadena Heritage, et. al. v. Forest City, et. al.* (LASC Case Nos. BS 051151 and BS 051154).

The chokers and intersection islands are intended to mitigate the impacts from traffic generated by a redeveloped Macy's and new satellite stores by reducing and slowing traffic at key intersections in the Southwest area of the City of Pasadena.

Partial funding for this project was made by TrizecHahn Development Corporation in compliance with the mitigation measures identified in the Plaza Pasadena Renovation Project EIR to reduce the impact of the Paseo Colorado Project.

A finding of compliance with the General Plan was previously made and is shown in the adopted FY 2004-2008 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 the minor alteration of existing public streets. Therefore, it is recommended that a Notice of Exemption be filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk.

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

This project was advertised in the Pasadena Journal on August 21, 2003. In addition, the Notice Inviting Bids was published in four trade publications. Bid packets were obtained by 20 contractors, 9 of whom submitted bids for the project.

Following advertising, bids were received on September 10, 2003 and are as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. E. C. Construction Co., South El Monte	\$174,022.30
2. Sialic Construction Corp. (dba Shawnan), Downey	178,897.00
3. Damon Construction Company, Carson	181,983.00
4. Excel Paving Company (dba Palp Inc.), Long Beach	187,830.00
5. Sequel Contractors, Inc., Santa Fe Springs	198,865.00
6. EGN Construction Inc., Upland	218,752.00
7. Olivas Valdez Inc., Covina	222,678.00
8. JDC Inc., Rancho Cucamonga	230,625.00
9. Kalban Inc., Sun Valley	260,059.50

The lowest bid received was 10% below the Engineer's Estimate of \$195,000.

It is recommended that E. C. Construction Co. be awarded the contract for this project as they are the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and that all other bids be rejected. The proposed contract with E. C. Construction Co. 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 as follows:

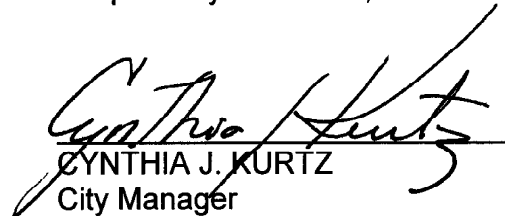
Base Bid	\$174,022.30
Contingency Allowance	<u>\$ 17,977.70</u>
Contract "Not to Exceed" Amount	\$192,000.00

It is anticipated that construction will begin in October 2003 and be completed in December 2003.

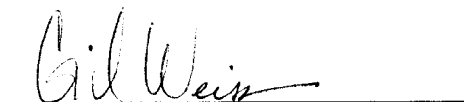
FISCAL IMPACT:

Sufficient funding for this project is available in Budget Account 75062, Traffic Chokers Along California and Del Mar; Budget Account 75005, Intersection Islands – Los Robles/Marengo and Lake/Arden; and Budget Account 75029, Paseo Colorado Street and Traffic Mitigations.

Respectfully submitted,

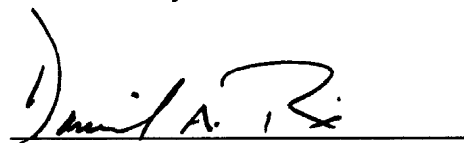

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City Manager

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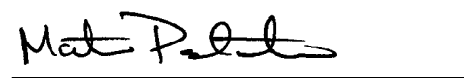
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City Engineer

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Public Works