

# Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

May 10, 2004

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Contract Award to Steiny and Company, Inc., for the Installation/Modification of Traffic Signals at Lincoln Avenue and Wyoming Street and Other Locations for an Amount not to exceed \$421,100.

## RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Accept the bid dated April 5, 2004, submitted by Steiny and Company, Inc. in response to the Specifications for Installation/Modification of Traffic Signals at Lincoln Avenue and Wyoming Street and Other Locations, reject all other bids received and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract not to exceed \$421,100, which includes the base bid of \$382,870 and \$38,230 for any additional work the City may order pursuant to the project specifications.
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:

This project consists of the installation of new traffic signals at Lincoln Avenue and Wyoming Street, Fair Oaks Avenue and Painter Street, and Raymond Avenue and Fillmore Street, as well as the modification of existing traffic signals at Lake Avenue and Villa Street and Lake Avenue and California Boulevard.

The new traffic signals will provide for the safer and more efficient movement of traffic and pedestrians adjacent to the high volume pedestrian centers of John Muir High School, Foothill Vocational Opportunities Center, and the Fillmore Street Light Rail Station. The existing traffic signals are being modified to provide protective/permissive left-turn phasing for the safer and more efficient movement of traffic.

The work includes the installation of new traffic signal and street light standards, traffic signal equipment, loop detectors, video detection cameras, street light luminaires, conduit, conductors, pull boxes, pavement striping, pavement markings, signage, and miscellaneous appurtenant work. In addition, light emitting diode (LED) signal heads will be installed at these intersections for energy savings.

These five projects are included in the current Capital Improvement Program and have been combined to form a single construction project to receive lower bid prices and to reduce contract administration and inspection costs.

Findings of compliance with the General Plan were previously made and are shown on pages 2.15, 2.17, 2.18, and 5.29 of the 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 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 March 18, 2004. In addition, the Notice Inviting Bids was published in five trade publications. Bid packets were obtained by 12 contractors, 5 of whom submitted bids for the project.

Following advertising, bids were received on April 21, 2004, and are as follows:

Steiny and Company, Inc., Baldwin Park	\$382,870.00
Moore Electrical Contracting, Corona	\$385,980.00
C.T.&F. Inc., Bell Gardens	\$394,875.35
Comet Electric, Canoga Park	\$467,395.50
Taft Electrical Company, Ventura	\$469,787.65

The bid of Steiny and Company, Inc. has been thoroughly evaluated and although 8.46% higher than the Engineers Estimate of \$353,021.00, it has been determined to be an acceptable bid for doing the work. Re-advertising the project would not likely result in lower bids and would delay the project, including the installation of the new traffic signal at Lincoln Avenue and Wyoming Street which is scheduled to be operational by the start of school in September.

It is recommended that Steiny and Company, Inc. be awarded the contract for this project, as they are the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

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 work force.

The contract will be set up as follows:


Base Bid	\$382,870
Contingency Allowances	\$ 38,230
Contract "Not to Exceed" Amount	\$421,100

Construction will begin in June 2004. All work at Lincoln Avenue and Wyoming Street will be completed by the end August, prior to the beginning of school. All other work will be completed in September 2004.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds for this project are available in Budget Account No. 73405, Lincoln Avenue Corridor Improvements, Budget Account No. 73129, Fair Oaks/Orange Grove Specific Plan, Budget Account No. 73123, South Fair Oaks Specific Plan, and Budget Account No. 75037, Traffic Signal Upgrades on Lake Avenue.

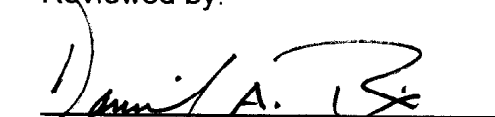
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