

# Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

June 12, 2006

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: CONTRACT AWARD TO VART CONSTRUCTION FOR THE  
INSTALLATION OF CURB BULB OUTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR  
AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$ 92,000.00

## RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Accept the bid dated May 31, 2006, submitted by Vart Construction as lowest responsive and responsible bidder to the project Specifications for the Installation of Curb Bulb Outs at Various Locations; 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 (CEQA) in accordance with Article 19, Section 15301 (Class 1), subsection (c) of the Resources Agency of California Guidelines (minor alteration of existing public sidewalks and 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 Department of Transportation and the Department of Public Works are implementing projects that increase the safety of pedestrians as identified in the Suggested Routes to School Program.

This project proposes to install curb bulb outs at McKinley Elementary and Rose City High School on Oak Knoll Avenue, South of Del Mar Boulevard and at Jefferson Elementary on Villa Street between Hamilton Avenue and Sierra Bonita Avenue.

The curb bulb outs will be installed at existing crosswalk locations and will enhance the safety of these pedestrian crossings.

A finding of compliance with the General Plan was previously made and the project is shown on page 5.18 of the FY 2006-2010 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 no expansion of use beyond that previously existing. Therefore, it is recommended that a Notice of Exemption be filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk.

This project was advertised in the Pasadena Journal on May 18, 2006. In addition, the Notice Inviting Bids was published in three trade publications and two websites. Bid packets were obtained by six contractors, three of whom submitted bids for the project.

Following advertising, bids were received on May 31, 2006, and are as follows:

	<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1.	Vart Construction	\$83,445.00
2.	Tyner Paving Company (dba L.M.T. Enterprises Inc.)	\$86,757.00
3.	Paveco Construction, Inc.	\$105,691.35
	Engineer's Estimate	\$ 93,600.00

The lowest bid received was 10.8% lower than the Engineer's Estimate.

It is recommended that Vart Construction 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 Vart Construction fully complies with the Competitive Bidding and Living Wage Ordinance. 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:

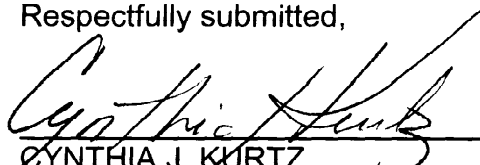
Base Bid	\$ 83,445.00
Contingency Allowance	<u>\$ 8,555.00</u>
Contract "Not to Exceed" Amount	\$ 92,000.00

It is anticipated that construction will begin in July 2006 and be completed in August 2006, prior to start of school in the fall.

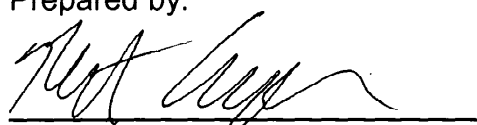
FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds for this project are available in Budget Account No. 75601, Safe Routes to School - Citywide.

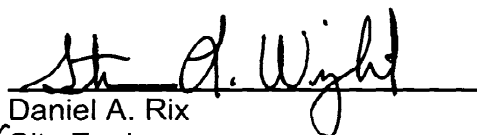
Respectfully submitted,

  
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**Disclosure Pursuant to the  
City of Pasadena Taxpayer Protection Amendment of 2000  
Pasadena City Charter, Article XVII**

Contractor/Organization hereby discloses its trustees, directors, partners, officers, and those with more than a 10% equity, participation, or revenue interest in Contractor/Organization, as follows:

*(If printing, please print legibly. Use additional sheets as necessary.)*

**1. Contractor/Organization Name:** VART Construction

**2. Name(s) of trustees, directors, partners, officers of Contractor/Organization:**

<u>Vartkes Parsanian</u>

**3. Names of those with more than a 10% equity, participation or revenue interest in Contractor/Organization:**

<u>Vartkes Parsanian</u>

Prepared by: Vartkes Parsanian

Title: Owner

Date: 5,31,06

For office use only:

Contract/Transaction No. \_\_\_\_\_

If not a contract, type of transaction: \_\_\_\_\_