

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: August 3, 2009

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: CONTRACT AWARD TO CMV ELECTRIC, INC., FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A TRAFFIC SIGNAL ON WASHINGTON BOULEVARD AND CATALINA AVENUE, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$ 140,000

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. 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
2. Accept the bid dated July 22, 2009, submitted by CMV Electric, Inc., in response to the Specifications for the Installation of a Traffic Signal on Washington Boulevard at Catalina Avenue, reject all other bids received, and authorize the City Manager to enter into such contract as is required for an amount not to exceed \$140,000.

BACKGROUND:

This project involves the installation of a traffic signal on Washington Boulevard and Catalina Avenue. The project is being funded through the State under the Safe Routes to School grant fund. This traffic signal will provide controlled vehicular flow allowing students from Longfellow Elementary School, as well as, residents to safely travel across Washington Boulevard. This will decrease the potential for pedestrian and vehicular accidents at the intersection.

The City installed a temporary traffic signal at this location in August of 2008. The temporary traffic signal will remain in place until this new traffic signal is operational at which time it will be removed.

Findings of compliance with the General Plan were previously made in the FY 2009-2014 Capital Improvement Program and can be found on page 5.12.

The City's Environmental Administrator has determined the project was categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines in Section 15301(c), Existing Facilities, of the California Code of Regulations Title 14, Chapter 3. This exemption includes minor alterations involving negligible expansion of use beyond that previously existing. A Notice of Exemption for the project was filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk on June 15, 2009.

The Department of Public Works prepared specifications for this project and bids have been received.

This project was advertised in the Pasadena Journal on June 25, 2009. In addition, the Notice Inviting Bids was published in two trade publications and on two websites. Bid packets were obtained by 21 contractors, 10 of whom submitted bids for the project.

Following advertising, bids were received on July 22, 2009, and are as follows:

	<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1.	CMV Electric, Inc.,	\$ 127,028.98
2.	California Professional Engineering,	\$ 139,507.00
3.	Pacific Electric Enterprises, Inc.,	\$ 142,550.00
4.	High Light Electric,	\$ 142,943.00
5.	Pouk & Steinle, Inc.,	\$ 147,061.00
6.	Pro Tech Engineering,	\$ 147,768.45
7.	Christopher R. Morales,	\$ 149,989.00
8.	C.T.&F., Inc.,	\$ 156,911.62
9.	JFL Electric, Inc.,	\$ 170,029.75
10.	Steiny & Company	Non Responsive
	Engineer's Estimate	\$ 178,588.00

The lowest responsive bid received was 28.9 percent lower than the Engineer's Estimate. A slow economy has caused greater competition between contractors resulting in lower bids. It is recommended that CMV Electric, Inc., be awarded a contract for this project as they are the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and that the other bids be rejected. The proposed contract with CMV Electric, Inc., fully complies with the Competitive Bidding and Living Wage Ordinances. The Contractor has indicated that the award of this contract will result in no new hire to its present workforce.

The contract will be set up as follows:

Base Bid	\$ 127,028.96
Contingency Allowance	<u>\$ 12,703.00</u>
Contract "Not to Exceed" Amount	\$ 140,000.00

It is anticipated that work will begin in July 2009, and be completed in November 2009.

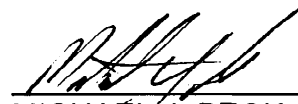
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

The installation of this traffic signal will use light emitting diode (LED) technology to help decrease the power demand to operate this traffic signal. This traffic signal will be synchronized to help manage vehicle flow through the corridor creating less carbon monoxide build up in our air basin due to idling vehicles and the "stop and go" traffic created by non-synchronized traffic signal corridors.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds are available in the FY 2009-2014 Capital Improvement Program Budget Account No. 75802 consisting of Commercial Development, Gas Tax, and Safe Routes to School grant funds.

Respectfully submitted,



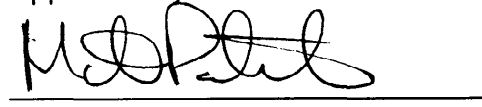
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