

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: June 1, 2009

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: CONTRACT AWARD TO CSI ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS, INC., FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS ON FAIR OAKS AVENUE AT FILLMORE STREET AND AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$303,000.

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 May 20, 2009, submitted by CSI Electrical Contractors, Inc., in response to the Specifications for the Installation of Traffic Signals on Fair Oaks Avenue at Fillmore Street and at Various Locations, reject all other bids received, and authorize the City Manager to enter into such contract as is required for an amount not to exceed \$303,000.

BACKGROUND:

This project involves the installation of three traffic signals on: 1) Fair Oaks Avenue at Fillmore Street; 2) Chester Avenue at Cordova Street; and 3) Mountain Street at the City Yards entrance. The traffic signal on Fair Oaks Avenue at Fillmore Street is part of the Pasadena Gold Line Phase I project enhancements. This traffic signal will provide controlled vehicular flow along Fair Oaks Avenue which will allow pedestrians to freely travel between the Huntington Hospital and the Gold Line at the nearby Fillmore Gold Line Station. The traffic signal on Chester Avenue at Cordova Street will provide pedestrian crossings for residences to safely access Grant Park and will provide a

break along a half mile, uncontrolled or unregulated, section of Cordova Street from Wilson Avenue to Hill Avenue. The traffic signal on Mountain Street at the City Yards entrance is part of the Water and Power Yards Building Renovations and New Operations Facility/EOC project which was approved in the FY 2009-2014 Capital Improvement Program. This traffic signal will allow for safer and more efficient movement of vehicles and pedestrians. With City trucks and equipment constantly traveling in and out of the City Yards and cars coming westbound on Mountain Street on a curve towards the freeway, this traffic signal will provide the needed safety using protected turning movements for larger and slow moving vehicles. This will decrease the potential for pedestrian and vehicular accidents at the intersection.

Findings of compliance with the General Plan were previously made in the FY 2009-2014 Capital Improvement Program and can be found on page 5.9, 5.15, and 5.54.

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 May 19, 2009.

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

This project was advertised in the Pasadena Star News on April 30, 2009. In addition, the Notice Inviting Bids was published in two trade publications and on two websites. Bid packets were obtained by 17 contractors, 15 of whom submitted bids for the project.

Following advertising, bids were received on May 20, 2009, and are as follows:

	<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1.	CSI Electrical Contractors, Inc., Santa Fe Springs	\$ 263,424.00
2.	C.T. & F., Inc., Bell Gardens	\$ 268,794.00
3.	Freeway Electric, Riverside	\$ 274,274.00
4.	Christopher R. Morales, Inc., San Dimas	\$ 282,988.00
5.	Moore Electrical Contracting, Inc., Corona	\$ 295,661.00
6.	Lincoln Pacific Builder, Inc., Baldwin Park	\$ 298,900.00
7.	Matt Gardner Construction, Inc., Ontario	\$ 303,799.00
8.	Steiny and Company, Inc., Baldwin Park	\$ 308,767.00
9.	Taft Electric Company, Ventura	\$ 312,148.00
10.	Terno, Inc., La Mirada	\$ 313,356.00
11.	KDC, Inc., dba Dynalectric, Los Alamitos	\$ 325,427.00
12.	California Professional Engineering, South El Monte	\$ 329,191.40
13.	Pro Tech Engineering, Corp., Corona del Mar	\$ 330,800.00
14.	Manuel Bros., Inc., a Quanta Services Company, Grass Valley	\$ 365,833.90
15.	Comet Electric, Inc., Canoga Park	\$ 425,000.00
	Engineer's Estimate	\$ 424,790.00

The lowest responsive bid received was 38 percent lower than the Engineer's Estimate. A slow economy has caused greater competition between contractors resulting in lower bids. It is recommended that CSI Electrical Contractors, 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 CSI Electrical Contractors, 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:

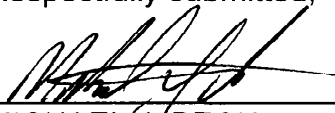
Base Bid	\$ 263,424
Contingency Allowance	\$ 39,576
Contract "Not to Exceed" Amount	\$ 303,000

It is anticipated that work will begin in June 2009, and be completed in September 2009.

FISCAL IMPACT:


Funds are available in the FY 2009-2014 Capital Improvement Program as follows: Budget Account No. 75510 for Fair Oaks Avenue at Fillmore Street consisting of Gold Line Surplus funds and Light Rail Reserves (Prop. A/C); Budget Account No. 75801 for Chester Avenue at Cordova Street consisting of Commercial Development Fees; and Budget Account No. 71142 for Mountain Street at City Yards entrance consisting of Water and Power Funds.

Respectfully submitted,



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