

Agenda Report

August 16, 2010

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Department of Public Works

SUBJECT: CONTRACT AWARD TO STEINY AND COMPANY, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS ON ORANGE GROVE BOULEVARD AT MADISON AVENUE AND ON UNION STREET AT OAKLAND AVENUE, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$320,000

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find the projects proposed herein to be categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Section 15301 (Class 1), subsection (c) of the Resources Agency of California Guidelines (minor alterations involving negligible expansion or no use beyond that previously existing) pursuant to the findings of the Secretary of the resources Agency;
- (2) Accept the bid dated August 4, 2010, submitted by Steiny and Company, in response to the Specifications for the Installation of Traffic Signals on Orange Grove Boulevard at Madison Avenue and on Union Street at Oakland 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 \$320,000.

BACKGROUND:

This project involves the installation of two traffic signals: Orange Grove Boulevard at Madison Avenue; and Union Street at Oakland Avenue. The traffic signal on Orange Grove Boulevard at Madison Avenue is adjacent to Madison Elementary School. Orange Grove Boulevard is one of the City's busiest major arterials and a designated mobility corridor under the 2004 Mobility Element. During morning and afternoon peak hours, it is very difficult to find adequate traffic gaps to allow motorists and pedestrians to cross the roadway. The installation of this traffic signal will provide for safe movement for general pedestrians and school children, and for vehicles crossing Orange Grove Boulevard.

The traffic signal on Union Street at Oakland Avenue will provide a better controlled intersection for pedestrians and vehicles. Presently, this intersection does not meet warrants for a full traffic signal. With the anticipated increase of pedestrian activities within the Playhouse District and the recent development on the Fuller Theological Seminary campus, this intersection is expected to meet the warrants for installing a new signal.

Findings of compliance with the General Plan were previously made in the FY 2010-2014 Capital Improvement Program and can be found on pages 5.7 and 5.10.

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 July 1, 2010. In addition, the Notice Inviting Bids was published in two trade publications and on two websites. Bid packets were obtained by 14 contractors, 8 of whom submitted bids for the project.

Following advertising, bids were received on August 4, 2010, and are as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Steiny and Company, Baldwin Park, CA	\$290,600
2. Christopher R. Morales Inc., San Dimas, CA	\$311,661
3. California Professional Engineering Inc., La Puente, CA	\$325,965
4. Terno Inc., La Mirada, CA	\$327,681
5. CMV Electric Inc., Upland, CA	\$334,513
6. CT&F Inc., Bell Gardens, CA	\$345,940
7. KDC Inc, dba Dynalectric, Los Alamitos, CA	\$349,089
8. Lincoln Pacific Builders Inc., Baldwin Park, CA	NON-RESPONSIVE
Engineer's Estimate	\$378,000.00

The lowest responsive bid received was 23.1% percent lower than the Engineer's Estimate. A slow economy has caused greater competition between contractors resulting in lower bids. It is recommended that Steiny and Company 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 Steiny and Company 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.

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The contract will be set up as follows:

Base Bid	\$ 290,600
Contingency Allowance	<u>\$ 29,400</u>
Contract "Not to Exceed" Amount	\$ 320,000

It is anticipated that work will begin in September 2010, and be completed in early December 2010. These proposed dates include the material lead time required for manufacturing and delivery of items. Actual construction is anticipated to begin on September 20, 2010.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

This project supports the City Council strategic goal to improve, maintain and enhance public facilities and infrastructure and to improve mobility and accessibility throughout the City. This project is consistent with the Mobility Element Policy 3.2 by applying traffic management measures to control vehicular traffic speeds and volumes on streets within residential neighborhoods to assure safe and orderly traffic flows.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Review

The City's Environmental Administrator has determined the project was categorically exempt under CEQA in accordance with Section 15301 Existing Facilities (Class 1), Subsection (c). This exemption includes the minor alteration of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. The proposed projects will improve efficiency and safety at the existing intersections. There will be no expansion of the streets or expansion of capacity. A Notice of Exemption for the project was filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk on July 21, 2010.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds are available in the FY 2010-2014 Capital Improvement Program as follows: Budget Account No. 75708 (\$298,842) for Orange Grove Boulevard at Madison Avenue consisting of Gas Tax and Commercial Development Fees; and Budget Account No. 75941 (\$127,729) for Oakland Avenue at Union Street consisting of Gas Tax and Private Capital.

Respectfully submitted,



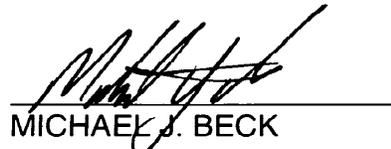
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