

Agenda Report

March 18, 2013

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Department of Public Works
SUBJECT: REJECTION OF BID FOR INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (ITS) PHASE 1 PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council reject the bid received on February 13, 2013, in response to the Notice Inviting Bids for the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Phase 1 Project.

BACKGROUND:

This project is part of the capital project, Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Phase 1, which is included in the adopted Capital Improvement Program and involves installation of:

- Conduit and fiber optic communication lines on top priority arterial segments,
- Upgrade of control equipment at the Traffic Management Center (TMC),
- Vehicle counters at nine City public parking garages; and
- Changeable message signs at various public parking garage entry points to display real-time availability of parking spaces.

On January 14, 2013, a Notice Inviting Bids for this project was advertised in the *Pasadena Journal*, two trade publications, and on two websites. Bid packets were obtained by 29 contractors, one of whom submitted a bid for the project. The bid received is \$2,714,730, which is significantly higher than the engineer's estimate of \$2,044,088.

Since this project is comprised of four different parts, the overall complexity of specific items within those parts required that the contractors make additional efforts to contact specialty manufacturers and sub-contractors to obtain quotes. By doing so, contractors were not retrieving the desired quotes from manufacturers and sub-contractors in time. This may explain the submittal of only one bid for this project. As a result, the Department recommends that the bid received be rejected. Before readvertising the

project, specifications will be clarified to remove any ambiguity. In addition, the advertising of the project will be lengthened to allow potential bidders more time to receive the necessary submittals from manufacturers and subcontractors.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The project supports the City Council Strategic Goals to improve, maintain and enhance public facilities and infrastructure and to improve mobility and accessibility throughout the City of Pasadena. It is also consistent with the Seismic and Safety Element of the General Plan by helping to achieve and maintain an environment in which Pasadena residents can enjoy personal safety and security.


ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

There is no environmental impact of this action.

FISCAL IMPACT:


Rejecting of bids will have no fiscal impact.

Respectfully submitted,



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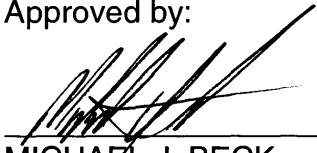
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