



Agenda Report

September 17, 2018

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Department of Public Works
SUBJECT: REPORT ON EMERGENCY PURCHASE ORDER TO INSTALL FENCING ON COLORADO STREET BRIDGE AS A SUICIDE MITIGATION BARRICADE

RECOMMENDATION:

Per the Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.150, this report on an Emergency Purchase is for the City Council's information.

BACKGROUND:

From 2007 to 2016 there was an average of 3 suicides per year that occurred from the Colorado Street Bridge. In 2017, the number increased to nine suicides, and there have been four suicides to date in 2018 with the most recent on August 27th. More recently, on September 2, 2018, another person gained access to the exterior of the bridge and was threatening to jump. Fortunately, that person was ultimately persuaded to come down after 14 hours of intervention by first responders. Pursuant to the emergency purchase provisions of the Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.150, due to the crucial need to install suicide preventative measures to prevent further incidents an emergency purchase order was issued. The purchase order in an amount of \$295,932 was issued to J C Western Fence Company to expeditiously install new ten-foot fencing that will fill in the areas between the alcoves on both sides of the bridge.

J C Western Fence Company installed the original fencing to block the 20 benched alcoves in July 2017. Staff requested a bid proposal for the emergency work on Monday, August 27, 2018. J C Western Fence began fabricating material on Tuesday, September 4, 2018, and the installation of the new fencing will be finished no later than Friday, September 27, 2018.

Permanent Solution

On April 23, 2018, the City Council unanimously approved the suicide prevention measures recommended by the Colorado Street Bridge Task Force to deter suicide attempts on the Colorado Street Bridge. The *Colorado Street Bridge – Suicide Mitigation Enhancements – Design Phase* project was added to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Capital

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Improvement Program Budget. This project provides for the design phase of permanent vertical barrier treatments along both sides and each end of the bridge. Currently, staff is developing the Request for Proposals for professional services for the environmental, design and construction documentation for a suicide deterrent system on the Colorado Street Bridge. The environmental and design phase of the project will begin in FY 2019 and be completed in FY 2020. Construction of the final installation will be completed in FY 2021.

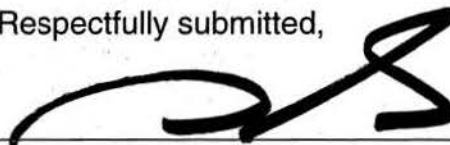
COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

This project is consistent with the City Council's goal to improve, maintain and enhance public facilities and infrastructure. It also supports the Public Facilities Element of the General Plan by maintaining public facilities to enhance the quality of life of the community.

FISCAL IMPACT:

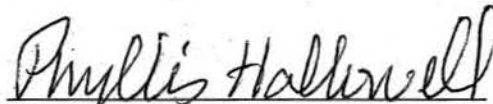
The cost of this action will be \$295,932. This action will be addressed by the utilization of existing budgeted appropriations and funding in the *Colorado Street Bridge – Suicide Mitigation Enhancements (73324)* project. The entire amount will be spent during FY 2019.

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