



# Agenda Report

April 20, 2020

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Department of Transportation

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND CONTRACT NO. 30,991 WITH DKS ASSOCIATES FOR ADDITIONAL PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING AND PREPARATION OF PLANS OF UNION STREET TWO-WAY PROTECTED BIKEWAY**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the following proposed actions are exempt from review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3); and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract amendment with DKS Associates to increase the contract by \$93,450 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$1,093,164 for additional preliminary engineering, preparation of plans, and other design modifications not initially included in the scope for the Union Street Two-way Protected Bikeway project.

## **BACKGROUND:**

On August 28, 2017 the City Council awarded a contract to DKS Associates for consultant services for the preparation of environmental documentation, preliminary engineering, and preparation of plans, specifications, estimate (PS&E), right-of-way, and public outreach for the Union Street Two-way Protected Bikeway project in an amount not to exceed \$999,714.

The project design process began in 2018 and was established with the intent of being an iterative process where design refinements are addressed at three intervals based on public input. Public review and input was solicited at community design workshops coinciding with each project design milestone. The first design workshop was held shortly after the design was held on May 9, 2018 and the second design workshop was held on May 2, 2019. City staff has continued to receive stakeholder input throughout the process.

Valuable input was provided by the Accessibility and Disability Commission in fall and winter of 2019 to improve intersection crosswalk ramps beyond current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements but consistent with the City of Pasadena's Street Design Guide. The requested improvement was to provide dual curb ramps at each intersection corner of heavily pedestrian trafficked intersections. Current intersections along Union Street have only one curb ramp at each intersection corner. Dual curb ramps enhance accessibility for the disabled community by allowing pedestrians to move directly towards the crosswalk they are trying to cross rather than having to travel down the existing single corner ramp between two crosswalks towards the middle of the intersection before turning towards their intended direction.

Upon review of this request, City staff found that improving pedestrian curb ramps at select project intersections with pronounced pedestrian activity to be a worthwhile benefit. Key intersections were selected for this improvement due to their existing and anticipated pedestrian activity.

Working with Public Works and the team at DKS Associates, it was determined that these improvements would require additional design work that was not identified in the original contract due to the necessary relocation of utilities such as traffic signal poles and catch basins associated with dual curb ramp installation at these locations. The cost for the additional design work is \$53,450. The current contract with DKS Associates does not have a contingency budget for additional work.

It is proposed that the contract with DKS Associates be increased by \$93,450 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$1,093,164. This increase accounts for \$53,450 in additional preliminary engineering, preparation of plans, and other design modifications not initially included in the scope for the Union Street Two-way Protected Bikeway project plus a contingency amount of \$40,000 (approximately 4% of the original contract amount).

#### **COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:**

The project is consistent with the City Council's goals to improve mobility and accessibility throughout the city. In addition this contract amendment is consistent with the Mobility Element policy of providing consideration of the mobility needs of the disabled, students, and especially seniors when designing new infrastructure.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

The implementation of the Union Street Two-way Protected Bikeway Project is exempt from CEQA per section 15061 (b) (3), the General Rule. The General Rule can be applied when it can be seen with certainty that the activity will not have a significant effect on the environment.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The cost of this action is \$93,450 to increase Contract No. 30,991 with DKS Associates to a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,093,164. A total of \$93,450 in Traffic Reduction Fee already allocated to the project in CIP 75087 will be utilized for this action.

The proposed contract amendment will increase the not-to-exceed amount as follows:

<b>Original Contract</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>999,714</b>
<b>Change Order 1 – Additional Design</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>53,450</b>
<b>Contingency (Approximately 4%)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>40,000</b>
<b>Total Fiscal Impact</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,093,164</b>

Respectfully submitted,



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