

Agenda Report

May 15, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Department of Public Works

SUBJECT: CONTRACT AWARD TO ELECNOR BELCO ELECTRIC, INC FOR LAKE AVENUE PEDESTRIAN ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$3,051,251

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find the contract proposed herein to be categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines in accordance with Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Section 15303, Class 3, and that there are no features that distinguish this project from others in the exempt classes and, therefore, there are no unusual circumstances; and
2. Accept the bid dated March 2, 2023 submitted by Elecnor Belco Electric, Inc., in response to the plans and specifications for the Lake Avenue Pedestrian Access Improvements project, reject all other bids, and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract for an amount not-to-exceed \$3,051,251, which includes the base contract amount of \$2,773,865 and a contingency of \$277,386 to provide for any necessary change orders.

BACKGROUND:

This project provides streetscape improvements to enhance pedestrian access and circulation along a 1.06-mile segment of Lake Avenue, from the Gold Line Station at Corson Street south to California Boulevard. The addition of pedestrian lighting, controlled mid-block street crossing and accessibility improvements at new and existing signalized intersections will enhance the overall pedestrian experience through this busy commercial corridor.

The scope of work includes the installation of a new signalized mid-block crossing between Cordova Street and Del Mar Boulevard; a new traffic signal at Granite Drive; 64 new pedestrian-scale streetlights; modifications to the existing "pork chop" island at Union Street; new curb extensions at the intersection of Del Mar Boulevard; ADA-compliant curb ramps; and in-fill street trees.

A finding of compliance with the General Plan was previously made and is included as part of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 - 2027 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget under South Lake Ave Pedestrian Access Improvements to Gold Line Station, page 5.10.

The Department of Public Works prepared plans and specifications for this project. Bids were requested and received in accordance with Section 4.08.070 of the Pasadena Municipal Code. On January 26, 2023, a Notice Inviting Bids for Lake Avenue Pedestrian Access Improvements was published in the local papers as well as posted on Opengov. A total of 48 vendors downloaded the specifications, of which two were from local vendors. A total of four bids were received by the bid opening date, none from local vendors.

Following advertising, bids were received on March 2, and are as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount (\$)</u>
1. Elecnor Belco Electric, Inc., Chino	\$2,773,865
2. California Professional Engineering, Inc., La Puente	\$2,791,169
3. Select Electric, Inc., Vista	\$2,825,975
4. Baker Electric, Inc., Escondido	\$2,874,801
Engineer's Estimate	\$2,300,000

The lowest responsible and responsive bid received is 21 percent higher than the Engineer's Estimate of \$2,300,000. The Department of Public Works has experienced higher than normal bids for similar projects due to industry-wide inflation and rising costs of contractual labor and materials.

It is recommended that Elecnor Belco Electric, Inc. be awarded the contract for this project as they are the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The proposed contract with Elecnor Belco Electric Inc., fully complies with the Competitive Bidding and Living Wage Ordinances. In addition, the proposed contract fully complies with the Prevailing Wage Law (Senate Bill 7) per Resolution 9406 adopted by the City Council on December 14, 2014. The contractor has indicated that the awarding of this contract will result in no new hires to the present workforce. A Local Hiring Provision to notify the labor unions of the goal to employ qualified Pasadena residents for 75 percent of the new labor work hours on the project was included in the project specifications.

Elecnor Belco Electric, Inc. has performed work totaling more than \$2,000,000 on prior City projects since 2015. Staff has confirmed the contractor's license and Department of Industrial Relations status is in good standing. The contractor received favorable reference checks from other agencies.

The contract for this project will be set up as follows:

Base Bid	\$ 2,773,865
Contingency Allowance	<u>\$ 277,386</u>
Contract Not-to-Exceed Amount	\$3,051,251

A contingency of ten percent is allocated to this contract given possible unforeseen conditions that may be encountered. It is anticipated that construction will begin in September 2023 and be completed in April 2024. These proposed dates include the material lead time required for manufacturing and delivery of items.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

This project is consistent with the City Council's goal to improve, maintain and enhance public facilities and infrastructure, as well as to improve mobility and accessibility throughout the City.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The contract award has been determined to be categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines in accordance with Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Section 15303, Class 3. Class 1 consists of minor alterations of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use. Class 3 consists of construction of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures. There would be no expansion of use of the street network as a result of the project, and therefore, there are no unusual circumstances.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total cost of this construction contract including contingency is \$3,051,251 and the total cost of this action is not expected to exceed \$3,351,251. Funding for this action will be addressed by the utilization of existing funds in the *South Lake Ave Pedestrian Access Improvements to Gold Line Station (75106)* CIP project and *Street Lighting Program (74413)* in the FY 2023 CIP budget. It is anticipated that all costs will be expended in FY 2024.

The following table represents a project summary.

Base Bid	\$ 2,773,865
Contingency	\$ 277,386
Contract Administration/Inspection	\$ 300,000
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 3,351,251

Respectfully submitted,



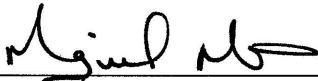
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