

# Agenda Report

December 15, 2025

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Department of Public Works

**SUBJECT: REJECT ALL BIDS FOR THE WALNUT STREET CORRIDOR SIGNAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find the proposed action herein to be statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 18, Section 15270, Projects Which are Disapproved, and Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(5), projects that a public agency rejects or disapproves; and
2. Reject all bids received on October 30, 2025 in response to the Notice Inviting Bids for the Walnut Street Corridor Signal Improvement Project.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The subject contract provides for traffic signal equipment upgrades along Walnut Street between Fair Oaks Avenue and Greenwood Avenue. Walnut Street is a major east-west corridor located immediately south of the I-210 freeway and serves as an important connector between the north-south corridors of Orange Grove Boulevard and Fair Oaks Avenue, as well as the I-210 on-ramps and off-ramps at Lake Avenue, Hill Avenue, Allen Avenue, and Sierra Madre Boulevard. The corridor also functions as a primary route for ingress and egress to the Rose Bowl and is heavily used during stadium-related special events.

Many of the existing traffic signal controllers and cabinets along Walnut Street have reached the end of their useful life and rely on legacy technology that cannot support modern transportation management applications. The project will replace these components with next generation traffic signal controllers, new controller cabinets, and updated communications infrastructure. These upgrades will enhance the City's ability to reduce delay, manage vehicle speeds, and improve traffic operations along the corridor.

The project will also incorporate high resolution data traffic signal controllers capable of supporting adaptive operations, expanded data collection, and performance monitoring.

Additional improvements include the deployment of video analytics systems to support traffic safety enhancements, the installation of high-resolution cameras for vehicular detection, and the construction of Americans with Disabilities Act compliant curb ramps at select intersections. Collectively, these improvements will modernize the Walnut Street corridor's traffic control system, allow for more proactive corridor management, and strengthen the City's broader Intelligent Transportation System network.

The Department of Public Works prepared plans and specifications for Walnut Street Corridor Signal Improvement Project. Bids were requested and received in accordance with Section 4.08.070 of the Pasadena Municipal Code. On October 7, 2025, a Notice Inviting Bids for the project was published on the online platforms of 22 trade journals, as well as posted on OpenGov Procurement. The posting generated notices to all vendors who have previously registered with the City for this particular commodity class. A total of sixty vendors downloaded the specifications, one was local. A total of six bids were received by the bid opening date, none from local vendors.

Following advertising, bids were received on October 30, 2025, and are as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount (\$)</u>
1. Select Electric, Inc	\$ 2,975,250
2. Elecnor Belco Electric, Inc.	\$ 3,311,298
3. Alfaro Communications Construction, Inc	\$ 3,317,486
4. California Professional Engineering, Inc.	\$ 3,530,286
5. DBX, Inc.	\$ 3,836,575
6. Crosstown Electrical & Data, Inc.	\$ 4,078,170
<b>Engineer's Estimate</b>	<b>\$ 2,730,769</b>

Upon detailed review of the responsive bid proposals, it was determined that the total cost of the project, as currently scoped, exceeds the funding that has been identified and is available for award. This prompted further evaluation of whether the scope of work could be modified to better align with the project's budget. If additional funding cannot be secured, certain elements of the work may need to be reduced or deferred in order to proceed. Following rejection of the bids, Public Works intends to repackage the project and issue a new bid solicitation that reflects the available resources and any resulting scope adjustments.

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

Rejecting all bids supports the City Council's goals to maintain fiscal responsibility and stability.

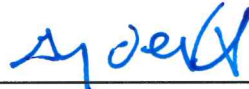
**ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact as a result of this action.

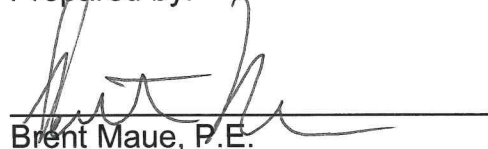
Respectfully submitted,



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