

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: AUGUST 7, 2000

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT #16859 WITH RTKL ASSOCIATES INC. TO UPDATE THE MOBILITY ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the City Manager to enter into an amendment to Contract #16859 with RTKL Associates Inc. to provide additional consultant services for the revised scope of the Mobility Element of the General Plan and expand community outreach efforts in an amount not to exceed \$110,000. The revised contract amount for the Mobility Element Update contract will be \$310,000.
2. Approve a journal voucher transferring \$110,000 from the General Fund Non-Departmental (#952126) to Budget Account 8114-101-443000-95612, Mobility Element of the General Plan, to cover the cost of this contract.

BACKGROUND:

On March 27, 2000 the City Council approved the City Manager's recommendation of an amendment to Contract #16859 with RTKL Associates Inc. in the amount of \$199,990 to provide consultant services for the preparation of an update of the Mobility Element of the General Plan and to compare and evaluate recent traffic studies in the Central District area. Kaku Associates, a sub-consultant to RTKL Associates Inc., began work on the Mobility Element in May 2000.

After the City Council's decision on the 710 Freeway (April 24, 2000), staff began to work with Kaku Associates and identify any necessary changes to the already-approved scope of work in order to address the transportation/traffic issues along the 710 corridors. Additional work not included in the original contract but necessary for completing the work were also identified. A revised scope of work was ultimately agreed to in June 2000 (see Attachments 1 & 2). The revised scope of work allocates approximately 40 percent (or \$44,000) on issues relating to 710 corridors and 60 percent (\$66,000) on the additional work.

The revised scope intensifies the efforts on computer modeling and analysis. The number of community outreach meetings and workshops will also increase from 15 to 24. The additions and changes in the June 13, 2000 scope as compared to the Council-approved scope on March 27, 2000 are summarized below. A detailed comparison of the Mobility Element options, proposed scope of work by Kaku Associates is shown in Attachment 3.

- Using the city's computerized transportation planning model (TRANPLAN) from the previous Mobility Element work as the base, update and convert it to a new modeling system (emme/2) in order to handle more detailed level of analysis. Staff will also be trained to maintain and run the emme/2 model for future alternative transportation systems analysis.
- Increasing the level of detail in the model network by adding new minor arterials and collector streets throughout the city network. Intensify the street network by adding collector and key local streets in the 710 Corridor area, Southwest area, Central District and East Pasadena Specific Plan areas. This labor-intensive task will allow future analysis to be more precise and result in much finer level of detail for specific areas.
- Using the computer model to examine and simulate the several initiatives, such as Raymond Avenue Slip Ramps, alternative operations along Pasadena Avenue and St. John Avenue. Present the results of model simulation to Council and community meetings.
- Using the computer model to examine and simulate up to 2 roadway alternatives concentrating along the 710 corridors.
- Using the computer model to examine and simulate all known projects in the Central District. Develop roadway alternatives and incorporate revised land uses to evaluate the effects on city's transportation system.
- Preparing a preliminary set of Mobility Plan recommendations for Council's consideration and as part of the evaluation of the Central District projects, on an accelerated four-month schedule. The task, scheduled to

be completed by October 2000, will ensure those proposed development projects in the Central District be evaluated for their citywide impacts.

- Expanding community outreach by increasing the number of Mobility Element community meetings from 15 to 24.

The following table summarizes the neighborhood outreach activities, meetings and workshops schedules. Schedule and locations of these meetings will be available in early September.

Mobility Element Update Milestones:

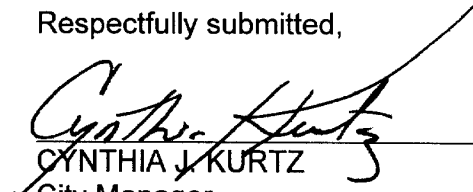
Month/Year	Event	Topics
10/2000	Neighborhood Workshop	Goals/Objectives, Functional Classification, Base Data
11/2000	Community Meeting	Issues and Options
12/2000	Neighborhood Workshop	Future Base Conditions, Design Criteria
2/2001	Neighborhood Workshop	Mobility Alternates
3/2001	Community Meeting	EIR Guidelines
4/2001	Neighborhood Workshop	Neighborhood Traffic Planning
6/2001	Neighborhood Workshop	Evaluation of Alternatives
9/2001	Community Meeting	Draft Plan
12/2001	Neighborhood Workshop	Draft Mobility Element
12/2001 – 3/2002	Commissions/Council	Plan Presentations and Approval Process

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this recommendation will transfer \$110,000 from the non-departmental account to the Planning and Permitting Department Account #8115-101-443000-95612, Mobility Element of the General Plan, bringing the new account total to \$310,000.

The initial contract amount with RTKL Associates, Inc. was \$830,389 which included the Central District Specific Plan development, Zoning Code Revision, Land Use Element Update, Restructuring and reformatting of the General Plan document, and Citywide Design Guidelines. This contract included the Mobility Element update as an optional item. The Mobility Element Update work was approved by the Council and added to the RTKL scope of work on March 27, 2000 for \$200,000. Approval of this contract amendment of \$110,000 will bring the entire RTKL contract total to \$1,140,389.


Respectfully submitted,


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Attachment 1 – Revised Scope of Work, Kaku Associates, Dated June 13, 2000
Attachment 2 – Revised Cost Proposal, Kaku Associates, Dated June 13, 2000
Attachment 3 – Comparison of Mobility Plan Update Options