

# Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL August 10, 1998

FROM: Acting City Manager

SUBJECT: Contract Award - Modifications of Traffic Signals at the Intersections of Lake Avenue at Walnut Street and Lake Avenue at Colorado Boulevard and Other Locations For a Not to Exceed Amount of \$86,000

## RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Accept the bid dated July 1, 1998 submitted by L.A. Signal, Inc. in response to the specifications for Modifications of Traffic Signals at the Intersections of Lake Avenue at Walnut Street and Lake Avenue at Colorado Boulevard and Other Locations, reject all other bids received and authorize the Acting City Manager to enter into such contract as is required.
2. Approve a journal voucher appropriating \$30,000 from the Gas Tax Unappropriated Fund Balance to Budget Account No. 75970 (Traffic Signal Modifications - Lake Avenue at Colorado Boulevard and Walnut Street).
3. Acknowledge the project to be categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301 (c) of the State CEQA Guidelines (minor alterations to existing streets) and authorize the Acting City Manager to execute and the City Clerk to file a Notice of Exemption therefor with the Los Angeles County Clerk.

## BACKGROUND:

The subject project is included in the approved Capital Improvement Program. The Department of Public Works and Transportation has prepared plans and specifications for the Modifications of Traffic Signals at the Intersections of Lake Avenue at Walnut Street and Lake Avenue at Colorado Boulevard and Other Locations. Bids have been requested and received.

This project provides for the installation of protective/permissive left-turn phasing on all approaches at Lake Avenue and Colorado Boulevard. Work at Lake Avenue and Walnut Street provides for the removal of existing protective/permissive left-turn phasing and the installation of protected left-turn phasing for east and westbound left-turn movements and for the installation of protected left-turn phasing for north and southbound left-turn movements. The traffic signal operation at the intersections of Del Mar Boulevard at El Molino Avenue and at Hudson Avenue will be upgraded from their existing fixed time operation to semi-actuated operation.

The installation of protected left-turn phasing will reduce delay and allow for safer and more efficient movement of traffic. The upgrade to semi-actuated operation will provide a more efficient traffic mobility and demand responsive operation.

A finding of compliance with the General Plan was previously made and is shown on pages 7.27 and 7.32 of the FY 1997-2002 Capital Improvement Program. Under the State Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this project is categorically exempt since the work consists of the minor alterations of existing streets. Therefore, it is recommended that a Notice of Exemption be filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk.

This project was advertised in the Pasadena Weekly on June 12, 1998. In addition, the Notice Inviting Bids was published in four trade publications and letters were sent to seventeen minority organizations requesting bids. A total of 18 bid packets were obtained by contractors. Six of the contractors were protected class firms, of which three submitted a bid on the project.

Following advertising, bids were received on July 1, 1998 and are as follows:

	<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1.	L.A. Signal, Inc., City of Industry*	\$ 78,900.00
2.	TDS Engineering, Westlake Village	\$ 79,139.00
3.	C.T. & F., Inc., Bell Gardens	\$ 88,653.00
4.	California Electrical Services, Glendale	\$ 89,108.00
5.	Fischback & Moore, Alhambra	\$ 97,983.00
6.	Transtech Engineers, Inc., Walnut*	\$ 99,000.00
7.	Comet Electric, Inc., Canoga Park*	\$135,300.00
	Engineer's Estimate	\$ 83,000.00

\*Protected Class Firm

The bid of L.A. Signal, Inc. is the lowest responsive and responsible bid. Therefore, it is recommended that they be awarded the contract for this project.

The proposed contract with L.A. Signal, Inc. fully complies with the Affirmative Action in Contracting Ordinance and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. The contractor selection process fully complied with this Ordinance and its rules and regulations. L.A. Signal, Inc. has a total work force of 46 employees, 44 of which are protected class individuals. The

contractor anticipates no new hires as the result of this contract but if the contractor needed to hire, it would be through the Union.

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

Base Bid	\$78,900.00
Maximum Change Orders	<u>7,100.00</u>
CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED	\$86,000.00

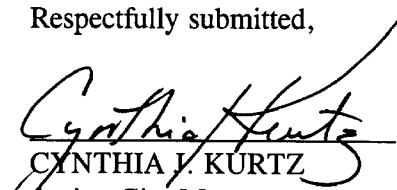
Construction on this project will begin in August with completion during October, 1998.

FISCAL IMPACT:

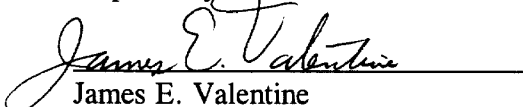
When this project was originally funded, the scope of work at Lake Avenue and Colorado Boulevard was limited to the installation of left turn phasing for east and westbound only. Subsequent investigation of recent traffic patterns has identified the need for left turn phasing for north and southbound traffic. To save the cost of administering two separate contracts and to avoid doing major construction twice within a short period of time, it was decided to install all left turn phasing as part of this contract.

Most of the needed funds for this project are presently available in Budget Account No. 75970, Traffic Signal Modifications – Lake Avenue at Colorado Boulevard and Walnut Street and Budget Account No. 75756, Mobility Corridor Study/Implementation. Approval of the recommended journal voucher will provide the additional funds needed for this expanded project.

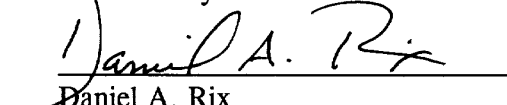
Respectfully submitted,

  
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Acting City Manager

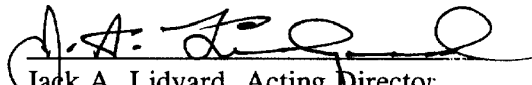
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