

Agenda Report

Date: November 2, 1998

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Contract Award to E.C. Construction Co.
for the Sierra Madre Boulevard at Washington
Boulevard/Eaton Drive Improvements for an
Amount Not to Exceed \$194,000

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Accept the bid dated September 30, 1998 submitted by E.C. Construction Co. in response to the specifications for the Sierra Madre Boulevard at Washington Boulevard/Eaton Drive Improvements, reject all other bids received, and authorize the City Manager to enter into such contract as is required;
2. Certify the project to be categorically exempt under Section 21084 of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1984 in accordance with Article 19, Section 15301 (Class 1), subsection (c) of the Resources Agency of California Guidelines (maintenance of existing public streets) pursuant to the findings of the Secretary of the Resources Agency and authorize the City Manager to execute and the City Clerk to file a Notice of Exemption for the project with the Los Angeles County Clerk.
3. Adopt a resolution approving Program Supplement No. M002 to the Local Agency-State Agreement No. 07-5064 between the City of Pasadena and the State of California regarding Federal-Aid projects for the Sierra Madre Boulevard at Washington Boulevard/Eaton Drive Improvements (STPLGDBL-5064[006]); and authorize the City Manager to execute the supplemental agreement as required.
4. Approve a journal voucher appropriating \$60,000 from the Unencumbered Gas Tax Fund Balance to Budget Account No. 75988, Sierra Madre Boulevard at Washington Boulevard/Eaton Drive Improvements.

BACKGROUND:

The subject project is included in the approved FY 1999-2004 Capital Improvement Program. In accordance with Pasadena Municipal Code 4.08.070, the Department of Public Works and Transportation has prepared plans and specifications for the subject project and bids have been requested and received.

This project provides for the construction of left turn lanes in the existing median islands on Sierra Madre Boulevard and the modification of the existing traffic signals to provide east and westbound left turn phases. The work consists of the construction of new left turn roadways, curb and gutter, sidewalk and wheelchair ramps and the modifications of traffic signals, street lighting, striping, landscaping and irrigation. The work also includes minor adjustment of utility manholes.

A finding of compliance with the General Plan was previously made and is shown on page 7.15 of the FY 1999-2004 Capital Improvement Program Budget.

Under the State Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this project is categorically exempt. Therefore, it is recommended that a Notice of Exemption be filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk.

This project was advertised in the Pasadena Journal on September 4, 1998. In addition, the Notice Inviting Bids was published in two trade publications and letters were sent to seventeen minority organizations informing them the project was being advertised and requesting bids. A total of twenty-eight bid packets were obtained by contractors. Nine of the contractors were protected class firms, of which one submitted a bid on the project.

Following advertising, bids were received on September 30, 1998 and are as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. E.C. Construction Co., South El Monte	\$177,038.70
2. *Pro Builders Company, La Cañada	\$194,548.10
3. Sully-Miller Contracting, Anaheim	\$195,950.00
4. Signal Maintenance, Inc., Anaheim	\$197,544.20
5. Gentry Brothers, Inc., Irwindale	\$209,343.01
6. Los Angeles Engineering, Rosemead	\$215,438.40
Engineer's Estimate	\$208,393.50

*Indicates Protected Class Firm

It is recommended that E.C. Construction Co. be awarded the contract for this project as they are the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

The proposed contract with E.C. Construction Co. 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. The contractor has indicated that the award of this

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contract will result in no new hires to his present workforce but if any new hires result from this project, the contractor will hire from a union.

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

Base Bid	\$177,038.70
Contingencies	<u>16,961.30</u>
CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED	\$194,000.00

Construction on this project will begin in January with completion in March 1999.

Most of the funds for this project are from Federal STP Funds. The State of California, acting through the Department of Transportation (Caltrans), administers certain Federal Highway Funds. These funds are made available to the City of Pasadena pursuant to the provisions of Local Agency-State Agreement No. 07-5064 (City of Pasadena Agreement No. 16,298) entered into by the parties on April 3, 1997. Funding for specific projects requires execution of supplemental agreements. To obtain funds for this project it is necessary that a resolution be adopted authorizing the City Manager to execute Program Supplement No. M002.

Additional City funds are needed to cover certain administrative costs not allowable under STP guidelines. In addition, design and inspection costs are limited to fixed percentages of the final construction costs. Due to low bids, the amount of federal funds allowable for design and inspection will be less than anticipated. Therefore, a journal voucher is required to transfer \$60,000 from the Unencumbered Gas Tax Fund Balance to this project.

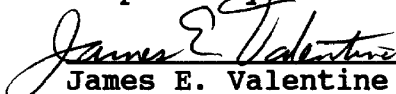
FISCAL IMPACT:

Upon approval of the recommended journal voucher, funds for this project will be available in Budget Account 75988.

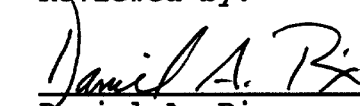
Respectfully submitted,


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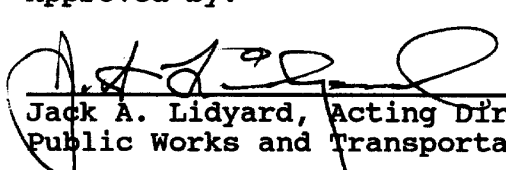
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