



Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Cohen and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Geoff Dolan, City Manager

FROM: Jim Arndt, Director of Public Works
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DATE: March 4, 2009

SUBJECT: Award of Contract (\$618,750) for the Manhattan Beach Boulevard Improvement Project to All American Asphalt and Authorize Supplemental Appropriation in the net amount of \$100,000.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council pass a motion to:

- a) Award a contract in the net amount \$618,750 for the Manhattan Beach Boulevard Improvement Project to All American Asphalt.
- b) Approve a supplemental appropriation (\$100,000) from Proposition C Local Return Program (\$40,000) and Gas Tax Funds (\$60,000).

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

EXPENDITURES	
Construction Contract	\$ 618,750.00
Design (LA County)	\$ 125,000.00
Design (SCE)	\$ 31,712.72
Contingency	\$ 36,537.28
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 812,000.00
BUDGET	
Proposition C	\$ 680,000.00
Gas Tax Fund (SCE)	\$ 32,000.00
Supplemental Appropriation (Proposition C)	\$ 40,000.00
Supplemental Appropriation (Gas Tax Fund)	\$ 60,000.00
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 812,000.00

The approved and budgeted funds for the Manhattan Beach Boulevard Improvement Project will come from Metro's Proposition C Local Return Program with the exception of street lighting. The work involved with the undergrounding of street light services on Manhattan Beach Boulevard does not qualify under the Proposition C funding guidelines. In May of 2006, the City authorized Southern California Edison (SCE) to develop plans in accordance with their standard design criteria to provide underground conduits to the existing street light pole locations. Authorization of payment for this utility work was approved on February 5, 2008. An invoice (\$31,712.72) from SCE has been received and paid by the City for this design work and eventual installation of wiring. The electrical conduit installation is included in the current Manhattan Beach Boulevard Improvement Project. It is proposed that the construction contract component for this work will be funded with Gas Tax Funds in the amount of \$60,000 since it does not qualify for Proposition C Funds.

A City-County Cooperative Agreement was previously approved and executed at the City Council meeting on April 17, 2007 and a fee (\$125,000 from Proposition C Funds) was deposited with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works for the design of the street improvement project. A remaining balance of \$555,000 of Proposition C Funds is available for the street construction portion of the project.

A supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$100,000 will be required from Proposition C Funds (\$40,000) and Gas Tax Funds (\$60,000) to fully budget construction of this project.

DISCUSSION:

Background

The current fiscal year Capital Improvement Program includes a street project to improve Manhattan Beach Boulevard from Valley Drive to Sepulveda Boulevard. The project will extend the useful life of this primary arterial entrance to the City's downtown business district. This project is predominantly comprised of grinding and overlaying the asphalt roadway surface; construction of bus pads at the appropriate locations; and the replacement of damaged curb/gutter, sidewalk and driveway approach where necessary. This project would also include the conversion of the current overhead electrical utility feeds to underground conduit services for the street lights from Ardmore Avenue to Laurel Avenue. SCE has previously installed new concrete street light poles with conduit stub-outs ready for the underground service as part of a citywide replacement program. This program was completed at no cost to the City. All utilities with the exception of ten street light poles have already been undergrounded.

Environmental Review

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires public agency decision makers to document and consider the environmental implications of their actions. Based on the scope of work, this project is categorically exempt pursuant to Sections 15301, Class 1(c) and 15302, Class 2(d). A Notice of Exemption has been filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk's office.

Bid Proposals

This project was advertised for bids in five construction industry publications. Subsequently, 41 sets of plans and specifications were provided to contractors, subcontractors and material suppliers. A total of seven competitive bids were received and opened on February 19, 2009. The bids ranged from the low bid of \$618,750 by All American Asphalt to the highest bid of \$799,000. All American Asphalt's bid was reviewed by the Public Works Department and found to be responsive and in

conformance with prevailing construction prices.

Representatives of agencies where work has been performed by All American Asphalt have indicated that the work performed was to their satisfaction. The project was discussed with a representative of the firm and he expressed confidence in his bid and a desire to perform the work.

General Project Schedule

Upon approval of the award of contract, City staff anticipates that project construction is estimated to start in March, 2009. Construction of the project is expected to last approximately 8 weeks from March 30, 2009 to May 22, 2009. Representatives of local schools that may be affected by the construction have been contacted and given an advance announcement of the upcoming project. Staff will continue to inform the affected schools, businesses and residents of the project through noticing and traffic control measures.

General Traffic Control

Due to the nature of the work, roadway lane closures will be required throughout the various phases of construction. As executed in past projects involving construction work on arterial roadways, the closure of traffic lanes will be limited to the hours between 8:30 am and 3:30 pm. In addition, a minimum of one lane of traffic will be required in each direction during working hours.

During the several major stages of work over the course of the project (including curb and gutter, sidewalk, bus pads, roadway grinding & asphalt pavement placement; and street light conduit trenching) intermittent parking restrictions will be necessary. Advanced notice of parking restrictions will be posted a minimum of 72 hours.

Construction is almost always an inconvenience and feasible efforts will be made to keep the interruption to a minimum.

Attachment: Project Location Map

xc: Henry Mitzner, Controller

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Manhattan Beach Blvd Improvement Project

