



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

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SUBJECT: NEWPORT BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT CONSULTANT CONTRACT

DATE: APRIL 17, 2006

FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT/TRANSPORTATION SERVICES DIVISION

PRESENTATION BY: WILLIAM J. MORRIS, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. Authorize the updated Professional Services Agreement (Attachment 1) to recognize TRC Solutions, Inc. as contract successor to Sequeira Infrastructure Associates for design of the Newport Boulevard Improvement Project; and to extend the contract term for design services.

BACKGROUND:

On January 21, 2003, the City Council awarded a contract to Sequeira Infrastructure Associates in the amount of \$789,433.71 to commence preliminary design and prepare an Initial Study/Environmental Assessment (IS/EA) of roadway and streetscape improvements along Newport Boulevard between 17th Street and 19th Street. The contract included the analysis of traffic and parking conditions, improvements to streetscape and pedestrian accessibility, evaluation of alignment alternatives and potential impacts to businesses. The subject roadway improvements included adding a fourth northbound lane between 17th and 19th Streets and a fourth southbound lane between 19th Street and Broadway. In June of 2005, the City Council approved the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) based on a finding of no significant impacts, and directed staff to proceed with final design, right-of-way acquisition and construction work.

ANALYSIS:

Subsequent to award of the professional services contract, Sequeira Infrastructure Associates merged as a subsidiary company under TRC Solutions, Inc. TRC Solutions has therefore become the controlling entity of the current Newport Boulevard design contract. Additionally, the term identified in the initial contract with Sequeira has expired. Given that further design work remains by TRC Solutions to complete contracted scope of services, the contract term requires extending. Staff has reviewed references for TRC Solutions, Inc. and found them acceptable. The design team initially conducting the work under Sequeira Infrastructure will continue to develop and coordinate project design under TRC Solutions.

The attached updated professional services agreement, (Attachment 1), establishes TRC Solutions, Inc. as the new contract holder and provides the necessary extension in the term of the contract. Design services are anticipated to be completed in the fall of 2006 with construction to commence during the spring of 2007.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

One alternative is to not approve this contract extension. However, not authorizing the subject professional services agreement would result in termination of design services and deferral of the approved Newport Boulevard roadway and streetscape improvements. Under this alternative, the City would forfeit the approved Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) grant for this project.

FISCAL REVIEW:

The total cost of design, right-of-way and construction for this project is estimated at \$7,025,000. The project is funded by a combination of OCTA Measure M funds, Federal Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds and City match. The project to date has cumulatively received awards of \$5,640,290 through the various County and Federal grant sources. The remaining funding would be City match, derived from a variety of resources. Project construction is currently being programmed in the upcoming FY 06-07 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget. The total engineering services contract amount of \$789,433.71 authorized to Sequeira Infrastructure for design services has to date expended \$648,187.56, with \$141,246.15 remaining in the contract.

LEGAL REVIEW:

The City Attorney has reviewed and approved the attached professional services agreement.

CONCLUSION:

The Newport Boulevard Improvement project consists of providing various streetscape and pedestrian accessibility improvements, and roadway improvements including a fourth northbound lane from 17th Street to 19th Street and a fourth southbound lane from 19th Street to Broadway. In June of 2003, the City contracted with Sequeira Infrastructure Associates to furnish project design services. During the tenure of design, Sequeira Infrastructure was bought by TRC Solutions Inc. Staff therefore recommends approval of the new professional services agreement with TRC Solutions to recognize the new contract ownership and to extend the term of the services.

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ATTACHMENTS: 1. [Professional Services Agreement](#)

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