



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 2, 2007

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: EAST 17TH STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - CITY PROJECT NO. 06-15

DATE: DECEMBER 22, 2006

FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT/ENGINEERING DIVISION

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

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. Adopt plans, specifications, and working details for the East 17th Street Improvement Project, City Project No. 06-15.
2. Approve Budget Adjustment No. 07- 045 (Attachment 1) in the amount of \$741,754.
3. Award a construction contract to Sequel Contractors, Inc., 13546 Imperial Hwy., Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670, in the amount of \$1,943,864.75 (base bid plus Additive Bid Item "B" only).
4. Authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the Public Works Agreement.

BACKGROUND:

On May 21, 2001, the City Council adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for various access and streetscape improvements to East 17th Street extending from Orange Avenue to Irvine Avenue.

The scope of work for this project, in compliance with the MND consists of improving the intersections of East 17th Street/Orange Avenue and East 17th Street/Santa Ana Avenue to provide bus turnouts, right-turn lanes, center medians, ornamental crosswalks, sidewalks, entry monuments, landscaping and irrigation improvements, traffic signal modifications and a new traffic signal at East 17th Street/Westminster Avenue. The Contractor shall furnish all labor, materials, tools, equipment and incidentals necessary to perform and complete the work as shown on the plans and contract documents.

The project will be coordinated with the East 17th Street/Raymond Avenue Flashing Crosswalk Project, City Project No. 06-02 and Roadway Rehabilitation of East 17th Street from Orange Avenue to 200' east of Santa Ana Avenue Project, City Project No. 06-03.

ANALYSIS:

The City Clerk received and opened three (3) bids for this project on November 2, 2006. Sequel Contractors, Inc. was the apparent low bidder with a total base bid proposal of \$1,871,840.75. The Engineer's base bid estimate was \$1,919,848.00; and the average of the three (3) bids received amounted to \$2,478,708.52. An analysis of the bids indicates that the apparent low bidder submitted a proposal that is 2.5 percent lower than the Engineer's estimate. The Bid Abstract is included as "Attachment 2."

In addition to the base bid, the bid solicitation also included three (3) additive bid items. Additive Bid Item "B" includes the installation of landscaping and irrigation on the south side of East 17th, east of Westminster. The low bidder's total for the base bid plus Additive Bid Item "B" is \$1,943,864.75. Since the amount of the base bid plus Additive Bid Item "B" is within the budgeted amount, staff recommends the award of the contract to include the Additive Bid Item "B". Inclusion of Additive Bid Items "A" and "C" would exceed the budget.

The license and references of Sequel Contractors, Inc. were checked and staff has found them to be in good standing. Sequel Contractors, Inc. successfully completed the Harbor Boulevard at Gisler Avenue Intersection Improvements Project earlier this year.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

The alternative to this Council action would be to reject all the bids. If all the bids are rejected, the City would have to readvertise or cancel the project. Staff believes that readvertising the project will not result in lower bids.

FISCAL REVIEW:

The funding for this project is provided by two Intersection Improvement Program (IIP) grants from the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) providing \$650,959 to improve 17th Street/Orange Avenue and \$570,309 to improve 17th Street/Santa Ana Avenue with the cities match funded by Air Quality Management District (AQMD) funds (\$100,000) and traffic mitigation fees currently appropriated in the Home Ranch Traffic Mitigation Project (\$561,754). The IIP grants and AQMD funds have been appropriated to the 17th Street/Orange Avenue and 17th Street/Santa Ana Avenue projects as part of the Fiscal Year 04-05 Capital Improvement Budget. Subsequently, Transportation Services received OCTA Growth Management Area (GMA) grants of \$120,000 and \$60,000 toward improving 17th Street/Orange Avenue and 17th Street/Santa Ana Avenue, respectively.

Budget Adjustment No. 07-045 will transfer trip fee revenues from the Home Ranch Traffic Mitigation Project to the 17th Street/Orange Avenue (\$280,856) and 17th Street/Santa Ana Avenue (\$280,898) projects, and will also recognize and appropriate the Growth Management Area grants.

LEGAL REVIEW:

Sequel Contractors has furnished the necessary bonds and insurance, which were approved as to form by the City Attorney's office. After the award and subsequent execution of the contract, a "Notice to Proceed" will be issued.

CONCLUSION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt plans, specifications, and working details for the East 17th Improvement Project; approve Budget Adjustment No. 07-045 in the amount of \$741,754; award the contract to Sequel Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$1,943,864.75 (base bid plus Additive Bid Item "B" only); and authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the Public Works Agreement.

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ATTACHMENTS: "1" [Budget adjustment No. 07-045](#)
 "2" [Bid Abstract](#)

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