



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 6, 2007

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECTS: BUS TURNOUT IMPROVEMENTS ON WILSON STREET BETWEEN FAIRVIEW ROAD AND HARBOR BOULEVARD - CITY PROJECT NO. 07-20

DATE: OCTOBER 8, 2007

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 CDBG Projects: Bus Turnout Improvements on Wilson Street between Fairview Road and Harbor Boulevard, City Project No. 07-20.
2. Award a construction contract to Roadway Engineering & Contracting, Inc., 8861-A Jurupa Road, Riverside, CA 92509, in the amount of \$204,504.60 (base bid plus additive bid items).
3. Authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the Public Works Agreement.

BACKGROUND:

At their regular meeting of May 16, 2006, the City Council awarded a Professional Services Contract for design of bus turnout improvements on Wilson Street between Fairview Road and College Avenue. The bus turnout improvements were recommended to enhance traffic safety on this two-lane segment of Wilson Street where on-street parking is permitted on the south side of the street for the benefit of residents of the adjacent multi-family developments.

The scope of work for this project, in general, consists of clearing, grading, excavation of concrete bus turnout, construction of sidewalk, driveway approach and ramps, traffic control, mobilization, and all other work necessary to complete the project.

ANALYSIS:

On September 10, 2007, the City Clerk received and opened twelve (12) bids for this project. Roadway Engineering & Contracting, Inc. was the apparent low bidder with a base bid proposal of \$129,995.80. The Engineer's estimate was \$192,305.00; and the average of the twelve bids received amounted to \$171,751.92. An analysis of the bids indicates that the apparent low bidder submitted a proposal that is 32.4 percent lower than the Engineer's estimate. The variance between the low bidder and the Engineer's estimate may be attributed to the current market fluctuations that are occurring within the economy. The Bid Abstract is included as Attachment "1".

In addition to the base bid, the bid solicitation also included additive bid items to extend the limits of the work. The low bidder's total for the base bid plus all the additive bid items is \$204,504.60.

The Engineer's estimate for the base bid plus the additive bid items is \$275,750.00. Since the amount of the base bid plus the additive bid items is within the Engineer's estimate, staff recommends the award of the contract to include the additive bid items.

The license and references of Roadway Engineering & Contracting, Inc. were checked and staff has found them to be in good standing.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

The alternative to this Council action would be to reject all the bids. If all the bids were rejected, the City would have to re-advertise or cancel the project. Staff believes that re-advertising the project would not result in lower bids, and could in fact result in higher bids due to the escalation of material prices currently occurring in the construction trade.

FISCAL REVIEW:

Funding for design services, right-of-way acquisition, and construction was approved in the 2005-2006 Capital Improvement Program Budget via an appropriation of \$296,000.00 from CDBG funds. Design services were completed at a cost of \$37,855.00. The City was able to secure the necessary right-of-way at no additional cost. The balance of CDBG funding available to complete the project is \$258,145.00.

LEGAL REVIEW:

Roadway Engineering & Contracting, Inc. has furnished the necessary bonds and insurance, which were approved as to form by the City Attorney. After the award and subsequent execution of the contract, a "Notice to Proceed" will be issued.

CONCLUSION:

It is recommended that the City Council award a construction contract to Roadway Engineering & Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$204,504.60 (base bid plus additive bid items); and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Public Works Agreement.

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ATTACHMENT: "1" [Bid Abstract](#)

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