



# CITY OF COSTA MESA COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

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MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 17, 2009

ITEM NUMBER:

**SUBJECT:** REHABILITATION OF BEAR STREET (FROM BAKER STREET TO BRISTOL STREET)  
CITY PROJECT NO. 09-24

**DATE:** NOVEMBER 5, 2009

**FROM:** PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT/ENGINEERING DIVISION

**PRESENTATION BY:** PETER NAGHAVI, DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Adopt plans, specifications, and working details for the rehabilitation of Bear Street (from Baker Street to Bristol Street), City Project No. 09-24.
2. Award a construction contract to R.J. Noble Company, 15505 East Lincoln Avenue, Orange, California, 92869, in the amount of \$537,663.00.
3. Authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the Public Works Agreement.

## **BACKGROUND:**

Based on staff's observations and recommendations from the City's Pavement Management System, Bear Street (from Baker Street to Bristol Street) is in need of pavement rehabilitation at this time. In addition to businesses and multi-family residences, Bear Street is a major access thoroughfare to the Mesa Del Mar neighborhood and to the Newport-Mesa Unified School District bus depot.

## **ANALYSIS:**

The pavement rehabilitation process for Bear Street consists of a full depth removal and reconstruction of the existing pavement section. The work also includes localized reconstruction of damaged concrete improvements, and the installation of ADA compliant wheel chair ramps. Other work includes traffic control, striping, traffic loops, and other incidental work in accordance with the contract documents.

On October 7, 2009, the City Clerk received and opened nine (9) bids for this project. R.J. Noble Company was the apparent low bidder with a bid proposal of \$537,663.00. The Engineer's estimate was \$716,925.00; and the average of the nine (9) bids received for this project amounted to \$614,972.75.

An analysis of the bids indicates that the apparent low bidder submitted a proposal that is 25 percent (25%) lower than the Engineer's estimate. The variance between the low bidder and the Engineer's estimate may be attributed to the highly competitive conditions in the construction industry at this time. The Bid Abstract is included as Attachment "1".

The license and references of R.J. Noble Company were checked and staff has found them to be in good standing. R.J. Noble Company has successfully completed many projects in the City of Costa Mesa including most recently the rehabilitation of Sunflower Avenue (Harbor Boulevard to Hyland Avenue), the rehabilitation of Plumer Street and Hamilton Street, and the rehabilitation of South Coast Drive (Harbor Boulevard to Hyland Avenue).

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:**

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

**FISCAL REVIEW:**

Funding for this project is available from Measure "M" funds.

**LEGAL REVIEW:**

R.J. Noble Company has furnished the necessary bonds and insurance, which have been 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:**

The City has received bids for the rehabilitation of Bear Street (from Baker Street to Bristol Street), City Project No. 09-24. Staff has evaluated all of the bids and recommends that the City Council adopt the plans, specifications, and working details for said project; award the contract to the apparent low bidder R.J. Noble Company in the amount of \$537,663.00; and authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the Public Works Agreement.

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

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