



# *CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT*

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MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 5, 2013

ITEM NUMBER:

**SUBJECT:** HARBOR BOULEVARD AND ADAMS AVENUE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS,  
CITY PROJECT NO. 13-09

**DATE:** OCTOBER 24, 2013

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

**PRESENTATION BY:** ERNESTO MUNOZ, PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Adopt plans, specifications, and working details for the Harbor Boulevard and Adams Avenue Intersection Improvements, City Project No. 13-09.
2. Award a construction contract to All American Asphalt, in the amount of \$2,737,737.00.
3. Authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the Public Works Agreement.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) executed by the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) and the Cities of Costa Mesa, Fountain Valley and Huntington Beach for the Garfield Avenue/Gisler Avenue Bridge over the Santa Ana River included several improvements in all the cities. A major improvement project identified by the City of Costa Mesa in this MOU is at the Harbor Boulevard/Adams Avenue intersection. The subject construction contract is for the completion of this project.

The proposed improvements include the addition of a third eastbound left-turn lane, a second southbound right-turn lane, extension of the northbound left-turn lanes, relocation of the existing northbound bus stop on Harbor Boulevard north of the intersection, and aesthetic improvements including decorative crosswalks and sidewalks. These improvements will require widening at all four corners of the intersection and extensive modifications to the existing traffic signal.

## **ANALYSIS:**

The City Clerk received and opened five (5) bids for this project on October 23, 2013. All American Asphalt was the apparent low bidder with a base bid proposal of \$2,737,737. The Engineer's estimate was \$3,188,355.50; the average of the five (5) bids received for this project amounted to \$3,008,792.15.

An analysis of the bids indicates that the apparent low bidder submitted a proposal that is 14.1 percent (14.1%) lower than the Engineer's estimate. The Bid Abstract is included as Attachment 1.

The license and references of All American Asphalt were checked and staff found them to be in good standing. All American Asphalt has successfully completed several projects in the City of Costa Mesa and is currently finalizing the Eastside Street Maintenance project and the West 19<sup>th</sup> Street Rehabilitation project.

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:**

The alternative to this Council action would be to reject all the bids. If all the bids were rejected, the City would then need to re-advertise or cancel the project. Staff believes that re-advertising the project will not result in lower bids. The Santa Ana River Crossing (SARX) MOU requires the completion of all construction improvements by 2020. Cancellation of this project may result in the City not meeting the MOU provisions.

**FISCAL REVIEW:**

Public Services staff was successful in capturing Measure M2 funding in the amount of \$1,482,000 and State-Local Partnership Program (SLPP) grant funding in the amount of \$1,482,000 towards the implementation of this project. The remaining balance of the total construction cost will be derived from Traffic Impact Fee funds. The required funding is included in the Fiscal Year 2012-13 budget.

**LEGAL REVIEW:**

All American Asphalt will be furnishing the necessary bonds and insurance upon approval as to form by the City Attorney's office. Subsequent to the execution of the contract and approval of the insurance and bonds, a "Notice to Proceed" will be issued.

**CONCLUSION:**

The City has received bids for the Harbor Boulevard and Adams Avenue Intersection Improvements, City Project No. 13-09. Staff 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 All American Asphalt in the amount of \$2,737,737.00; and authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the Public Works Agreement. Approval of this contract will enable the construction of a major project identified in the SARX MOU for the Garfield Avenue/Gisler Avenue bridge.

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ATTACHMENT: 1 – [Bid Abstract](#)

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