



# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

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MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 3, 2013

ITEM NUMBER:

**SUBJECT:** EAST 17<sup>TH</sup> STREET LANDSCAPE ENHANCEMENT, FEDERAL PROJECT NO. RPSTPLNE-5312(091), CITY PROJECT NO. 13-12

**DATE:** NOVEMBER 21, 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 East 17<sup>th</sup> Street Landscape Enhancement, City Project No. 13-12.
2. Award a construction contract to Horizons Construction Co. Int'l, Inc., 1173 N. Patt Street, Anaheim, CA 92801 in the amount of \$776,995.00.
3. Approve Budget Adjustment BA 14-018, in the amount of \$30,000.00 towards the project.
4. Authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the Public Works Agreement and the Budget Adjustment.

## **BACKGROUND:**

East 17<sup>th</sup> Street serves as a significant east/west regional commuter link to the Newport Boulevard/SR-55 Freeway, the Costa Mesa Business District, and the City of Newport Beach. Intensive and high traffic generating commercial development exists along East 17<sup>th</sup> Street with numerous driveways located throughout the corridor. Transit service is actively provided with a frequency of five to seven minute intervals during peak periods. The shopping district on East 17<sup>th</sup> Street generates significant pedestrian and bicycle traffic throughout the day.

The existing level of landscaping on East 17<sup>th</sup> Street between Santa Ana Avenue and Irvine Avenue is very limited. In 2006, the City implemented a project between Orange Avenue and Santa Ana Avenue which included new landscaped medians, decorative crosswalks, enhanced landscaping, monument signs, and ornamental lighting. This project was very successful and served as a catalyst for major commercial renovation along this segment of 17<sup>th</sup> Street.

The East 17<sup>th</sup> Street Landscape Enhancement project consists of enhanced streetscape along East 17<sup>th</sup> Street between Santa Ana Avenue and Irvine Avenue and will continue the theme initiated by the earlier project by installing similar decorative crosswalks, sidewalks, landscaped medians, decorative streetlights, and parkway trees. The project will also implement right-turn lanes at the intersection of East 17<sup>th</sup> Street and Tustin Avenue in accordance with General Plan Circulation Element to enhance circulation at this busy intersection.

**ANALYSIS:**

The City Clerk received and opened seven (7) bids for this project on October 29, 2013. Horizons Construction Co. Int'l, Inc. was the apparent low bidder with a base bid proposal of \$776,995.00. The Engineer's estimate was \$860,443.00; the average of the seven (7) bids received for this project amounted to \$970,943.86.

An analysis of the bids indicates that the apparent low bidder submitted a proposal that is 9.7 percent (9.7%) lower than the Engineer's estimate. The Bid Abstract is included as Attachment 1.

The license and references of Horizons Construction Co. Int'l, Inc. were checked and staff 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 then need to readvertise or cancel the project. Staff believes that readvertising the project will not result in lower bids.

**FISCAL REVIEW:**

The Public Services Department was successful in capturing a Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) grant in the amount of \$500,000 towards the implementation of this project. The TEA funds, along with \$100,000 in Traffic Impact Fee funds and \$150,000 in Air Quality Management District (AQMD) funds, were recognized and appropriated towards this project in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 budget. Additional Traffic Impact Fee funds in the amount of \$30,000 are required to complete the project. The attached Budget Adjustment 14-018 (Attachment 2) provides for this appropriation to allocate funding towards the project, construction, advertising and printing costs.

**LEGAL REVIEW:**

Horizons Construction Co. Int'l, Inc. will be furnishing the necessary bonds and insurance for 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 East 17<sup>th</sup> Street Landscape Enhancement, City Project No. 13-12. Staff evaluated all of the bids and recommends that the City Council adopt the plans, specifications, and working details for said project; approve Budget Adjustment No. 14-018 in the amount of \$30,000; award the contract to the apparent low bidder, Horizons Construction Co. Int'l, Inc., in the amount of \$776,995.00; and authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the Public Works Agreement.

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ATTACHMENTS: 1 – [Bid Abstract](#)  
2 – [Budget Adjustment 14-018](#)

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