



# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

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MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 3, 2013

ITEM NUMBER:

**SUBJECT: HARBOR BOULEVARD BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT, FEDERAL PROJECT NO. RPSTPLE-5312 (083), CITY PROJECT NO. 13-05**

**DATE: NOVEMBER 18, 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 Beautification Project, City Project No. 13-05.
2. Award a construction contract to Jeff Tracy, Inc. DBA Land Form Construction, in the amount of \$572,809.95 (base bid plus additive bid item No. AD-1).
3. Authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the Public Works Agreement.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Federal Transportation Enhancement Program (TE) provides federal funding for transportation-related construction projects. The program is administered by Caltrans on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). On September 27, 2010, the Public Services Department captured a \$500,000 grant for the Beautification of Harbor Boulevard between Adams Avenue and MacArthur Boulevard.

The scope of work under this contract consists of constructing landscape buffers between the street curb and the sidewalks with drought tolerant landscaping, state-of-the-art irrigation, and the planting of mature palm trees (Attachment 1) to create a more comfortable pedestrian atmosphere. The existing high-maintenance/high water use turf in the medians will be removed and replaced with similar landscaping as that provided in the parkways (Attachment 2). With this project, the City will be planting a total of 118 palm trees and 18 decorative trees in the public right-of-way. The existing monument sign on Harbor Boulevard south of MacArthur Boulevard will be removed and replaced with a new monument sign with solar powered lighting. The scope will also include other work needed to complete the project in accordance with the contract documents.

## **ANALYSIS:**

The City Clerk received and opened three (3) bids for this project on November 13, 2013. Jeff Tracy, Inc. DBA Land Form Construction was the apparent low bidder with a base bid proposal of \$569,309.95. The Engineer's estimate was \$581,835.00; and the average of the three (3) bids received for this project amounted to \$681,291.78.

An analysis of the bids indicates that the apparent low bidder's proposal is 2.2 percent (2.2%) lower than the Engineer's estimate. The Bid Abstract is included as Attachment 3.

In addition to the base bid, the bidders were required to bid on additive alternate bid items, which were to be considered by the City subject to funding availability. Additive bid item No. AD-1 is for the reconstruction of the concrete deck of the catch basin, south of the southwest corner of Gisler Avenue and Harbor Boulevard. The incorporation of the additive bid item will result in a net increase to the contract in the amount of \$3,500.00. Considering the low bid received for this work, and the overall project cost being lower than the Engineer's estimate, staff recommends the inclusion of the additive item of work. The remaining additive items of work will be implemented in the future as funds become available.

The license and references of Jeff Tracy, Inc. DBA Land Form Construction were checked and staff found them to be in good standing. Jeff Tracy, Inc. DBA Land Form Construction has successfully completed several projects in the City of Costa Mesa including most recently the construction of the Fairview Park Wetlands and Riparian Habitat Project, Phase II.

**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.

**FISCAL REVIEW:**

Funding for this project is provided by a \$500,000 Transportation Enhancement (TE) grant and \$110,000 of City Gas Tax Funds as a match allocated in Fiscal Year 2012-13.

**LEGAL REVIEW:**

Jeff Tracy, Inc. DBA Land Form Construction 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 Harbor Boulevard Beautification Project, City Project No. 13-05. 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 Jeff Tracy, Inc. DBA Land Form Construction in the amount of \$572,809.95 (base bid plus additive bid item No. AD-1); and authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the Public Works Agreement.

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ATTACHMENTS: 1 – [Parkway Concept Photo Simulation](#)  
2 – [Median Concept Photo Simulation](#)  
3 – [Bid Abstract](#)

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