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DATE: January 6, 2010

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Development Services Department

SUBJECT: **AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE OCEANSIDE BOULEVARD-INTERSTATE 5 TO CROUCH STREET LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

**SYNOPSIS**

Staff recommends that the City Council award a contract in the amount of \$346,295.96 to Rock Bottom Inc., of Bakersfield, for the Oceanside Boulevard - Interstate 5 to Crouch Street Landscape Improvements Project; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement upon receipt of all supporting documents.

**BACKGROUND**

In 2007, Oceanside Boulevard from Interstate 5 to Crouch Street had been identified as a priority location for gateway enhancements. The envisioned project called for installation of a new landscaped parkway from Interstate 5 to Crouch Street on the south side of Oceanside Boulevard.

On August 10, 2009, staff held an open house for members of Loma Alta Neighborhood Association (LANA) and Loma Alta Mission Park (LAMP). Members in attendance were given the opportunity to review the plans. Comments and suggestions were received from the community members and were noted and taken into consideration as part of the project. The consensus from the community members present was that there is a need for the project.

On September 2, 2009, the City Council approved the plans and specifications for the Oceanside Boulevard - Interstate 5 to Crouch Street Landscape Improvements Project and authorized a call for bids. Notices inviting sealed bids were sent to qualified area contractors and were also advertised in local newspapers, trade journals, and Web sites in accordance with the City's standard bidding procedures.

On November 17, 2009, the bids were publicly opened. Nineteen bids were received and are summarized in Exhibit A. The lowest responsible bidder is Rock Bottom, Inc., of Bakersfield, with a bid of \$346,295.96. Their credentials have been researched and found to meet City requirements. The bid was reviewed and found to be complete.

**ANALYSIS**

The project calls for the installation of a new landscaped parkway from Interstate 5 to Crouch Street on the south side of Oceanside Boulevard. The work includes installation of irrigation and the planting of drought-tolerant trees, shrubs and groundcover. In addition, the project includes 10,600 square feet of meandering sidewalk which will provide ADA and pedestrian access along Oceanside Boulevard and adjacent streets.

Construction is anticipated to begin late-February 2010 and be completed May 2010. A 90-day grow-in and maintenance period will follow; total project completion will be August 2010.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The construction contract of \$346,295.96 with Rock Bottom, Inc., plus 15 percent contingency, construction support costs and project overhead will result in a total construction project cost of \$433,239.96. Construction-phase project costs are budgeted as follows:

<u>Direct Construction Costs</u>	
Bid Award Amount	\$346,295.96
15% Construction Change Order Contingency	<u>\$51,944.00</u>
Total Direct Construction	\$398,239.96
 <u>Construction Support Costs</u>	
Construction Staking and Surveying	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
Total Construction Support	\$20,000.00
 City Inspection and Administration	 <u>\$15,000.00</u>
Total Project, Construction Phase Cost	\$433,239.96

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget for Gateway Projects (425619581) has an available balance of \$1.3 million in FY 2008-09 carry forward, of which \$680,000 has been earmarked for this project. Therefore, sufficient funds are available.

**INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

The referenced documents have been reviewed by the City Attorney and approved as to form.

**COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT**

The conceptual design for the sidewalk and landscaping was reviewed by the Economic Development Commission on August 11, 2009.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS**

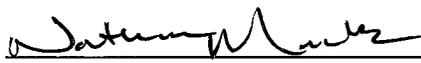
Contracts for public projects in excess of \$5,000 must be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. "Responsible bidder" is defined as a bidder who has demonstrated the attributes of trustworthiness as well as quality, fitness, capacity and experience to satisfactorily perform a public works contract. The City Council also has discretion to reject all bids and re-advertise.

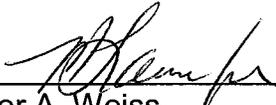
**RECOMMENDATION**

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Attachment:

Exhibit A – List of Bidders