

# STAFF REPORT



ITEM NO. 12  
CITY OF OCEANSIDE

DATE: May 9, 2007

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Public Works Department

SUBJECT: **AWARD OF CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$58,200 FOR THE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY CORRIDOR PROJECT**

## **SYNOPSIS**

Staff recommends that the City Council award a contract in the amount of \$58,200 to Republic Intelligent Transportation Services (Republic ITS) of Novato, California, for the Pedestrian Safety Corridor project located on Oceanside Boulevard between Peacock Boulevard and Temple Heights Drive, and on Vista Way at S. Horne Street, and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement upon receipt of all supporting documents and add the traffic signal installation at Oceanside Boulevard and Beverly Glen as phase 2 of the project.

## **BACKGROUND**

The residents in the areas of Peacock Boulevard, Temple Heights Drive and Vista Way have expressed concerns regarding speed, volume of traffic and pedestrian safety. Staff has conducted traffic investigations and has held several community meetings and, as a result, has identified and implemented various traffic safety enhancement measures. They included additional police enforcement, red curbing and re-stripping.

On April 26, 2007 staff met with members of the Peacock Hills Homeowners Association to review changes in the proposed improvements from what they had expected from meetings with staff in 2005. The new proposed improvements do not include a flashing beacon or flashing crosswalk lights at Oceanside Boulevard and Beverly Glen Drive. The 2005 improvements were deleted based upon recommended guidelines in the California Manual of Traffic Control Devices section 4L.02, the Final Report and Recommended Guideline of the FHWA Publication Number HRT-04-100 "Safety Effects of Marked Versus Unmarked Crosswalks at Uncontrolled Locations" an independent engineering report on the "Oceanside Boulevard Pedestrian Safety Program", and the independent traffic consultant's review and conclusion that the proposed improvements could be a safety hazard. As an alternative to the previously proposed improvements staff is recommending that a traffic signal be considered at this location as phase 2 of this project.

**ANALYSIS**

On Oceanside Boulevard the existing pedestrian signals at both Peacock Boulevard and Temple Heights Drive will be replaced with new pedestrian signals that display the number of seconds remaining in the “Don’t Walk” phase. Also, adjacent to Temple Heights Elementary School, school zone flashing beacons will be installed.

On Vista Way at S. Horne Street, pedestrian-actuated crosswalk flashing beacons will be installed and “slow, school crossing” markings will be renewed.

Staff has solicited sealed bids from six (6) local electrical contractors and, on April 12, 2007, received and opened the following three (3) bids:

Republic ITS, Novato	\$ 58,200.00
Select Electric, Inc., Spring Valley	69,150.00
T&M Electric, Inc., dba Perry Electric, Santee	69,700.00

The apparent lowest bidder is Republic ITS of Novato, California. Their credentials have been researched and meet City’s requirements. The bid was reviewed and was found to be within market expectations.

Staff is recommending that phase 2 of this project (the installation of a traffic signal at Oceanside Boulevard and Beverly Glen) be included in the proposed FY 2007-08 Capital Improvement Program.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The FY 2006-07 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget for the Neighborhood Traffic Improvements project (212.755231) included funding balance of \$158,761. The total estimated project cost, including construction, project management and inspection is \$70,000. Therefore there are sufficient funds available to complete the project.

Funds for the traffic signal installation are available in the traffic signal fee program (the traffic signal will need to be included in the City’s traffic signal fee program to be eligible for these funds). The proposed cost of the traffic signal is approximately \$140,000 (the cost of the originally proposed flashing beacons and crosswalk flashing lights was \$50,000).

**COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT**

On February 15, 2005, staff presented the original project to the Transportation Commission and received unanimous approval.

**CITY ATTORNEY’S ANALYSIS**

Public Contract Code section 20162 requires contracts for public projects in excess of \$5,000 to 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 readvertise, under Public Contract Code section 20166.

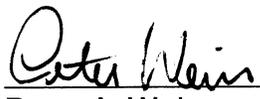
**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the City Council award a contract in the amount of \$58,200 to Republic Intelligent Transportation Services (Republic ITS) of Novato, California, for the Pedestrian Safety Corridor project located on Oceanside Boulevard between Peacock Boulevard and Temple Heights Drive, and on Vista Way at S. Horne Street, and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement upon receipt of all supporting documents and add the traffic signal at Oceanside Boulevard and Beverly Glen Drive as Phase 2 of the project.

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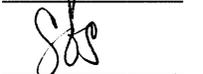
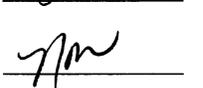
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