

STAFF REPORT



ITEM NO. 22
CITY OF OCEANSIDE

DATE: August 19, 2009

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Development Services Department

SUBJECT: **AWARD OF CONTRACT AND BUDGET TRANSFER FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND STREETLIGHT POLE MODIFICATIONS ON COAST HIGHWAY**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the City Council award a contract in the amount of \$154,500 to Lekos Electric, Inc., of El Cajon for the traffic signal and streetlight pole modifications on Coast Highway at Civic Center Drive, at Pier View Way, and between Civic Center Drive and Pier View Way; approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$74,500 from the Downtown Business Development account; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement upon receipt of all supporting documents.

BACKGROUND

In the 1990s, several redevelopment projects for downtown Oceanside replaced the existing traffic signal and streetlight poles with decorative poles. Due to different phases of downtown redevelopment projects, the traffic signal poles on the north side of the Coast Highway/Pier View Way intersection and the streetlight poles located on Coast Highway between Pier View Way and Civic Center Drive were not modified to the decorative poles. These poles were originally installed in the early 1980s. It has been recommended by City staff that all the traffic signal and streetlight poles in downtown Oceanside be uniform and modified to have the same decorative poles.

The Coast Highway and Civic Center Drive intersection has the decorative traffic signal poles that were installed in 1990. However, due to the exposure to the coastal climate conditions, the current poles' decorative fluting is rusted and separating from the pole shaft, which may eventually compromise the pole integrity.

On May 6, 2009, the City Council approved the plans and specifications for the traffic signal and streetlight pole modifications on Coast Highway and authorized a call for bids. Notices inviting sealed bids were sent to qualified area contractors and were also advertised in local newspapers and trade journals in accordance with the City's standard bidding procedures.

ANALYSIS

The project will provide new decorative traffic signal poles, signal heads, pedestrian signals, and pedestrian push-buttons on the northeast and northwest corners of the Coast Highway/Pier View Way intersection, and all corners of the Coast Highway/Civic Center Drive intersection. New decorative streetlight poles will replace the two existing streetlight poles on Coast Highway between Civic Center Drive and Pier View Way.

The anticipated schedule for the project is as follows:

Start Contract..... October 2009
Construction Completion...February 2010

Fifteen (15) bids were received and opened on June 16, 2009. The bid amounts ranged from \$154,500 to \$235,120. The lower bidder was Lekos Electric, Inc., of El Cajon.

FISCAL IMPACT

The estimated total cost of the project including construction, administration, inspection, and project management and contingency, is \$177,675. Of the total estimated cost, \$103,175 will come from the Signal Modification on Coast Highway account and the Redevelopment Department will share in the cost of the project at the cost of \$74,500 that will come from the Downtown Business Development account.

The current FY 2008-09 carry forward balance in the Signal Modification on Coast Highway 903525500508 capital budget is \$152,206. The Downtown Business Development account 300305591 has a current balance of \$446,000. A budget request will be submitted to Finance to move \$74,500 from the Downtown Business Development account to the Signal Modification on Coast Highway account.

Maintenance cost will decrease with the installation of the new traffic signal and street light poles, and equipment.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENT

The City's standard insurance requirements will be met.

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

Does not apply.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

The bid documents were previously reviewed by the City Attorney and approved as to form. Pursuant to the California Public Contract Code, a contract for a public project in excess of \$5,000 must be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. A "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.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council award a contract in the amount of \$154,500 to Lekos Electric, Inc., of El Cajon for the traffic signal and streetlight pole modifications on Coast Highway at Civic Center Drive, at Pier View Way, and between Civic Center Drive and Pier View Way; approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$74,500 from the Downtown Business Development account; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement upon receipt of all supporting documents.

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