

STAFF REPORT



ITEM NO. 17

CITY OF OCEANSIDE

DATE: August 2, 2006

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Public Works Department

SUBJECT: **AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,062,414.70 TO FCI CONSTRUCTORS, INC., OF VISTA FOR THE PACIFIC STREET BRIDGE ACROSS THE SAN LUIS REY RIVER PROJECT**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the award of a contract in the amount of \$18,062,414.70 to FCI Constructors, Inc., of Vista for the Pacific Street Bridge across the San Luis Rey River project, and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement upon receipt of the supporting documents.

BACKGROUND

The proposed Pacific Street Bridge, which links Downtown to the Harbor, is a part of the City's circulation element and is needed for improved emergency access. The current Pacific Street crossing washes out during periods of significant rainfall. The crossing last washed out in January 2005.

In March 1998, the City Council affirmed the need for the Pacific Street crossing and directed staff to seek funding alternatives for a new permanent bridge crossing. On December 20, 1999, the Federal Highway Administration allocated \$10 million for the design and construction of the Pacific Street Bridge across the San Luis Rey River, and authorized the City to proceed with preliminary engineering.

On May 3, 2000, the City Council approved the professional services agreement in the amount of \$687,100 with T.Y. Lin International of San Diego for preliminary engineering and environmental evaluation for the construction of the Bridge. The City Council has since approved five amendments to this professional services agreement for additional environmental studies and services required by the resource agencies, and for preparation of final construction plans and specifications.

The City Council certified the final Environmental Impact Report on November 5, 2003, and the Federal Highway Administration issued a Finding of No Significant Impact on May 25, 2004. Also on November 5, 2003, the Community Development Commission/Oceanside Small Craft Harbor District approved the Regular Coastal Permit (RC-207-03) for the Pacific Street Bridge; and on

May 3, 2006, the Community Development Commission/Oceanside Small Craft Harbor District re-approved the Regular Coastal Permit, since the time had expired on the earlier permit.

On February 1, 2006, the City Council rejected all of the first bids for the project, because all the bids were much higher than anticipated and there were serious imbalances in the low bidder's Bid Sheet, which is not allowed by federal requirements. The City Council also authorized the rebid of the project at a future date. Staff submitted and received approval from the Federal Highway Administration for a higher Construction Cost Estimate of \$18,652,360 and a commitment from the federal government to fund 88.53 percent of the construction cost.

On May 3, 2006, the City Council rejected all of the second bids for the project at Caltrans' direction, since on May 1, 2006, Caltrans had decided to implement a race-neutral Disadvantaged Business Enterprises program to replace the previous race-conscious program and directed the City to reject the bids and re-bid with the new program. The City Council also authorized the re-bid of the project.

The proposed Pacific Street Bridge project will include a 600-foot-long, 4-span, cast-in-place, prestressed, concrete, haunched, box girder bridge, supported on three cast-in-drilled-hole piers and abutments, with a traffic lane, bike path and sidewalk in each direction. Harbor Drive South and Pacific Street will be realigned vertically to meet the bridge approaches. After the new Pacific Street Bridge is opened the existing low water crossing will be removed. As a mitigation measure a coastal wetlands will be recreated upstream on the north side of the San Luis Rey River and east of Interstate 5.

ANALYSIS

The bids were publicly opened on June 29, 2006. Two bids were received and are summarized in Exhibit A. The lowest responsible bidder is FCI Constructors, Inc. of Vista with a bid of \$18,062,414.70. The successful bidder's credentials have been researched and found to meet City requirements. The contract documents are on file in the Capital Improvements Division of the Public Works Department.

The previous low bid on November 10, 2005, was \$18,516,052.30; the previous low bid on May 3, 2006 was \$18,095,578. The federally approved cost estimate for this bid is \$18,652,360.

Bridge construction is expected to begin about September 15, 2006, and take about two years.

FISCAL IMPACT

Project construction costs are 88.53 percent federally reimbursable from a Federal Highway Administration grant.

The FY 2004-05 Capital Improvement Program budget includes an appropriation of \$3 million for this fiscal year. \$300,000 has been budgeted from the major thoroughfare fees fund for the 11.47 percent local funding. As funds are expended, the federal government will reimburse 88.53 percent of the costs.

The Water Utilities Department has budgeted \$300,000 in the Water Connection Fees fund for the inclusion of a new water transmission line through the bridge; this portion is not federally reimbursable.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The City's standard insurance requirements will be provided for the construction contract.

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

Does not apply.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

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

RECOMMENDATION

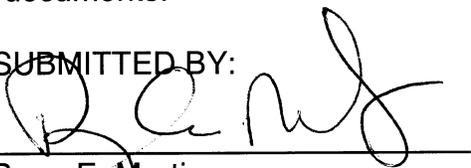
Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the award of a contract in the amount of \$18,062,414.70 to FCI Constructors, Inc., of Vista for the Pacific Street Bridge across the San Luis Rey River project, and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement upon receipt of all supporting documents.

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Exhibit A

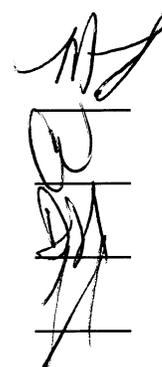


EXHIBIT A

BID TABULATION

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
1. FCI Constructors, Inc.	Vista, CA	\$18,062,414.70
2. MCM Construction, Inc.	North Highlands, CA	\$18,125,284.00