

# STAFF REPORT



ITEM NO. 19  
CITY OF OCEANSIDE

DATE: June 5, 2013

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Development Services Department

SUBJECT: **AWARD A CONTRACT FOR IMPROVEMENTS ON CALIFORNIA STREET FOR THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL/PALMQUIST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROJECT**

## **SYNOPSIS**

Staff recommends that the City Council award a contract in the amount of \$88,852 to PAL General Engineering Inc., of San Diego, for improvements on California Street for the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Lincoln Middle School/Palmquist Elementary School project provided Caltrans accepts their good faith efforts to meet the project's DBE requirements; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement upon receipt of all supporting documents.

## **BACKGROUND**

Lincoln Middle School and Palmquist Elementary School are located along California Street, a widely-used collector road in Oceanside. California Street serves as a main route to both Lincoln Middle School and Palmquist Elementary School, and to the surrounding neighborhoods. The schools are located across the street from each other with a common striped crosswalk, across California Street, that the students use commuting to and from school. California Street has had several requests from local residents and school officials, for safety improvement largely due to speeding, improper turning movements, and/or right-of-way violations.

In October 2008, staff was informed that the City of Oceanside's grant request was awarded in the amount of \$63,320 for Lincoln Middle School and Palmquist Elementary School traffic-calming improvements on California Street, between Hunsaker and Ridgeway Street.

On October 20, 2010, City Council accepted and appropriated \$63,320 in Federal (SRTS) grant funds to the Development Services Department. A request for proposal for professional design services was released on November 2, 2012. On December 11, 2012, staff hired RBF Consulting Inc., to prepare plans and specifications.

On March 13, 2013, the City Council approved the plans and specifications and authorized the City Engineer to call for bids. On May 16, 2013, the bids were publicly opened. Six bids were received and are summarized in Attachment A. The lowest responsible bidder is PAL General Engineering Inc., of San Diego, with a base bid of \$88,852.

**ANALYSIS**

The project is funded by Federal SRTS grant funds and will require prevailing wages. The project also requires California Department of Transportation approval for each stage of the project, which has been obtained.

The proposed safety improvement devices include the construction of curb pop outs at a new crosswalk location, a landscaped median, and two radar feedback signs. The curb pop outs will narrow the roadway, thereby creating a shorter area for students to cross the street. The median will also narrow the roadway, visually and physically, thereby reducing drivers travel speeds. Lastly, radar feedback signs will act as a visual warning for drivers to decrease their travel speeds.

The project is anticipated to start construction in July 2013 with completion in late summer 2013. The adjacent neighborhood that will be affected of this upcoming project has been notified.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The construction contract of \$88,852 with PAL General Engineering Inc., plus contingency, construction support, construction surveying, testing services, City inspection, City staff time, and administrative allocation will result in a total construction project cost of \$149,852. The FY 2012-13 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget for the SRTS Lincoln MS/Palmquist ES project has a balance of \$63,320 (917113800273.5355.10600). To offset the additional costs of the project, \$110,000 in Transnet funds was programmed in the SRTS California St-Lincoln MS & Palmquist project (902131500212) as part of the FY 2013-14 Capital Improvement Program Budget; therefore sufficient funds are available.

The project costs are estimated as follows:

**California Street SRTS Lincoln MS/Palmquist ES Project:**

PS&E	\$10,000
Construction	\$88,852
Construction Contingency	\$11,000
Construction Support, Survey and Testing	\$10,000
City Inspection, Staff Time, & Administrative Allocation	\$30,000
Total	\$149,852

**COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT**

Does not apply.

**INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

The City's standard insurance requirements will be met.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS**

The bid documents were previously reviewed by the City Attorney and approved as to form. The contract must be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. The Public Contract Code defines "responsible bidder" 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 the discretion to reject all bids and re-advertise. The referenced documents have been reviewed by the City Attorney and approved as to form.

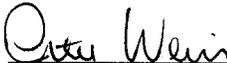
**RECOMMENDATION**

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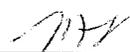
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**Attachment A**

**Base Bid Results**

<b><i>COMPANY</i></b>	<b><i>CITY</i></b>	<b><i>BID AMOUNT</i></b>
PTM General Engineering Service, Inc.	Riverside	\$129,921.00
JAYCOR Construction Technologies, Inc.	Santee	\$112,637.00
PAL General Engineering, Inc.	San Diego	\$88,852.00
AToM Engineering Construction, Inc.	Hemet	\$137,962.00
Tri-Group Construction and Development, Inc.	San Diego	\$139,020.00
New Century Construction, Inc.	Lakeside	\$114,747.00