



Agenda Item # _____

Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Ward and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Geoff Dolan, City Manager

FROM: Neil C. Miller, Public Works Director
Juan Price, Maintenance Superintendent
Mike Alviar, Public Works Administrative Intern

DATE: September 5, 2006

SUBJECT: Approval of a contract (not to exceed \$40,000) to Sterndahl Enterprises Inc. to assist with various City Traffic painting projects.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council a.) waive formal bidding per Municipal Code Section 2.36.150 (Cooperative Purchasing), and b.) approve a contract through the cooperative use of an existing City of Los Angeles contract to permit Sterndahl Enterprises Inc. to assist with various City traffic painting projects.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

The services provided by Sterndahl Enterprises Inc. will be paid for with existing funds in the Public Works Department's traffic control charge account; therefore, the City will not incur any additional costs.

BACKGROUND:

Every year, the City's Public Works Department repaints City traffic signal markings at all locations that have become faded or need to be changed for various reasons. This is a routine activity that is necessary to ensure that traffic signal markings remain visible for vehicle operators, bicyclist, and pedestrians.

DISCUSSION:

Due to a number of Public Works special projects that are underway or completed (concrete, asphalt and landscaping projects related to the Public Safety Facility and painting related to the Grandview traffic control measures), the annual repainting of traffic signals has fallen behind schedule. Another reason this routine project has fallen behind schedule is that our sole City painter has been kept extremely busy with other special projects. In order to complete the routine traffic signal painting work before the rainy season, the City needs to contract with a road painting company.

Sterndahl Enterprises Inc., is a company that specializes in road painting and currently has a

contract with the City of Los Angeles for this type of work. The City of Los Angeles has reported being very pleased with the quality of their work. Sterndahl Enterprises Inc. is offering Manhattan Beach the opportunity to “piggyback” off of their existing contract with the City of Los Angeles, which was awarded through the public bidding process. This cooperative purchase arrangement is permissible under our Municipal Code.

By allowing the Public Works Department to enter into a “piggyback contract” with Sterndahl Enterprises Inc., the City will be able to expediently acquire the additional specialized help necessary to finish the City’s traffic signal repainting work this year. Also, by taking advantage of the “piggyback” contract, the same price rates, terms, and services Sterndahl Enterprises Inc. established in its contract with the City of Los Angeles will apply to the City of Manhattan Beach.