



Agenda Item # _____

Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Fahey and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Geoff Dolan, City Manager

FROM: Neil C. Miller, Director of Public Works
Dana Greenwood, City Engineer

DATE: September 6, 2005

SUBJECT: Award a Contract (\$268,941) for the Civic Center/Metlox Street Improvement Project to Alliance Streetworks, Inc.; Approve Supplemental Appropriation (\$81,000); and Update of Public Right-of-Way Projects

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council:

- a) Award a contract in the net amount of \$268,941 for the Civic Center/Metlox Street Improvement Project to Alliance Streetworks, Inc.
- b) Approve a Supplemental Appropriation of \$81,000 from Gas Tax Reserves.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

The current fiscal year Capital Improvement Program budget includes a total of \$218,000 in Gas Tax funds for this project. \$30,000 has been expended to date on design consultant services, leaving \$188,000 available for construction. A supplemental appropriation of \$81,000 from Gas Tax Reserves will be required to fund the construction of this project.

DISCUSSION:

Background

The Civic Center/Metlox Street Improvement Project will resurface 15th Street, Valley Drive, 13th Street, and Morningside Drive as shown on the attached GIP location map. Also, the contract will be installing a new catch basin at the corner of 15th Street and Valley, and realign the curb and gutter on the north side of 13th Street adjacent to the Good Stuff parking lot. Before the actual grinding and overlaying of the streets can commence, the contractors working on the Metlox commercial development, and also the Police/Fire Facility Project, must complete the curb and gutter realignment that is associated with their projects along 15th Street, Valley, 13th Street, and Morningside. Also, work being performed by another contractor installing signal modifications at the 15th Street/Valley Drive intersection should be substantially completed before this street work commences.

The following are a few key milestones that should help illustrate how the various projects scheduled will mesh together:

- September 9 – Metlox development curb, gutter, lighting and irrigation should be in place.
- September 16 – 13th Street should be open for one-way traffic eastbound between Morningside and Valley Drive. Valley Drive remains one-way southbound.
- September 27 – Police/Fire contractor completes the utility work in Valley Drive; 15th Street and Valley traffic signal work substantially completed; Police/Fire contractor has installed a new sidewalk around site; and Street contractor starts construction of new curb and catch basin at 15th Street and Valley.
- December 2 – All paving for 15th Street, Valley, and Morningside completed. Final striping of 15th Street, Valley, and Morningside completed. Implement two-way traffic on 13th Street and on Valley Drive between 15th and 13th Street.

A final item that should be emphasized is that installation of the new street lights along Valley and 15th Street are dependent upon Southern California Edison's scheduling of resources. Staff is working with Southern California Edison staff in an attempt to install the new street lights in a timely manner. However, all of Edison's work will be performed behind the curb and should not affect the upcoming street work. In the worse case, small sections of the sidewalk behind the curb will have to be left unpoured pending installation of the new streetlights and footings.

Environmental Review

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, this project is Categorical Exempt (Section 15301, Class 1(c)). A Notice of Exemption has been filed with the County Clerk's office.

Bid Proposals

This project's bid package was set up with several bid items duplicating bid items that were included in the contract for the traffic signal work currently underway. This was done to avoid delays on the street work if the new signal poles were not delivered in time by the other contractor. It now appears that the signal contractor will be able to install the new poles in a timely manner. It is appropriate then to delete these redundant bid items from this street work contract (saving approximately \$87,000). These deletions did not effect which contractor was the low bidder.

This project was advertised for bids in six construction industry publications. Subsequently, 25 sets of plans and specifications were provided to contractors, subcontractors and material suppliers. A total of six (6) competitive bids were received and opened on August 25, 2005. The reduced bids ranged from the low bid of \$268,941 by Alliance Streetworks, Inc. to the highest bid of \$346,094.

A review of all the bids confirmed that asphalt prices have increased dramatically since the budget estimate for this project was prepared. Conventional asphalt has increased from approximately \$40 per ton to \$70-80 per ton. This increase in material cost is the primary reason for the funding shortfall. Staff is therefore recommending approval of a supplemental appropriation of \$81,000 from

from Gas Tax reserves to cover this shortfall.

Alliance Streetworks, Inc.'s bid was reviewed by the Public Works Department and found to be responsive and in conformance with prevailing construction prices. Representatives of agencies where work has been performed by Alliance Streetworks, Inc. have indicated that the work performed was to their satisfaction. The project was discussed with a representative of the firm and he expressed confidence in his bid and a desire to perform the work.

Attachment: GIS Location Map

xc: Henry Mitzner, Controller

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