



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
Gilbert Gamboa, Associate Engineer

DATE: July 19, 2005

SUBJECT: Award a Contract (\$564,200) for the Highland Avenue at 15th Place Storm Drain Project to Dominguez General Engineering Contractor and Approve Supplemental Appropriation (\$65,000)

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council:

- a) Award a contract in the net amount of \$564,200 for the Highland Avenue at 15th Place Storm Drain Project to Dominguez General Engineering Contractor.
- b) Authorize the Director of Public Works to approve additional work in an amount not-to-exceed \$56,000, if required.
- c) Approve a Supplemental Appropriation of \$65,000 from Proposition C Fund reserves.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

The current fiscal year Capital Improvement Program budget includes a total of \$500,000 in funds for this project. This budgeted amount includes \$350,000 in City Storm Water funds with the balance completed by LA County, Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Proposition C Local Return (LR) funds (\$150,000).

The subject project was previously found to be within eligible categories as defined by the Proposition C Program Guidelines. Subsequently, the MTA approved the use of \$150,000 in LR funds for this project. Los Angeles County is currently reviewing the City's request to increase the use of its Proposition C Local Return funds to \$215,000 in order to complete the funding for the subject project. Since the project was previously approved, staff anticipates the approval of the increase within the next two weeks.

BACKGROUND:

This project will provide flood protection for residents along 15th Place between Highland Avenue and Ocean Drive, as well as, for residents along Ocean Drive from 16th Place to 18th Street. The project will also remove the cross gutter located at Highland Avenue and 15th Place and reconstruct the adjacent street pavement. This is the last remaining cross gutter on Highland Avenue, which in the past, have been the subject of resident complaints regarding “bus quakes.”

DISCUSSION:

Additional Work Authority

Authorizing the Director of Public Works to approve additional work in an amount not-to-exceed \$56,000 would expedite construction on this project. Projects that involve extensive excavation efforts have a higher probability for encountering unforeseen conditions. If the contingency is approved with this award, the Public Works Director will report the status of any additional work to Council at the end of the project. A recommendation will be made at that time to approve another supplemental appropriation for the additional work.

Environmental Review

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, this project is not an action involving any significant environmental effects. A Notice of Determination and subsequent Proposed Negative Declaration have been filed with the County Clerk’s office.

Bid Proposals

This project was advertised for bids in 6 construction industry publications. Subsequently, 26 sets of Plans and Specifications were provided to contractors, subcontractors and material suppliers. A total of seven (7) competitive bids were received and opened on July 6, 2005. The bids ranged from the low bid of \$564,200 by Dominguez General Engineering Contractor to the highest bid of \$725,725; all of which exceeded the original project budget.

It should be noted that this project was originally budgeted in FY 2001-02. Scheduling of construction was purposely delayed to avoid complicating traffic impacts anticipated from the Metlox and Police/Fire Facility projects. In the meantime construction prices have risen significantly due largely to the supply and demand for cement and asphalt concrete. Consequently, bid proposals have reflected the increase with regards to the construction industry.

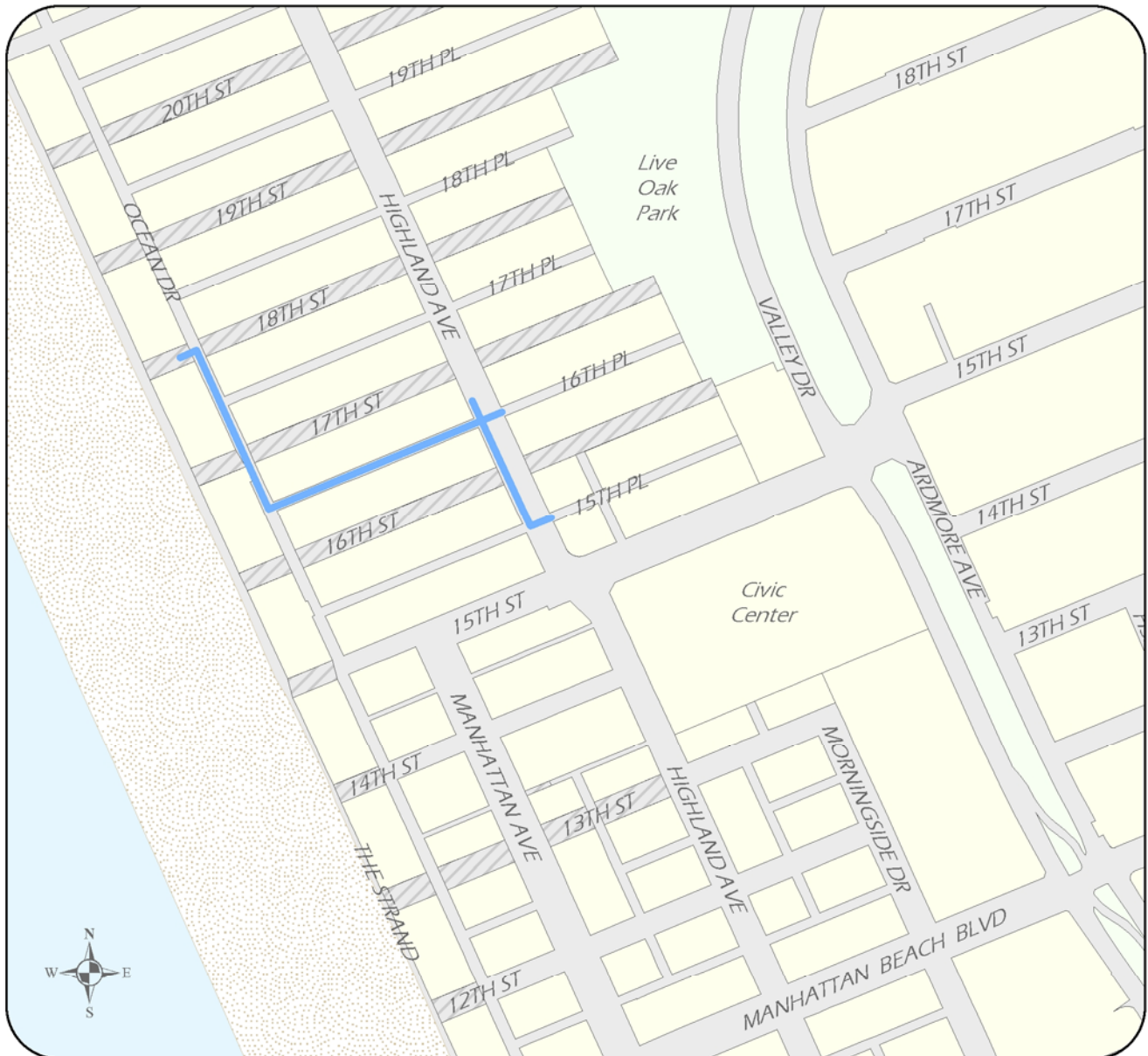
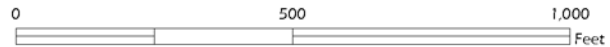
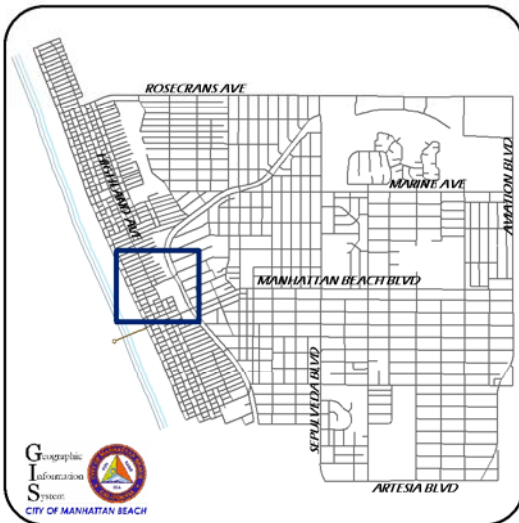
Dominguez General Engineering Contractor’s bid was reviewed by the Public Works Department and found to be responsive and in conformance with prevailing construction prices. Representatives of agencies where work has been performed by Dominguez General Engineering Contractor have indicated that the work 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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Highland Ave @ 15th Place Storm Drain Project



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