



# 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  
Edward Kao, Senior Civil Engineer

**DATE:** May 17, 2005

**SUBJECT:** Award a Contract (\$212,370) for the Traffic Signal Modification and Street Lighting Project (Traffic Signal Modification: 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Valley and Ardmore; Street Lighting: 15<sup>th</sup> Street from Valley to Highland) to Steiny and Company, Inc.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council pass a motion to:

1. Declare the bid received from the lowest bidder, Inspection Engineering Construction, to be non-responsive;
2. Award the contract in the net amount of \$212,370 to the second lowest bidder, Steiny and Company, Inc. for the Traffic Signal Modification and Street Lighting Project.

**FISCAL IMPLICATION:**

Adequate Proposition C funds are included in this year's Capital Improvement Program budget.

**BACKGROUND:**

1. This project consists of two parts. They are:
  - a. **Traffic Signal Modification at the Intersection of 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Valley Drive**  
All existing traffic signal and poles at the intersection will be removed and replaced with new mast arms and new 12" LED heads. Some inductive loops and conduits will be replaced. Street striping and some signs will be replaced. These improvements will provide for future two-way traffic on Valley Drive between 15<sup>th</sup> Street and 13<sup>th</sup> Street when the Metlox Commercial Development is completed.
  - b. **Undergrounding of existing street lights on Valley Drive and 15<sup>th</sup> Street**  
On Valley Drive, from 13<sup>th</sup> street to approximately 832 feet north of 15<sup>th</sup> Street, five (5) existing steel pole street lights and two (2) Marbelite street lights will be replaced with ten (10) new Marbelite street lights which will be fed through

underground conduits.

On 15<sup>th</sup> Street, between Valley Drive and Highland Avenue, four (4) existing steel pole street lights will be replaced with seven (7) new Marbelite street lights which will be fed through underground conduits. All new luminaires will have a Medium Cutoff to reduce glare spilling over to neighboring homes.

Since Edison Co. owns the street lights, the contractor will only install new conduits with pull ropes and handholes for the light poles. Edison Co. will then move in to install the foundations, actual light poles and luminaires once the City's contractor has completed his work.

**DISCUSSION:**

**It is staff's recommendation that the Council declare the bid received from the apparent low bidder, Inspection Engineering Construction, to be non-responsive for the reasons cited below:**

It came to staff's attention that the Los Angeles County District Attorney has cited the lowest bidder, Inspection Engineering Construction (IEC), for forgery and second-degree commercial burglary. The reason for this citation stemmed from the contractor's behavior on a previous County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works (LACDPW) project (see attached LACDPW staff report to Board of Supervisors, dated December 30, 2004). Based on the above information staff recommends the City Council declare the bidder non-responsive and award the bid to the next lowest bidder.

Staff has informed Inspection Engineering Construction about the City's intent and to submit any information which tends to refute the implications of the charges filed by the District Attorney. Such information has not been received by the City.

***Environmental Review***

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, this project is Categorically Exempt (Section 15302, Class 2(c), (d)). A Notice of Exemption has been filed with the County Clerk's office.

***Bid Proposals***

A total of five competitive bids were received and opened on May 10, 2005. Excluding the previously-discussed bid from IEC, the bids ranged from a low bid of \$212,370 by Steiny and Company, Inc. to the highest bid of \$339,105. Steiny'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 Steiny and Company, 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.

Attachments: a) LACDPW Report (not available in electronic format)

b) GIS Location Map

xc: Henry Mitzner, Controller

