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REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT

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RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a finding of Class 1 Categorical Exemption, pursuant to Section 15301(c) of the CEQA Guidelines; award a construction contract in the amount of \$283,200 to A-C Electric Company of Fresno, California, as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the Traffic Signal Protected Left-Turn Phasing Improvements at the intersection of Cedar Avenue and Bulldog Lane; and authorize the Public Works Director or designee to sign the contract on the City's behalf.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The proposed Traffic Signal Protected Left-Turn Phasing Improvements project at the intersection of Cedar Avenue and Bulldog Lane will provide protected left turn movement of vehicles through the intersection. These improvements will provide more efficient vehicle movement through the intersection and improved safety for vehicular and pedestrian traffic. On December 16, 2014, two sealed bids were received and opened in a public forum. A-C Electric Company of Fresno has been determined to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Staff recommends that the Council award a construction contract in the amount of \$283,200 to A-C Electric and authorize the Public Works Director or his designee to sign the contract on the City's behalf.

BACKGROUND

The proposed Traffic Signal Protected Left-Turn Phasing Improvements project at the intersection of Cedar Avenue and Bulldog Lane will provide for protected left-turn movement of vehicles through the intersection. These improvements will provide significant improvement for efficient vehicle movement through the intersection as well as improved safety for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic. The project includes protected left-turn phasing improvements to the existing traffic signals, median island modifications, new crosswalks, signing and pavement striping. ADA-compliant curb ramps have already been installed and will not need replacement.

Public Works' staff prepared project plans and specifications and a Notice Inviting Bids was published in the Business Journal on November 12, 2014, posted on the City's website and faxed to 15 building exchanges. The specifications were distributed to five prospective bidders. Two sealed bid proposals were received and opened in a public bid opening on December 16, 2014, with bids of \$283,200 and \$300,793. A-C Electric Company of Fresno was deemed the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The bids will expire in 64 days as of the bid opening of December 16, 2014.

Staff recommends awarding a construction contract to A-C Electric Company in the amount of \$283,200 to construct the Traffic Signal Protected Left-Turn Phasing Improvements at the intersection of Cedar Avenue and Bulldog Lane and authorize the Public Works Director, or his designee to sign and execute the standardized contract on behalf of the City of Fresno.

ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS

Staff has performed a preliminary environmental assessment of this project and has determined that

it falls within the Categorical Exemption set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c) (existing facilities), which exempts the repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing structures or facilities, which includes existing streets, sidewalk and gutters, and no further expansion of existing use, because the project includes installation of traffic signal facilities, crosswalks, signage and pavement striping. Furthermore, staff has determined that none of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 apply to this project.

LOCAL PREFERENCE

Local preference was not used based on conditions of state and federal funding.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Traffic Signal Protected Left-Turn Phasing Project at Cedar Avenue and Bulldog Lane is located in District 4. The overall budget for the project is \$433,100 and is funded by \$364,100 in Highway Safety Improvement Program ("HSIP") Regional Bid funds (state and federal) and \$69,000 local Traffic Signal Mitigation Impact Fee funds. The project will not have any impact to the General Fund. Of the overall budget of the project, \$283,200 will be used for the construction contract award.

Attachments: Bid Evaluation
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