



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

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Department Name: County Executive Office
Department No.: 990
For Agenda Of: June 23, 2009
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Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Directors, Redevelopment Agency
Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department John McInnes, Assistant County Executive Officer
Director
Contact Info: Jeff Lindgren, Redevelopment Manager, 568-2069
Jim Heaton, Redevelopment Specialist, 884-8050

SUBJECT: Request for Waiver of Competition in Purchase of El Colegio Bus Shelters and Benches; Third Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Purchasing

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors and Santa Barbra County Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors:

Authorize the County Purchasing Agent to procure and deliver three bus stop shelters and benches from LNI Custom Manufacturing, for the El Colegio Road Project in Isla Vista at a total cost of \$38,757.06 without conducting a formal bid.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to consider a waiver of competition for the purchase and delivery of three bus stop shelters and benches from LNI Custom Manufacturing, 12536 Chadron Ave., Hawthorne, CA 90250. The shelters are a component of the El Colegio Road Improvement Project and will help serve the residents of Isla Vista transit needs.

On May 16, 2006, the Board of Supervisors approved the RDA Five Year Implementation Plan including the MTD Shelter Improvement Project recognizing that better transit service in Isla Vista is a cost-effective solution for reducing traffic both within Isla Vista and on the adjacent road network. This

program's goal is to both enhance existing and provide additional MTD bus stops to increase and extend non-vehicle transportation.

Staff has completed negotiations with LNI and reached an agreement regarding the scope of work, cost, and contract terms. The manufacture was selected based on their unique experience building custom bus shelters that meet the specification of Santa Barbara MTD.

Pursuant to County Code Section 2-39, we are requesting your Board waive the requirement for a competitive bid for purchase of the bus stop shelters and benches. LNI Custom Manufacturing has experience in manufacturing shelters that meet Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District (MTD) specifications and is the common supplier of bus shelters for the Santa Barbara area. Redevelopment Agency staff know of no other vendor who can provide the shelters meeting local needs and Santa Barbara MTD Specifications at a low cost.

Background:

The El Colegio Road Improvement Project is contained in the Isla Vista Master Plan that was adopted by the Board of Supervisors in August 2007. During public hearings on the project the public supported concepts for El Colegio that included creation of new bus stops to serve the resident's transit needs. This project is consistent with the Isla Vista Master Plan Parking and Transit Action Item 3.1:

***Parking and Transit Action 3.1:** The RDA, working with Public Works, shall continue discussions with the Metropolitan Transportation District (MTD) to increase frequencies on and simplify key routes serving Isla Vista, extend service later into the evening and night, and locate potential future MTD bus stops.*

Existing Transit Setting

Isla Vista is an urban community that provides housing primarily for UCSB and Santa Barbara City College students. Of the approximately 20,000 residents now living in Isla Vista, approximately 13,000 are students. In addition to the nearly 36,000 automobiles, 15,000 bicycles and 8,000 pedestrians that enter or leave Isla Vista each weekday, an average of more than 2,800 transit riders begin or end a public transportation trip in Isla Vista.

The Santa Barbara MTD currently provides transit service to Isla Vista. According to MTD, six bus routes carried over 1.5 million transit riders into Isla Vista and out to surrounding communities and nearby employment, shopping and employment centers during 2008 fiscal year. Routes 12, 15x, 23, 24x, 25 and 27 connect Isla Vista and UCSB to the Camino Real Marketplace, surrounding Goleta residential areas, Hollister Avenue and Old Town Goleta, the MTD Transit Center in downtown Santa Barbara and SBCC and the Mesa residential neighborhood. The Line 11 buses end at UCSB then continue to Isla Vista as either a Line 23 or a Line 25 bus. Line 15x is an express connecting UCSB with SBCC and the Mesa. Line 24x is an express service connection UCSB to the Santa Barbara Downtown Transit Center via the Camino Real Market Place. These routes will utilize the proposed new shelters and benches along El Colegio Road.

The Transit and Circulation section of the Final Isla Vista Master Plan Environmental Impact report outlined transit improvements including the following:

Improving Plans for Transit Service Improvements.

The Draft IVMP provides policy directing the County and Redevelopment Agency to work with MTD on a number of improvements on Isla Vista’s five bus routes including:

- *Increasing transit service by reducing wait times from 30-minutes to 15 minutes;*
- *Providing better night service between Isla Vista and popular destinations;*
- *Simplifying Isla Vista routes;*
- *Marking service by improving route branding;*
- *Utilize smaller buses or electric shuttles; and*
- *Improving the comfort of bus stops.*

The County Planning Commission approved the plans for the El Colegio Road Improvement Project on December 5, 2007. The project is coordinated with County Public Works, University of California at Santa Barbara, and Metropolitan Transit District. A Negative Declaration, 07NGD-00000-00030, was approved by the County Planning Commission on December 5, 2009, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guideline Section 65402.

The El Colegio Road Improvement project has already added turnouts to better serve the bus ridership. Three bus stops on El Colegio Road are included in this phase of the RDA budget (Isla Vista Alternative Transportation and Improvement Project). The shelters and benches provided in this project further accomplish the transit goals as outlined in the Master Plan and EIR.

On June 13, 2008, the Board of Supervisors made findings required by Health and Safety Code Section 33445 for the Redevelopment Agency funding of infrastructure and physical improvement projects including alternative transportation improvements.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
Redevelopment	\$ 38,757.06		\$ 38,757.06
Total	\$ 38,757.06	\$ -	\$ 38,757.06

Narrative

The shelter project is funded 100% by the Redevelopment Agency. The total contract costs for shelters, benches and delivery amounts to \$38,757.06. The contract cost (100%) was anticipated in the Redevelopment Agency Budget for Alternative Transportation Improvements. The funds have been budgeted in Dept 990, Fund 3100, Program 4075, RDAATP. The County Public Works Department will install the footings for the shelters which are to be provided by the vendor as part of the contract.

Special Instructions:

Please forward a certified copy of the Minute Order approving this action to the Purchasing Agent, attention John McMillin, and a certified copy of the Minute Order to the Redevelopment Agency, attention Jim Heaton, 884-8050.

Attachments:

El Colegio Bus Shelter and Benches Contract

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- Attachment 1 – LNI Quote
- Attachment 2 – El Colegio Road Project: Examples of Bus Shelters and Benches
- Attachment 3 – Map of El Colegio Locations

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