



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: October 19, 2010
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director Scott McGolpin, Public Works Department, 568-3010
Contact Info: Dacé Morgan, Deputy Director – Transportation, 568-3064
SUBJECT: Construction of El Embarcadero Enhancement Project - Phase 1, County Project No. 310312U

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve the plans and specifications for the Construction of El Embarcadero Enhancement Project - Phase 1, County Project No. 310312U;
- B. Award the construction contract for \$1,820,431.00 to the lowest responsive bidder, Granite Construction Company, Inc. (a local vendor), Post Office Box 6744, Santa Barbara, California 93160, subject to the provisions of documents and certification, as set forth in the plans and specifications applicable to the project, and as required by law;
- C. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the construction contract upon return of the Contractor's executed contract documents, and the review and approval of County Counsel, Auditor-Controller, Risk Manager or their authorized representatives; and
- D. Approve a contingency fund of \$103,521.55 for the Construction of El Embarcadero Enhancement Project - Phase 1, County Project No. 310312U.

Summary Text:

On Thursday, September 30, 2010, Public Works opened eight bids for the Construction of El Embarcadero Enhancement Project - Phase 1, County Project No. 310312U. Granite Construction Company, Inc. submitted the lowest responsive bid for \$1,820,431.00. This amount is 14% below the Engineer's Estimate. The second and third low bids were within 9% and 11% of the low bid, respectively. The Department attributes these low bids to the current favorable bidding climate. Public Works staff has analyzed the bid and determined that it is responsive and reasonable, and recommends awarding this contract to Granite Construction Company, Inc.

This first phase of a two-phase project is located in Isla Vista along Embarcadero Del Mar (EDM), Embarcadero Del Norte (EDN), El Embarcadero and within the El Embarcadero Underground Utility District (which includes parcels on the connector streets of Sabado Tarde Road, Del Playa Drive (DP) and El Nido Lane). The first phase of the project includes the relocation of the overhead utilities underground as ordered by Board Resolution No. 10-030, upgrading the existing storm drain along El Embarcadero, installing a new storm drain system between the recent Pardall Road Improvement project and the upgraded El Embarcadero system, related pavement, concrete sidewalks, driveways and curb ramp improvements.

This first phase will also include the removal of the existing curb, gutter and any existing sidewalks along the westerly side El Embarcadero narrowing the existing pavement by 4-feet to allow for 8-foot sidewalks and street trees. Street trees will be installed as part of Phase 2. Phase 2 also consists of reconstructing the curb, gutter and sidewalks along both sides of the road, narrowing the roadway to two, 11-foot paved traffic lanes, two, 5-foot bike lanes, and 8-foot sidewalks. Construction of Phase 2 is expected to begin in summer 2011.



El Embarcadero – Existing Conditions (Looking North)

The traffic control plan (TCP) for this project includes closing El Embarcadero between El Nido and DP to through traffic for the duration of the project. Public Works will establish a detour to route traffic around El Embarcadero by removing the existing islands at the intersection of DP and Camino Pescadero. This will become an all-way stop and remain open once the project is complete. Resolution 69-697 (approved 12/29/1969) provides for the 3-way stop at this location. In addition, El Embarcadero will become a one-way road south of Sabado Tarde to provide access to El Nido, a one-way street that loops around and connects to the eastern end of Sabado Tarde Road. Ten feet of paved roadway along the easterly side of El Embarcadero is included in the TCP to provide pedestrian and bicycle access to DP. Short-term detours, lane closures and flaggers will be required as part of the new storm drain construction as it progresses up EDM & EDN to Pardall Road. At the end of each working day, steel plates will cover all open trenching. The Department will notify emergency response services, primary landowners and will use portable, changeable message signs to notify the traveling public.

Eighty (80) working days are allotted for this construction project. Construction is scheduled to begin on November 8, 2010, and finish in late February 2011, weather permitting.

This project was bid in accordance with the Public Contract Code, which requires the award to the lowest responsible bidder.

Background:

On February 16, 2010, the Board approved the Categorical Exemption, pursuant to the County's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines, and authorized the Director of Public Works to advertise the Construction of El Embarcadero Improvement Project.

The 2010/2015 Capital Improvement Plan includes this project on page B-202.

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 Agency (RDA)			\$1,923,952.55
Federal			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$1,923,952.55

Narrative:

Funds are budgeted for this project in FY 2010/2011, Department 054, Fund 0017, Org Unit 0600, Program 2830, Account 7510.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

None

FTEs:

None

Special Instructions:

Please provide a certified stamped Minute Order approving these actions to the Public Works Department, Transportation Division, Engineering Section, Attention: Beverly Cross, ext. 3094.

Attachments:

Draft Contract - Construction of El Embarcadero Enhancement Project - Phase 1, County Project No. 310312U

Authored by:

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