



**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: February 16, 2010
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director 568-3010
Contact Info: Dacé B. Morgan, Deputy Director-Transportation 568-3064

SUBJECT: **Construction of the El Embarcadero Improvements Project, Third Supervisorial District, County Project No. 310312**

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. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to amend Contract No. CN06988 with Penfield & Smith (a local vendor) Santa Barbara, California, for design services from \$98,000.00 to \$165,000.00 for the El Embarcadero Improvement Project, Third Supervisorial District, County Project No. 310312;
- B. Approve the Project and Categorical Exemption, pursuant to the County's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines for the Construction of the El Embarcadero Improvement Project, County Project No. 310312;
- C. Authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise for construction bids for the Construction of the El Embarcadero Improvement Project, County Project No. 310312.

Summary Text:

This project includes undergrounding utilities on El Embarcadero, streetscape improvements on El Embarcadero and at its intersections with the Embarcadero Del Mar, Embarcadero Del Norte and Del Playa, and installation of a storm drain for Pardall Road, The Loop, El Embarcadero and adjacent streets in Isla Vista (see map below). It was originally planned to have 3 separate phases: 1) underground

existing overhead utilities and replace the existing storm drain on El Embarcadero, with the increased capacity necessary to convey future storm drain connections; 2) provide the roadway improvements along El Embarcadero as described below, and; 3) install a storm drain to collect water from Pardall Road, The Loop, El Embarcadero, and adjacent streets.

To reduce the time required to complete this project, these 3 phases were consolidated into a 2-phase project. Phase I will include the relocation of existing overhead utilities underground, and provide a new storm drain from Pardall Road, along Embarcadero Del Norte and Embarcadero Del Mar, and down El Embarcadero. It is anticipated that the majority of the first phase will be constructed during the 2010 summer break at UCSB. Phase II will include the construction of new ADA-compliant sidewalks by removing and reconstructing the existing curb, gutter, sidewalks, and the driveway approaches on both sides of El Embarcadero Road and adjacent streets (Sabado Tarde, El Nido and Del Playa). This 500-foot length of roadway will be narrowed by 8 feet, allowing for 5-foot bicycle lanes and reducing the overall width from 40 feet to 32 feet (curb-face to curb-face). Narrowing the road will allow for planting street-trees and installing streetlights behind sidewalks, while improving drainage. In addition, the intersections of El Embarcadero with Embarcadero Del Mar, Embarcadero Del Norte, and Del Playa will have new curb ramps and concrete crosswalks to enhance ADA compliance and aesthetics. This second phase is scheduled for construction during the 2011 summer break at UCSB, and will be phased to minimize impacts to the Isla Vista community.

This increase in Penfield & Smith's Engineering scope of work will expedite the construction schedule from its current pace. Originally, their contract was to provide conceptual plans for the Loop portion of the storm drain project and a full design for the El Embarcadero portion. This increase will allow them to complete full design of all phases of the storm drain project. This will allow the full storm drain project to be constructed concurrently with the utility undergrounding project.



Existing Sidewalk at El Embarcadero and Sabado Tarde



El Embarcadero undergrounding, storm drain, and streetscape improvement project limits

Pursuant to Government Code Section 25502.5 and County Code Section 2.42, the Purchasing Agent is only authorized to sign Service Contracts up to \$100,000. Therefore, it is requested that the Board authorize the Purchasing Agent to amend Contract No. CN06988 based on a revised scope of work from the vendor, to an amount not to exceed \$165,000.

Pursuant to the County's CEQA guidelines, The Department of Public Works has determined this project is exempt from further environmental review. Approval of this CEQA Notice of Exemption will indicate the Board of Supervisors' approval of this project and will commence the appeal period, pursuant to CEQA guidelines.

The "Notice to Contractors" will be published prior to the date set for the opening of the bids. Sealed proposals to construct this project will be received at the front counter, Santa Barbara County Department of Public Works, County Engineering Building, 123 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, California, 93101, and at the North County Public Works Office, 620 West Foster Road, Santa Maria, California, 93455, at a date to be determined and will be opened publicly and read aloud.

Background:

The El Embarcadero Improvement Project is included in the Isla Vista Master Plan, and is designed to provide a comprehensive improvement plan for 3 blocks extending from the El Embarcadero/Embarcadero Del Mar/Embarcadero Del Norte intersection to Del Playa Drive.

This project was approved by the Board as part of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), page B-171, and is funded by the Redevelopment Agency (RDA).

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>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other: RDA	\$ 165,000.00		\$ 165,000.00
Total	\$ 165,000.00	\$ -	\$ 165,000.00

Narrative:

The El Embarcadero Improvement Project is fully funded by the Redevelopment Agency (RDA). Funds for Penfield & Smiths contract have been budged in Dept. 054, Fund 0017, Org. 0600, Program 2830, Account 7460. To preserve the competitive bidding process for Public Contracts, construction funding amount will be disclosed after bids are opened and the Department approaches the Board for the award of a construction contract. Construction funds have been budgeted in Dept. 054, Fund 0017, Org. 0600, Program 2830, Account 7510.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:
None

FTEs:
None

Special Instructions:

Please forward a certified, stamped copy of the Minute Order approving these recommendations to:

1. Public Works Department, Transportation Division, Engineering Section, Attn: Beverly Cross
2. General Services Department, Purchasing Division, Attn: Mark Masoner

Please post a copy of the CEQA Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval; such notice is to remain posted for 35 days.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Penfield & Smith Proposal for Drainage Analysis and Storm Drain Design for Southern portion of the Embarcadero Loop in Isla Vista, Project No. 310312
Attachment B: CEQA Notice of Exemption

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