



## REPORT TO COUNCIL City of Sacramento

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Consent  
June 10, 2008

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

**Title: Agreement: Del Paso Road & Interstate 5 Interchange Signalization Project  
(PN: SU46, S15084900)**

**Location/Council District:** Del Paso Road & Interstate 5 interchange. Location Map – Exhibit A of Resolution (District 1).

**Recommendation:** Adopt a **Resolution:** 1) approving the professional services agreement with Mark Thomas & Company, Inc. to perform preliminary engineering, attain environmental approval and prepare the final design for the project for \$313,906; 2) authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract; and 3) approving the transfer of \$300,000 from the North Natomas Finance Plan (Fund 3201) to the project.

**Contact:** Cecilyn Foote, Associate Engineer (916) 808-6843; Tim Mar, Supervising Engineer (916) 808-7531

**Presenters:** None

**Department:** Transportation

**Division:** Engineering Services

**Organization No:** 3435

### Description/Analysis

**Issue:** Approval of the agreement is required to provide preliminary engineering, environmental services, and final design services for the Del Paso Road & Interstate 5 Interchange Signalization Project.

**Policy Considerations:** The action requested supports the City's Strategic Plan goals of improving and expanding public safety and achieving sustainability and enhancing livability.

**Environmental Considerations:**

**California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):** The approval of professional service agreements is not considered a project as defined by Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines. The recommended action involves no physical construction and has no potential to cause significant impact to the environment.

**Sustainability Considerations:** This project is consistent with the City's Sustainability Master Plan. It conforms with the Air Quality Focus Area by improving and optimizing transportation infrastructure.

**Other:** None

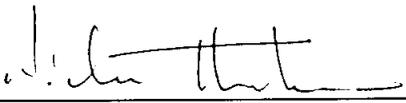
**Commission/Committee Action:** None

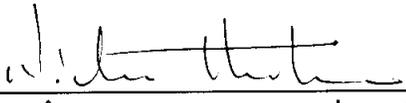
**Rationale for Recommendation:** DOT advertised a Request for Proposals for consultant services to perform preliminary engineering, attain environmental approval and prepare the final design for the Del Paso Road & Interstate 5 Interchange Signalization Project. Three firms responded: Bennett Engineering Services, Mark Thomas & Company, Inc., and Wood Rodgers.

The proposal from Wood Rodgers did not meet the minimum 20% ESBE goal and was rejected. A panel of City staff from Engineering Services reviewed and evaluated the firm's written proposals based on experience, qualifications, and a proposed work plan for the project. Both firms demonstrated that they were highly qualified for the project. Based on this, the panel held interviews to better define the top-ranked firm which was determined to be Mark Thomas & Company, Inc.

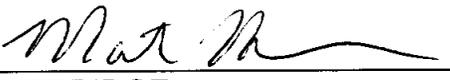
**Financial Considerations:** As of May 12, 2008, the Del Paso Road & Interstate 5 Interchange Signalization Project (PN: SU46, S15084900) has a total design budget of \$200,000 and an unobligated balance of \$162,391. Approval of the fund transfer of \$300,000 from the North Natomas Finance Plan (Fund 3201) will increase the total project budget to \$500,000 and the unobligated balance to \$462,391, which is sufficient to execute the contract in the amount of \$313,906 with Mark Thomas & Company, Inc. and cover the project management costs.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** The City's ESBE goal is 20%. Mark Thomas & Company, Inc. has attained 20.08% ESBE participation.

Respectfully Submitted by:   
Nicholas Theocharides  
Engineering Services Manager

Approved by:   
for Jerry Way  
Director of Transportation

Recommendation Approved:

  
Ray KERRIDGE  
for City Manager

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**Attachment 1****Background Information:**

After consultation with Caltrans and various neighborhood groups, modifications to the Del Paso Road & Interstate 5 Interchange were identified to enhance pedestrian safety and vehicular mobility. Del Paso Road, between El Centro Road and Interstate 5, was recently widened to accommodate increased vehicular volume as a result of recent development in the area. No improvements were made in the state's right-of-way due to the need to obtain the proper permitting from Caltrans prior to a project.

In cooperation with Caltrans, the City prepared a traffic analysis to determine the proper scope of work at the interchange, which included off-ramp signalization, pedestrian improvements, and some ramp modifications. Since completion of the traffic analysis, Caltrans has indicated that they may also be interested in additional improvements, such as ramp metering.

The Del Paso Road & Interstate 5 Interchange Signalization Project will involve preliminary engineering, preparation of environmental documents, permit processing, and the preparation of final Plans, Specifications and Estimate (PS&E). It is estimated that design will be completed by approximately February 2009.

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- Mark Thomas & Company, Inc.
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**RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH  
MARK THOMAS & COMPANY, INC. TO PROVIDE CONSULTANT SERVICES  
FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING, ENVIRONMENTAL APPROVAL, AND FINAL  
DESIGN FOR THE DEL PASO ROAD & INTERSTATE 5 INTERCHANGE  
SIGNALIZATION PROJECT (PN: SU46, S15084900)**

**BACKGROUND**

- A. After consultation with Caltrans and various neighborhood groups, modifications to the Del Paso Road & Interstate 5 Interchange were identified to enhance pedestrian safety and vehicular mobility. Del Paso Road, between El Centro Road and Interstate 5, was recently widened to accommodate increased vehicular volume as a result of recent development in the area. No improvements were made in the state's right-of-way due to the need to obtain the proper permitting from Caltrans prior to a project.
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- C. DOT advertised a Request for Proposals (RFP) for consultant services to perform preliminary engineering, attain environmental approval and prepare the final design for the Del Paso Road & Interstate 5 Interchange Signalization Project. Three firms responded but only two were responsive to the RFP requirements. A panel of City staff from Engineering Services reviewed and evaluated the firm's written proposals based on experience, qualifications, and a proposed work plan for the project. Both firms demonstrated that they were highly qualified for the project. Based on this, the panel held interviews to better define the top-ranked firm which was determined to be Mark Thomas & Company, Inc.

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL  
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1. The City Manager is authorized to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Mark Thomas & Company, Inc. for the Del Paso Road & Interstate 5 Interchange Signalization Project (PN: SU46, S15084900) in an amount not to exceed \$313,906.
- Section 2. The FY07/08 Capital Improvement Program budget is amended by

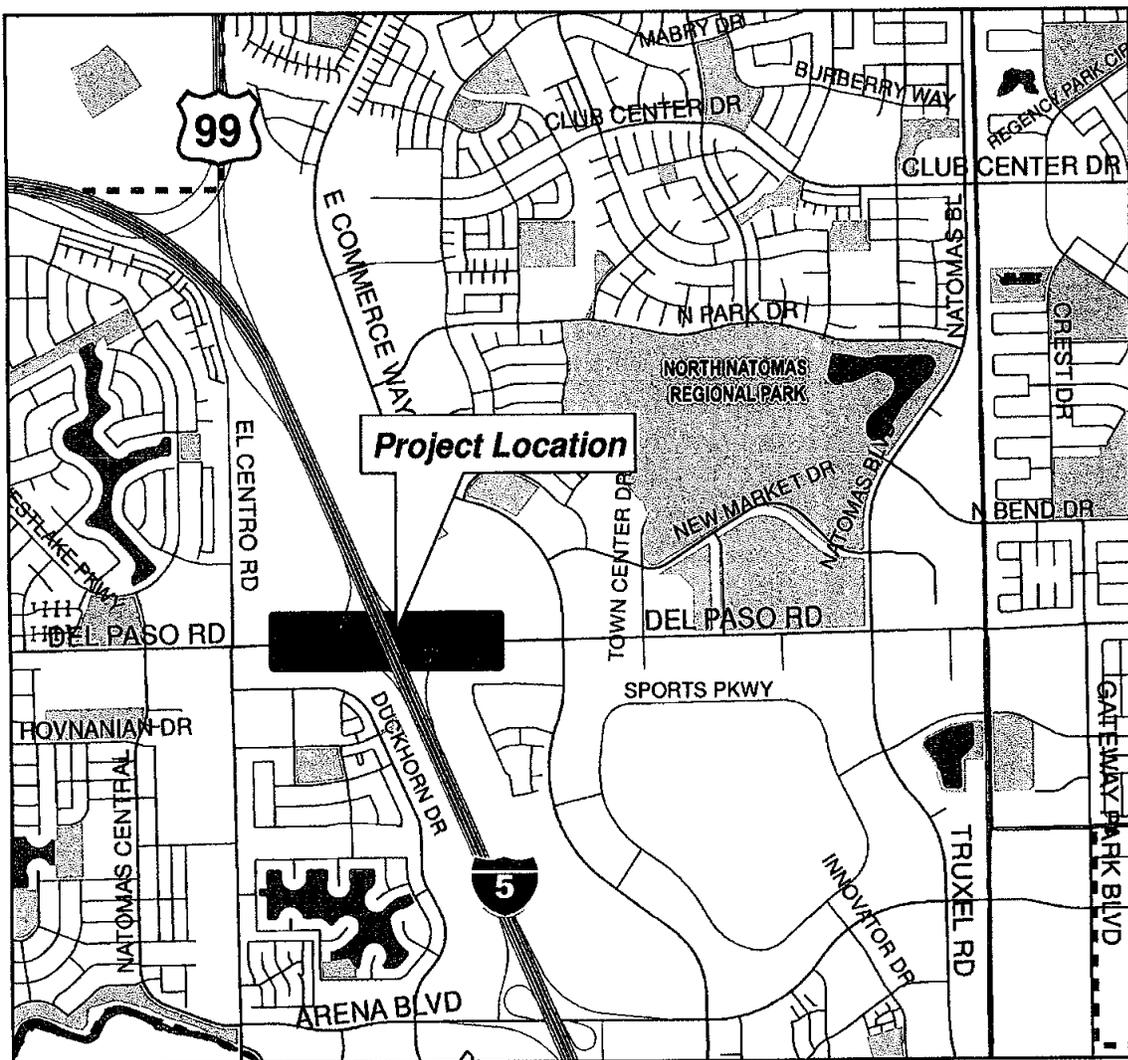
transferring \$300,000 from the North Natomas Finance Plan (Fund 3201) to the Del Paso Road & Interstate 5 Interchange Signalization Project (PN: SU46, S15084900).

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EXHIBIT A

Location Map for  
Del Paso Road & Interstate 5  
(PN: SU26, S15084900)



Department of  
**TRANSPORTATION**  
City of Sacramento

Map Contact: S. Tobin  
Map Date: May, 2008

