

Meeting Date: 2/25/2014

Report Type: Consent

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Title: Reject Bids - Sacramento City College Pedestrian/Bicycle Overcrossing Project (T15065700)

Location: The Sacramento City College Pedestrian/Bicycle Overcrossing Project (T15065700) is located over the Union Pacific Railroad north of 12th Avenue on the Sacramento City College Campus, District 5

Recommendation: Pass a Resolution 1) appropriating \$6,963,000 (Fund 3703) in federal funds to the Sacramento City College Pedestrian/Bicycle Overcrossing Project (T15065700); and 2) rejecting bids for the Sacramento City College Pedestrian/Bicycle Overcrossing Project (T15065700).

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Presenter: None

Department: Public Works Department

Division: Engineering Services Admin

Dept ID: 15001111

Attachments:

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City Attorney Review

Approved as to Form
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Department Director or Designee: Jerry Way - 2/18/2014 8:42:32 AM

Description/Analysis

Issue: The project will construct a bicycle and pedestrian bridge across the Union Pacific track to link the Curtis Park development project and neighborhoods to the east with Sacramento City College and provide access to the light rail station located on the west side of the tracks. The project, as advertised, included many aesthetic and architectural design features and only one bid was received. The bid exceeded the engineers estimate by more than \$2.5 million and there are insufficient funds to award the project.

Rejecting the bid and re-advertising the project after modifying the project plans and specifications will allow the City to award the project within the allocated budget.

Policy Considerations: The action requested herein is consistent with the City API 4002, Section 8.5(b), which states: for contracts of \$100,000 or more, only the City Council has authority to reject bids.

Economic Impacts: None.

Environmental Considerations:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)/ National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA): The City adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) in conformance with CEQA on December 8, 2009. On June 12, 2011, an amendment to the MND was adopted to incorporate the construction of a small section of sidewalk which will enhance pedestrian access to/from the bridge structure, and also to incorporate the relocation of a 21KV SMUD.

The NEPA was determined to be a Categorical Exemption and was approved on May 26, 2010.

Sustainability Considerations: This project is consistent with Sustainability Master Plan goals to enhance the pedestrian facilities in the public right-of-way and to encourage bicycle and pedestrian trips.

Commission/Committee Action: No Commission or Committee activity has taken place or is required.

Rationale for Recommendation: Appropriating the funds, rejecting the bid and re-advertising the project after amending the bid documents will allow the project's schedule and budget to be met.

Financial Considerations: As of January 22, 2014, the Sacramento City College Pedestrian/Bicycle Overcrossing Project (T15065700) has a total budget of \$4,047,663. Approval of the appropriation of \$6,963,000 (Fund 3703) in federal funds to the Sacramento City College Pedestrian/Bicycle Overcrossing Project (T15065700) will bring the total budget to \$11,010,663.

There are no general funds planned or allocated to this project.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): The Sacramento City College Pedestrian/Bicycle Overcrossing Project (T15065700) has federal construction funding and requires conformance with project participation guidelines for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program requirements. Therefore, the City's LBE requirements are held in abeyance. A DBE goal will be established for the project when re-advertised for bids based on a revised scope of work.

Attachment 1

Background:

The Sacramento City College Pedestrian/Bicycle Overcrossing Project (T15065700) proposes to construct a new bicycle/pedestrian crossing that will extend from the Light Rail Transit (LRT) Station at Sacramento City College to the existing and proposed new neighborhoods east of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks. The new crossing will provide a safe and convenient route between the LRT station and the proposed Curtis Park Village residential/commercial development project and existing Curtis Park neighborhood.

The project was advertised and bids were received on November 6, 2013. The bids are summarized below:

Contractor	Bid Amount	DBE Participation (Goal 10.21 %)
Viking Construction	\$8,896,717	Not analyzed

The Engineer's estimate was \$6,023,449.

The sole bid received for this project came in significantly higher than the Engineer's estimate. There is insufficient funding available to award the project; therefore, it is recommended that the bid be rejected and the project re-advertised.

After reviewing the unit bid prices from the sole bid that was received, and the construction plans and specifications, staff has identified several cost reduction options and is revising the bid documents to keep the project within budget.

The project was designed with enhanced aesthetic and architectural features. By removing some of the aesthetic features from the base bid and designating them as bid alternatives, the City will have the option to construct them as funding allows after receipt of bids. Some of the aesthetic features removed include the colored and stamped concrete on the deck, the lighted stainless steel hand rails, installing standard lighting posts instead of custom lights, and replacing the stainless steel wire mesh on the deck with a less costly product. Product suppliers have also been contacted to ensure that the products specified are readily available.

The project had an aggressive construction start date. The contractor was being asked to begin during the City College winter break. This strict start schedule has been removed from the contract and construction is scheduled to begin in May 2014, giving the contractor sufficient time to submit shop drawings and undertake mobilization and other project start-up activities.

The steel arch bridge fabrication is a significant part of the project construction cost. There were two major Caltrans projects bidding at the same time this project's bids were due and steel fabrication contractors were pressed for time to bid this additional project. The Caltrans advertisement website will be checked to ensure bid opening will not coincide with other similar projects.

Finally, additional outreach will be undertaken with potential bidders and specialty steel fabricators to inform them of the bid advertisement in an effort to increase bidder participation.

Construction is expected to begin in the summer of 2014 and be completed in the fall of 2015.

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

APPROPRIATING FEDERAL FUNDS TO FUNDS TO THE SACRAMENTO CITY COLLEGE PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE BRIDGE PROJECT (T15065700) AND REJECTING ALL BIDS

BACKGROUND

- A. The Sacramento City College Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge Project (T15065700) proposes to construct a new bicycle/pedestrian bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad and Regional Transit Light Rail Tracks and connect the Light Rail Transit (LRT) Station at Sacramento City College to the neighborhoods to the east.
- B. The California Transportation Commission (CTC) allocated \$6,963,000 in federal funds toward construction of the project on August 6, 2013.
- C. The project was advertised and bids were received on November 6, 2013. The sole bid received came in significantly higher than the Engineer's estimate. There is insufficient funding available to award the project.
- D. Re-scoping the project scope and re-advertising for bids is necessary to construct the project within currently available funds

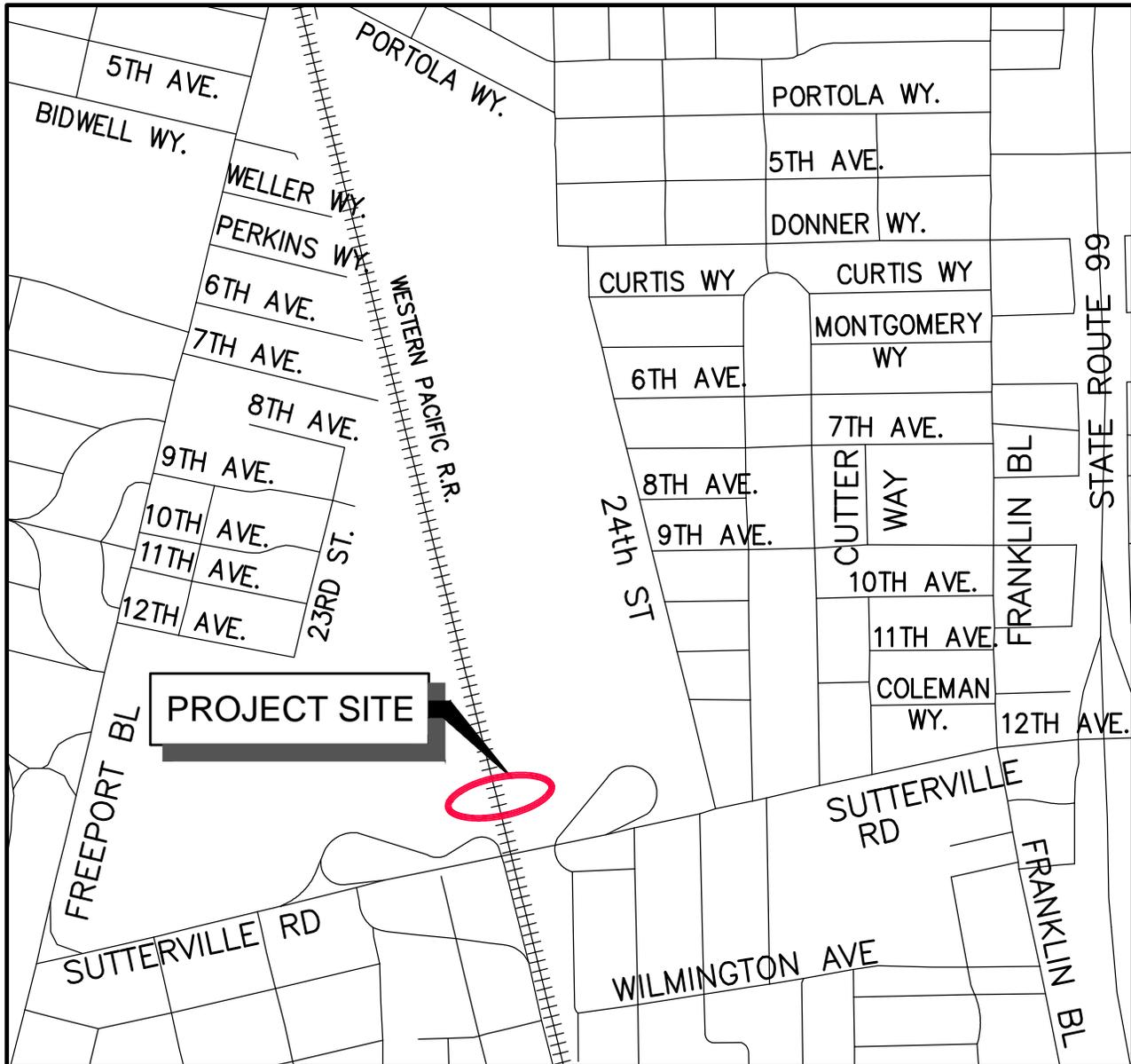
BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. The FY2013/14 CIP is amended by appropriating \$6,963,000 (Fund 3703) in federal funding to the Sacramento City College Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge Project (T15065700).
- Section 2. The bid submitted for the project is hereby rejected and the project will be re-advertised for bids.
- Section 3. Exhibit A is hereby incorporated as part of this Resolution.

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Exhibit A: Location Map

Location map for:
Sacramento City College
Pedestrian/Bicycle Crossing project
(PN: T15065700)



Date: January 2014

