

# REPORT TO COUNCIL

## City of Sacramento

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CONSENT  
December 12, 2006

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

**Title: Professional Services Agreement for West Side Access to the Intermodal Project (PN: TV11)**

**Location/Council District:** The West Side Access improvements to the Intermodal Project are located in the area of I Street between 5<sup>th</sup> street and Interstate 5. Location Map – Exhibit A of Resolution. (District 1)

**Recommendation:** Adopt a **Resolution** authorizing the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with Mark Thomas and Company for the West Side Access to the Intermodal Project (PN: TV11), in an amount not to exceed \$405,576.

**Contact:** Ted Davini, Senior Engineer, 808-8930; Nicholas Theocharides, Engineering Services Manager, 808-5065.

**Presenters:** None

**Department:** Department of Transportation

**Division:** Engineering Services

**Organization No:** 3435

### **Description/Analysis**

**Issue:** Approval of the agreement is required to provide preliminary engineering services and prepare and obtain a Caltrans approved Project Study Report for the West Side Access to the Intermodal Project.

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

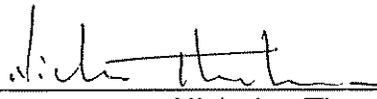
**Environmental Considerations:** The preparation of a Project Study Report does not require California Environmental Quality Act review, pursuant to Section 15262 of the CEQA Guidelines (feasibility and planning studies). All required environmental review will be conducted prior to approval and construction of the project.



**Rationale for Recommendation:** A request for proposal (RFP) was advertised, and Mark Thomas and Company was selected as the top-ranked consultant firm.

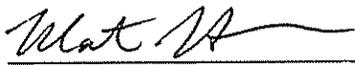
**Financial Considerations:** As of November 7, 2006, the West Side Access to the Intermodal Project (PN: TV11) has a total project budget of \$900,260 and an unobligated balance of \$880,105. The unobligated balance is sufficient to execute the contract in the amount of \$405,576 with Mark Thomas and Company and cover the project management costs.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** This project is federally funded. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) project participation requirements apply and Emerging and Small Business Enterprise (E/SBE) rules are held in abeyance. The City assigned a 25% DBE Availability Advisory to this project. Mark Thomas & Company was unable to attain any DBE participation on this project, nor were they required to do so under revised federal DBE rules enacted May 1, 2006.

Respectfully Submitted by:   
Nicholas Theocharides  
Engineering Services Manager

Approved by:   
Jerry Way  
Director of Transportation

Recommendation Approved:

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RAY KERRIDGE  
City Manager

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

The project is located on I Street between 5th Street and Interstate 5 (I-5) in downtown Sacramento. Access improvements at this location were initially identified as a part of the conceptual studies for the future Sacramento Intermodal Transportation Facility (SITF). The SITF team identified several conceptual alternatives to provide access to the future SITF site from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. The SITF team and David Evans and Associates (DEA) reviewed these alternatives and numerous issues were discussed regarding the potential functionality, feasibility and cost of the alternatives.

Given the uncertainties affecting the feasibility of providing acceptable access to both the existing Sacramento Valley Station Rail Depot (SVSRD) and the future SITF, staff was directed to complete the "West Side Access Feasibility Study." The scope of the study included: 1) Establishing the need and purpose, 2) identifying the feasible project alternatives, 3) identifying potential fatal flaws, 4) obtaining some initial feedback from Caltrans, 5) identifying outstanding issues to be addressed during the Project Study Report (PSR), and 6) recommending the next project initiation steps and timing.

The West Side Access Feasibility Study outlined the existing and future access and circulation needs as follows:

- **Bus Access and Circulation:** The proposed project should construct an additional point of access at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street that would provide simplified bus circulation and reduce the bus traffic accessing the SVSRD via 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Currently, access to the SVSRD for automobiles and buses is limited to two driveways on 5<sup>th</sup> Street, between "I" Street and "H" Street, adjacent to the Federal Courthouse.
- **Depot Parking Access and Circulation:** With the completion of Regional Transit's improvements at the SVSRD, the limited access and parking will be further constrained. The planned SITF will completely redevelop the site and result in additional demand for access, circulation and parking. The proposed access improvements project should construct an additional point of access on I Street at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and at 4<sup>th</sup> Street that would improve parking access and circulation and could eliminate the need for the access at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street through Old Sacramento.
- **Pedestrian Access:** The proposed project should provide signalized crossings and pedestrian access on I Street at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and at 4<sup>th</sup> Street, reducing the distance between access points from 1200' to 400'. In addition, the signal and realignment of I Street may provide a reduction in operating speeds, calming traffic and enhancing pedestrian safety along I Street.

- Old Sacramento Access: The proposed project should extend 3<sup>rd</sup> Street north to I Street, providing more direct access to Old Sacramento and reducing the inbound travel distance by four blocks.

The West Side Access Feasibility Study resulted in the following conclusions:

- Alternatives: There are cost-effective alternatives with the potential to address numerous existing access and circulation deficiencies in the project area, which should be further developed and evaluated in a Project Study Report (PSR).
- Outstanding Issues: There are several outstanding issues that must be addressed to accurately define the scope, cost and schedule of the project and its ability to serve the access needs of the existing SVSRD and future SITF. The PSR will provide conceptual design approval by Caltrans and assurances to the City that the project is ultimately acceptable to its major stakeholders. By better defining the access improvements, the PSR will better inform the upcoming planning work associated with the future SITF, increasing the reliability of those planning decisions.
- Timing: The PSR should be started to resolve the outstanding issues and confirm that the proposed access improvements are compatible with the planned SITF. Before or concurrent with proceeding with the subsequent Draft Project Report and Environmental Document, the City should approve the updated Railyards redevelopment land-use plan and travel demand model. This will ensure that the project is approved consistent with the Railyards plan, reducing the likelihood of project delays.

The Department of Transportation advertised a Request for Proposals for consultant services to prepare a Project Study Report for the West Side Access to the Intermodal Project. Only two firms responded. A panel of City staff from Engineering Services, Development Services, and General Services and one Caltrans representative reviewed and evaluated the firm's written proposals based on experience, qualifications, and proposed work plan for the project. Both firms demonstrated they were highly qualified for the project. Based on this, the panel held interviews to better define the top-ranked firm. Based on the selection process, Mark Thomas and Company was ranked the top firm.

**Attachment 2**

**RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH  
MARK THOMAS AND COMPANY TO PROVIDE CONSULTANT SERVICES  
FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING FOR THE WEST SIDE ACCESS TO  
THE INTERMODAL PROJECT (PN: TV11)**

**BACKGROUND**

- A. The project is located on I Street between 5th Street and Interstate 5 (I-5) in downtown Sacramento. Access improvements at this location were initially identified as a part of the conceptual studies for the Sacramento Intermodal Transportation Facility (SITF). The SITF team identified several conceptual alternatives to provide access to the future SITF site from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.
- B. Staff was directed to complete the "West Side Access Feasibility Study." The scope of the study included: Establishing the need and purpose, identify the feasible project alternatives, identify potential fatal flaws, obtain some initial feedback from Caltrans, identify outstanding issues to be addressed during the PSR, and recommend the next project initiation steps and timing. The Feasibility Study outlined existing and future access and circulation deficiencies in the following areas: Bus Access and Circulation, Depot Parking Access and Circulation, Pedestrian Access, and Old Sacramento Access. The West Side Access Feasibility Study resulted in conclusions relating to the Alternatives, a better understanding of the outstanding issues, and recommendations on the timing of the next steps which include moving forward with a Caltrans Project Study Report (PSR).
- C. The Department of Transportation advertised for requests for proposals for consultant services to prepare a Project Study Report for the West Side Access to the Intermodal Project. Only two firms responded. A panel reviewed and evaluated the firm's written proposals based on experience, qualifications, and proposed work plan for the project. Both firms demonstrated they were highly qualified for the project. Based on this, the panel held interviews to better define the top-ranked firm. Based on the selection process, Mark Thomas and Company was selected as the top ranked firm.

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

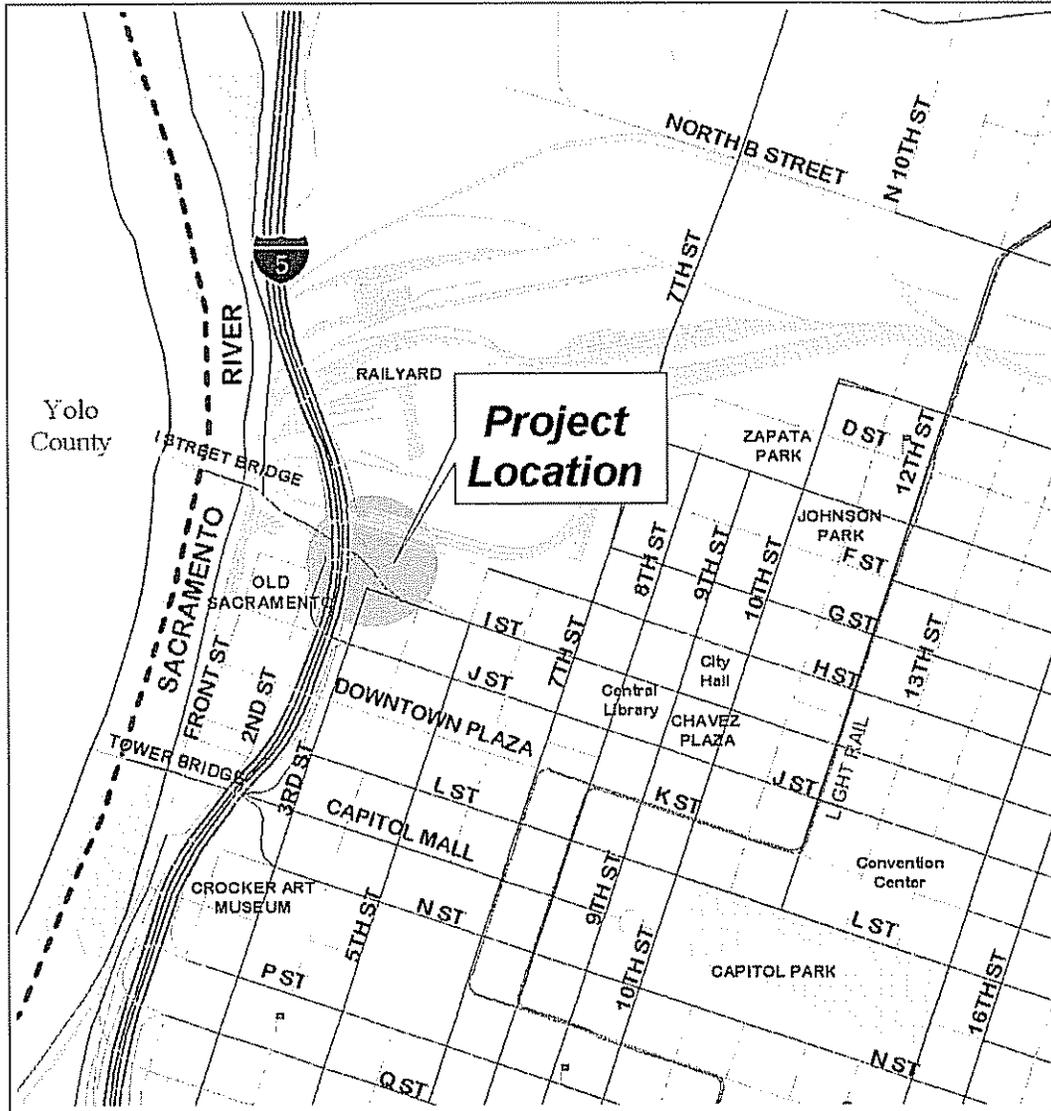
Section 1. The City Manager is authorized to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Mark Thomas and Company for the West Side Access to the Intermodal Project for an amount not to exceed \$405,576.

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EXHIBIT A

Location Map for  
**WEST SIDE ACCESS TO THE INTERMODAL**  
(PN:TV11)



Department of  
**TRANSPORTATION**  
City of Sacramento

Map Contact: S Tobin  
Map Date: November, 2006

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