

REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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CONSENT
June 26, 2007

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: Professional Services Agreement for the Redding Avenue Bike and Pedestrian Improvements Project (PN: TW81)

Location/Council District: The Redding Avenue improvements are located on Redding Avenue from Folsom Blvd to just south of 4th Avenue. Location Map – Exhibit A of Resolution. (Districts 3 and 6)

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution** authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with MRO Engineers, Inc. for the Redding Avenue Bike and Pedestrian Improvements Project (PN: TW81) for an amount not to exceed \$456,861.

Contact: Ofelia Avalos, Assistant Engineer, 808-5515; Jon Blank, Supervising Engineer, 808-7914.

Presenters: None

Department: Transportation

Division: Engineering Services

Organization No: 3434

Description/Analysis

Issue: Approval of the agreement is required to provide preliminary engineering, environmental services, and final design services for the Redding Avenue Bike and Pedestrian Improvements Project.

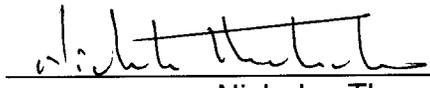
Policy Considerations: The action requested supports the City's Strategic Plan goals of improving and expanding public safety and achieving sustainability and enhancing livability.

Environmental Considerations: 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.

Rationale for Recommendation: A request for proposal (RFP) was advertised, and MRO Engineers, Inc. was selected as the top-ranked consultant firm.

Financial Considerations: As of June 11, 2007, the Redding Avenue Bike and Pedestrian Improvements Project (PN: TW81) has a total design budget of \$510,000 and an unobligated balance of \$501,528. The unobligated balance is sufficient to execute the contract in the amount of \$456,861 with MRO Engineers, Inc. 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. MRO Engineers, Inc. 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:


RAY KERRIDGE
for City Manager

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Attachment 1**Background Information:**

Frontage improvements to Redding Avenue between 4th Avenue and Q Street were the subject of a Feasibility Study conducted by the City of Sacramento Department of Transportation in March of 2005. The study considered four alternatives ranging in cost from \$2.2 to 2.7 Million. The focus of the study was improving bicycle and pedestrian access from south of US-50 to the University/65th Street Light-Rail Station, the 65th Street Transit Village, California State University Sacramento (CSUS) and the American River recreation area.

Federal funding for this project has been provided from Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) Community Design Program funds with the remaining funding provided by Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) Tax Increment funds. The funded project is expected to involve community outreach, preliminary engineering, environmental document preparation, permit processing, right-of-way engineering and the preparation of a final Plans, Specifications and Estimate (PS&E) package that includes civil, electrical and landscape design. It is estimated that design will be completed by approximately November 2008.

Elements of the proposed project were identified as possible mitigation measures in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the South 65th Street Area Plan. These elements include providing bicycle lanes and sidewalks connected to the communitywide network. Certain improvements along 69th Street between Q Street and Folsom Boulevard shown in the Feasibility Study as existing will now be made during construction of the Redding Avenue Bike and Pedestrian Improvements Project. The proposed project is consistent with the City of Sacramento General Plan and the 2010 City/County Bikeway Master Plan.

The Department of Transportation advertised a Request for Proposals for consultant services to perform preliminary engineering and environmental approval and prepare the final design for the Redding Avenue Bike and Pedestrian Improvements: Only two firms responded. A panel of City staff from Engineering Services, Environmental Services, and Office of Small Business Development and one SHRA 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, MRO Engineers, Inc. was ranked the top firm.

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH
MRO ENGINEERS, INC. TO PROVIDE CONSULTANT SERVICES
FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING, ENVIRONMENTAL APPROVAL, AND FINAL
DESIGN FOR THE REDDING AVENUE BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS
PROJECT (PN: TW81)**

BACKGROUND

- A. Frontage improvements to Redding Avenue between 4th Avenue and Q Street were the subject of a Feasibility Study conducted by the City of Sacramento Department of Transportation in March of 2005. The study considered four alternatives ranging in cost from \$2.2 to 2.7 million. The focus of the study was improving bicycle and pedestrian access from south of US-50 to the University/65th Street Light-Rail Station, the 65th Street Transit Village, California State University Sacramento (CSUS) and the American River recreation area.
- B. Federal funding for this project has been provided from Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) Community Design Program funds with the remaining funding provided by Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) Tax Increment funds.
- C. The Department of Transportation advertised a Request for Proposals for consultant services to perform preliminary engineering and environmental approval and prepare the final design for the Redding Avenue Bike and Pedestrian Improvements: Only two firms responded. A panel of City staff from Engineering Services, Environmental Services, and Office of Small Business Development and one SHRA 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, MRO Engineers, Inc. was ranked the top 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 an agreement with MRO Engineers, Inc. for the Redding Avenue Bike and Pedestrian Improvements Project (PN: TW81) for an amount not to exceed \$456,861.

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