



Building A Better Long Beach

May 17, 2010

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEMBERS
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and authorize the Executive Director to execute a second amendment to the Agreement with ValleyCrest Landscape Development, Inc. for construction of improvements on the south block of The Promenade between Ocean Boulevard and First Street, and to increase the contract by an amount not to exceed \$2,217,700 for construction of those improvements. (Downtown – District 2)

DISCUSSION

The Promenade Open Space Master Plan incorporates the design and construction of pedestrian-oriented improvements on the three blocks of The Promenade from the south side of Ocean Boulevard to the north side of Third Street. Improvements include an upgrade of the storm drain on each block, and elements such as public art, seating, lighting, new hardscape, landscaping and, on the middle block, a water feature in the park area called Promenade Square.

In June 2007, the Redevelopment Agency (Agency) entered into an Agreement with ValleyCrest Landscape Development, Inc. (Contractor) for the design and construction of improvements on the middle block of The Promenade between First Street and Broadway, and Promenade Square east of The Promenade at First Street. These improvements have been completed and the next phase of the project, the construction of improvements on the south block of The Promenade from Ocean Boulevard to First Street, will begin in the first quarter of 2011. Construction drawings are 90% complete for the south block and will be submitted for final plan check in June 2010.

The Contractor has submitted a Scope of Work and an updated cost proposal for the south block improvements. Construction improvements include finish grading and erosion control systems; main storm drain trunk line; landscape and hardscape area drainage systems; hardscape pavements, curb/gutters and seating cubes; gateway signage components; site furnishings including trash receptacles, pneumatic bollards, and a bike rack; automatic irrigation systems; landscape planting; and site lighting and electrical. The contract also covers demolition of existing hardscape and softscape plus maintenance of landscape for 90 days after installation.

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Staff proposes to enter into a second amendment to the Agreement with the Contractor for an amount not to exceed \$2,217,700. This amount includes the proposal amount of \$1,928,433 plus a 15-percent contingency. Funding for the project includes tax increment from the Downtown and West Beach Redevelopment Project Areas. On April 16, 2007, and May 8, 2007, the Agency and the City Council, respectively, adopted findings pursuant to California Redevelopment Law, finding that:

- The construction of such public improvements are of benefit to the redevelopment project area or the immediate neighborhood in which the public improvement project is located;
- No other reasonable means of financing the public improvements are available to the community; and
- The payment of Agency funds for the construction of the public improvements will assist in the elimination of one or more blighting conditions within the project area.

Funding for the project is budgeted in the Downtown and West Beach Redevelopment Project Area Fiscal Year 2011 budgets.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



AMY J. BODEK
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Attachments: Exhibit A – Promenade South Block Site Plan

Exhibit A

