



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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March 19, 2019

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

### RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Plans and Specifications No. R-7154 for landscaping-related improvements along the Long Beach Boulevard Metro Blue Line; award a contract to STL Landscape, Inc., of Los Angeles, CA, in the amount of \$1,560,000, with a 35 percent contingency in the amount of \$546,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,106,000; and, authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to enter into a contract, including any necessary amendments; and,

Accept Categorical Exemption CE-19-051. (Districts 1, 2, 6)

### DISCUSSION

City Council approval is requested to enter into a contract with STL Landscape, Inc., to provide landscaping-related improvements along the Metro Blue Line (Blue Line) within the Long Beach Boulevard medians (Project).

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is making improvements to Blue Line operations in Long Beach. These operational improvements do not include necessary landscape repairs along the Blue Line route on Long Beach Boulevard between the Willow Station and Downtown Long Beach (Attachment A). Long Beach Boulevard is a critical north-south artery traveled by thousands of visitors and residents each day. Staff has evaluated the area and prepared a landscaping improvement plan that will enhance the safety and aesthetics of this important street corridor, while reducing long-term maintenance costs and water consumption (Attachment B).

This bid was advertised in the Long Beach Press-Telegram on February 22, 2019, and 961 potential bidders specializing in construction and landscaping services were notified of the bid opportunity. Of those bidders, 28 downloaded the bid via the City's electronic bid system. The bid was made available by the Purchasing Division, located on the seventh floor of City Hall, and the Division's website at [www.longbeach.gov/purchasing](http://www.longbeach.gov/purchasing). A bid announcement was also included in the Purchasing Division's weekly update of Open Bid Opportunities, which is sent to 28 local, minority, and women-owned business groups. Six bids were received on March 1, 2019. Of those six bidders, one was a Minority-owned Business Enterprise (MBE), one was a Woman-owned Business Enterprise (WBE), two were Small Business Enterprises (SBEs), and none were Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) or Long Beach businesses (Local). STL Landscape, Inc., of Los Angeles, CA (SBE), was the lowest responsible bidder.

### **Local Business Outreach**

In an effort to align with the City's outreach goal, Long Beach businesses are encouraged to submit bids for City contracts. The Purchasing Division also assists businesses with registering on the PlanetBids database to download the bid specifications. Through outreach, 105 Long Beach vendors were notified to submit bids, of which one downloaded, but none submitted a bid. The Purchasing Division is committed to continuing to perform outreach to local vendors to expand the bidder pool.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Amy R. Webber, Purchasing and Business Services Manager Sandy Tsang-Palmer, and Budget Analysis Officer Julissa José-Murray on March 7, 2019.

### **SUSTAINABILITY**

The landscaping related improvements will help reduce maintenance costs and water consumption through the installation of more drought resistant landscaping, improved irrigation controls, and the replacement of hard to reach vegetated areas with hardscape.

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, Categorical Exemption CE-19-051 was issued on February 21, 2019 (Attachment C).

### **TIMING CONSIDERATION**

The Blue Line closure offers the City a limited opportunity to perform these necessary repairs with minimized construction related impacts. City Council action to adopt the Project's Plans and Specifications No. R-7154 and award a contract concurrently is requested on March 19, 2019, to move forward expeditiously with construction.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The total Project cost is estimated at \$3,000,000, which includes the contract award amount of \$2,106,000, including construction contingency, consulting services, design and construction support services, inspection fees, project labor compliance, and project management. Sufficient appropriation is budgeted in the Transportation Fund (SR 182) in the Public Works Department (PW).

Project costs are expected to be funded by Proposition A funds in the amount of \$1,500,000 and by Metro funds in the amount of \$1,500,000. The City's anticipated contribution to the Project costs of \$1,500,000 are supported by Propositions A funds. City staff and Metro are in negotiations for funding, if an agreement is reached, City staff will return to the City Council to request authorization to execute a funding agreement with Metro and accept funds and increase appropriation in the Capital Projects Fund (CP). While the City has sufficient Proposition A funds to cover the contract and total estimated project costs, the goal is to share the costs with Metro. If Metro funds are not received, the Project may be scaled down and/or Proposition A funds will need to be used. This scenario may negatively impact the ability to fund other City Council-approved projects.

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The Department of Public Works will be responsible for operating and maintaining the Project site upon completion. The annual operating and maintenance costs are currently unknown but are anticipated to require lesser maintenance as a result of this project. If additional appropriation for maintenance is necessary, it will be requested as part of a subsequent budget development process.

This project will result in a minimal impact to staff hours beyond normally budgeted scope of duties and a minimal impact on existing City Council priorities. Approval of this recommendation will provide continued support to the local economy. The number of additional local jobs created by this project will not be known until the contractor has completed hiring and construction has commenced.

**SUGGESTED ACTION:**

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



**CRAIG A. BECK**  
**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**APPROVED:**

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**PATRICK H. WEST**  
**CITY MANAGER**

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ATTACHMENT A – LOCATION MAP

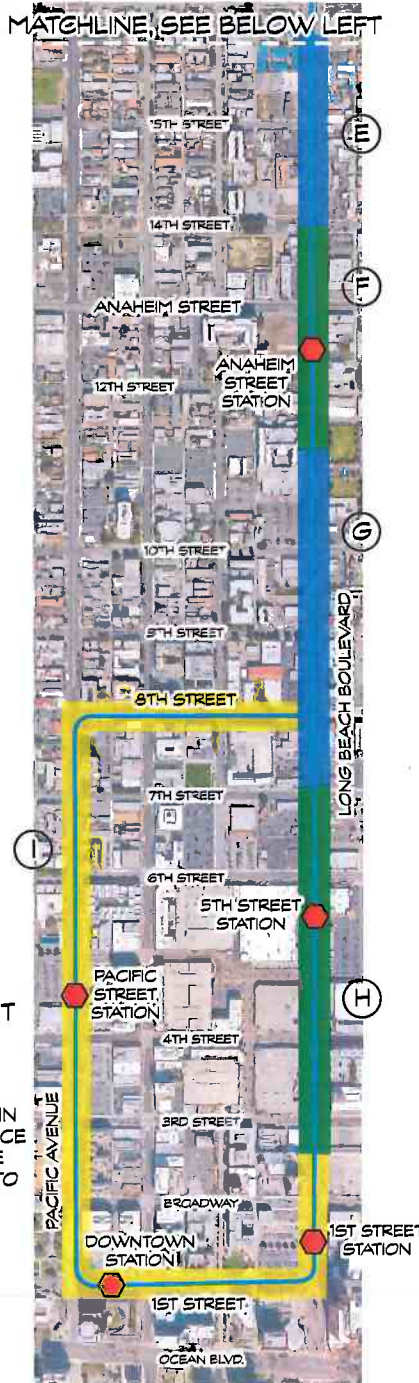
ATTACHMENT B –RENDERING OF PROPOSED LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENTS

ATTACHMENT C – CEQA 19-051

# ATTACHMENT A- MAP



MATCHLINE, SEE BELOW LEFT

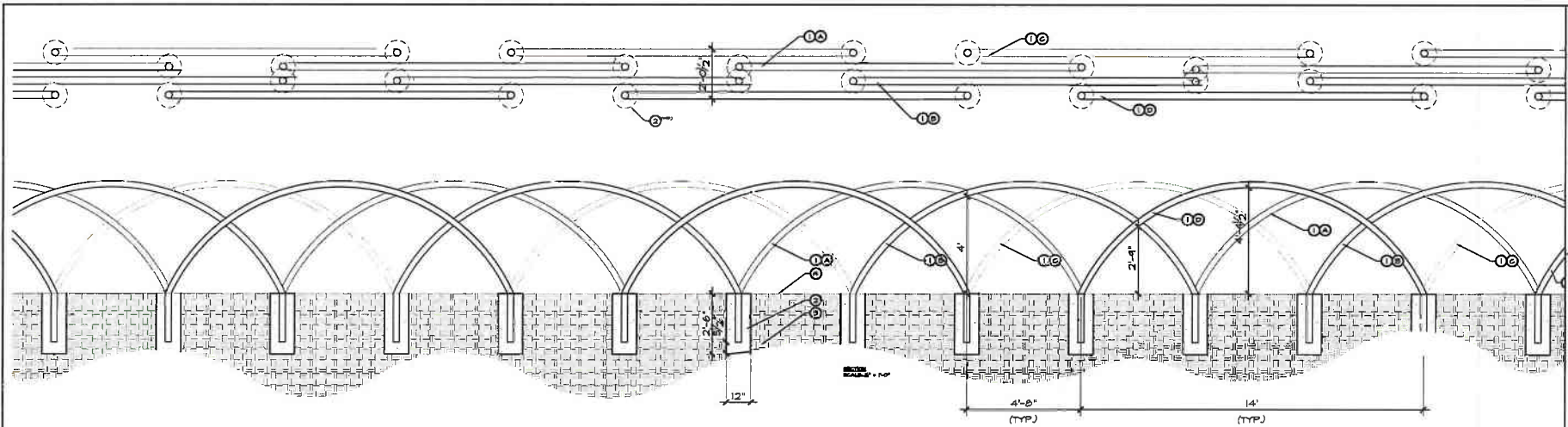


## LEGEND

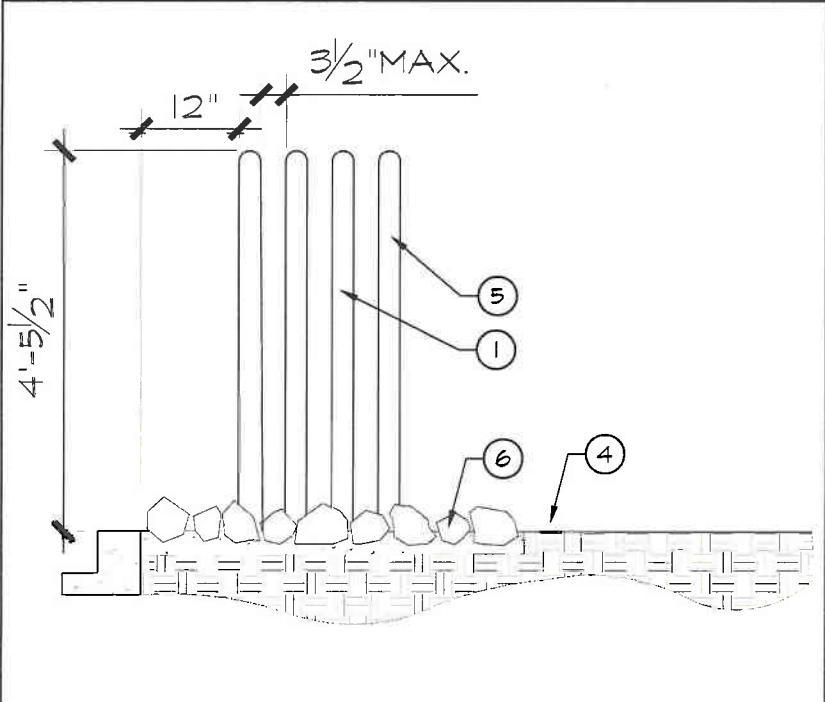
- MINIMUM NEEDS - NO MEDIAN OR FENCE EXISTS
- MODERATE NEEDS - EX. BLUE CHAIN-LINK TO REMAIN W/ PLANTING AT BASE OF FENCE  
- NEW DRIP IRRIG. & LANDSCAPE  
- ADD DECOMPOSED GRANITE TO REDUCE LANDSCAPE
- HIGH NEEDS - NEW ARCHED "CORTEN" FENCE  
- NEW ROCK COBBLE PAVEMENT  
- NEW GLASS PAVEMENT  
- NEW DRIP IRRIGATION & LANDSCAPE

MATCHLINE, SEE ABOVE RIGHT





**A** ARCHED FENCE (ELEVATION & PLAN)



**B** ARCHED FENCE SECTION



**C** FENCE ILLUSTRATION

- LEGEND:**
- 5" I.D. (6" O.D.) ARCHED FENCE RAIL (ABOVE GRADE PORTION TO BE BENT FRAME RAIL, BEETS FINISHED GRADE. STRAIGHT RAIL PORTION BELOW GRADE PORTION TO EXTEND 5" INTO FOOTING.)
  - 12" x 30" DEEP CONCRETE FOOTING.
  - FOR RELATIVE COMPACTED SUBGRADE.
  - FINISHED GRADE IN MEDIUM.
  - 6" x 6" LUMBER BENT FRAME, PAINTED SIDE UP, TYP. COLOR: WALDEN OR TAJA CRESTA RED. AVAILABLE FROM DECORATIVE STONE SOLUTIONS. CONTACT BARRY JURGENSON (800) 888-9716. COORDS TO BE PROVIDED FOR RAIL INTO MEDIUM BASE.
- FINISHES NOTES:**
- ALL PIPING SHALL BE SANDBLASTED, PRIME WITH A 200-HIGH POWDER-COATED PRIMER, & POWDER-COATED WITH THE RAL COLORS LISTED BELOW.
  - POWDER-COATING TO BE COMPLETED WITH BATH PAINT.
  - ALTERNATE RAIL COLOR WITH THE FOLLOWING RAL COLORS:
    - RAL 301 - BROWN BROWN
    - RAL 808 - SILVER BROWN
    - RAL 809 - CREDIT BROWN
- LINEAR FOOTINGS PER SECTION:**
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| 14TH STREET TO PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY         | 538 LF |
| PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY STATION TO 16TH STREET | 488 LF |
| 14TH STREET TO ANAHEIM STREET                | 302 LF |
| ANAHEIM STREET STATION TO 17TH STREET        | 287 LF |
| 17TH STREET TO 8TH STREET                    | 300 LF |
| 8TH STREET STATION TO 26D STREET             | 633 LF |
| <b>TOTAL LINEAR FOOTING = 2548 LF</b>        |        |
- WRAPING REPRESENTATION OF BARRIER FENCING NOT AN EXACT REPRESENTATION OF FINISHED PROJECT**

**ATTACHMENT B - RENDERING**

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San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675  
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PLOT SCALE: 1"=20'

REVISIONS		DESCRIPTION
NO.	DATE	

PROJECT NO.	7154
JOB NO.	PWT260-10
SHEET	1 OF 1
DRAWING NO.	

DATE	
SCALE	
PROJECT	
LOCATION	
CLIENT	
DESIGNER	
CHECKER	
DATE	

**LONG BEACH BOULEVARD  
METRO BLUE LINE LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS  
CONSTRUCTION DETAILS**

ATTACHMENT C



NOTICE of EXEMPTION from CEQA

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1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Long Beach, CA 90802

[x] L.A. County Clerk
Environmental Fillings
12400 E. Imperial Hwy., Room 1201
Norwalk, CA 90650

Project Title: CE- 19-051

Project Location/Address: Long Beach Boulevard Blue Line Median Improvements

Project Activity/Description: The Work to be done includes primarily the demolition, removal, and replacement of landscape, irrigation, Fencing and hard-scape improvements within the Median right of way, along the Long Beach Blvd from the First Street to Willow Street Metro Station. The Work also includes all necessary incidental work required to perform all operations in connection with the Work

Public Agency Approving Project: City of Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California

Applicant Name: Mouhsen Habib

Mailing Address: City of Long Beach - 333 W Ocean Blvd. Public Works (9th Floor)

Phone Number: (562) 570-5754

Applicant Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

BELOW THIS LINE FOR STAFF USE ONLY

Application Number: CE-19-051 Planner's Initials: MC

Required Permits:

THE ABOVE PROJECT HAS BEEN FOUND TO BE EXEMPT FROM CEQA IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE GUIDELINES SECTION 15301, Existing Facilities, and 15302, Replacement Reconstruction

Statement of support for this finding: The project includes the demolition of existing median areas, including landscape and fencing. These areas would be replaced with new landscaped medians and fencing in the same location. The medians will have the same purpose and capacity as the existing medians (no expansion).

Contact Person: Maryanne Cronin

Contact Phone: 562-570-5683

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Date: 2/21/19