



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

# C-18

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December 5, 2006

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

## RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute a professional services contract with Post, Buckley, Schuh & Jernigan, Inc., dba PBS&J, for the preparation of plans, specifications and cost estimates for improvements to California Avenue in the amount of \$173,653, and authorize the City Manager to execute any required amendments to the contract to extend the term, add services, increase the amount of the contract and to adjust the fee schedule of hourly rates for inflation for any term extensions. (District 7)

## DISCUSSION

In 2005 the City was awarded a \$1 million federal grant under the Federal Highway Act SAFETEA-LU for the improvement of California Avenue between Willow Street and Spring Street. The street project is directly adjacent to the proposed Long Beach Sports Park (Sports Park) site, and its improvement is a required mitigation measure for the development of the Sports Park. The federal grant has a 20 percent local match obligation before the grant can be accessed.

Staff has negotiated a contract with Post, Buckley, Schuh & Jernigan (PBS&J) for the design and engineering of the street improvements. PBS&J is a nationally ranked full service engineering firm, with specialties in civil engineering, environmental sciences, transportation management and construction engineering. In addition, PBS&J served as the project engineer during the preparation of the Sports Park Environmental Impact Report (EIR), and was recently awarded the design engineering contract for the first phase of the Sports Park. As such, they have specialized knowledge of the project site and can build on the foundation of work already completed.

All of the work to be performed will be in compliance with the mitigation measures and conditions of approval of the Sports Park project, as granted when the City Council certified the EIR in April 2006. The projected cost of the contract is \$173,653, which will count toward the \$200,000 local match obligation.

This report was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Lori A. Conway on November 7, 2006 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on November 21, 2006.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on December 5, 2006, to move forward with the engineering contract for California Avenue in conjunction with the design and engineering of the Sports Park project.

FISCAL IMPACT

The cost of the initial contract is \$173,653, which may increase should additional services be requested or rates increase due to the extension of the contract period. Funds to support the requested contract in the amount of \$173,653 are budgeted in the General Fund (GP) and the Department of Community Development (CD).

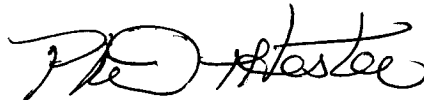
SUGGESTED ACTION

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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