



Building A Better Long Beach

June 7, 2010

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEMBERS
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Transystems for as-needed construction management services in an amount not to exceed \$200,000. (All Project Areas – Citywide)

DISCUSSION

In July 2008, the Redevelopment Agency (Agency) made the necessary findings of benefit for certain public improvements throughout the Central Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area. One of the projects identified was improvement to the former Pacific Electric Right-of-Way (Project). The Project, which is being developed jointly with the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Marine (PRM), involves the revitalization of the former right-of-way into a bike trail and passive park with a trailhead located at 2300 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue. It will assist in the removal of blight and create open space in a densely populated neighborhood underserved by recreational amenities.

As the Project is being funded through a combination of 2006 Open Space Bond proceeds and federal transportation grants, there are restrictions on how the money can be used. Among them, the funds may not be used to cover City administrative expenses, including staff time. In light of this, outside consultants must be used to perform various project tasks, including construction management.

Transystems is one of the construction management firms on contract with the City of Long Beach (City) for various public works improvement projects. Based on their expertise working on transportation projects, they were selected by PRM to assist in the design and constructability review for the Project. Transystems worked closely with PRM and the City's architect during plan development, and they helped provide oversight during the pre-construction phase. Given this experience, City and Agency staff wish to retain Transystems for construction management services on the Project. To do so, the Agency must establish a separate contract with them.

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEMBERS

June 7, 2010

Page 2 of 2

The proposed agreement is for an amount not to exceed \$200,000 over a three-year period on an as-needed basis. The contract will be effective as of February 1, 2010, and will allow Transystems to manage the Project through completion. It will also enable the Agency to utilize them on future transportation related projects.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



AMY J. BODEK
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

AJB:DSW:TK