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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
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SUBJECT: Adopt Plans and Specifications No. R-6643 and Award Contract to Griffith Company for the Improvement of Willow Street Between the West City Limit and the Los Angeles River, Between Clark Avenue and Bellflower Boulevard, and Between Studebaker Road and the East City Limit (Districts 4, 5 and 7)

DISCUSSION

The pavement on Willow Street between the West City Limit and the Los Angeles River, Clark Avenue and Bellflower Boulevard, and Studebaker Road and the East City Limit is in need of rehabilitation. The rehabilitation work consists of replacing damaged curbs and gutters, trimming and root pruning trees, constructing bus pads, cold milling, resurfacing the pavement and installing new pavement markings.

City Council adoption of the plans and specifications and award of the contract to the lowest responsible bidder are being recommended concurrently to expedite implementation of this project. Originally, this project was designed and bid to complete the rehabilitation of all the areas named above. However, due to increased construction costs, bids exceeded the budgeted amount for the project and the project was amended and re-bid using a base bid and alternates. On September 10, 2004, the amended project was re-bid and bids were opened on September 22, 2004.

Griffith Company was the low bidder and it is being recommended that a contract be awarded to them for the Base Bid (Improvements to Willow Street from the West City Limit to the Los Angeles River and from Clark Avenue to Bellflower Boulevard) in the amount of \$1,155,690. In addition, staff is recommending that the contract include Alternate No. 1 (Improvements to Willow Street from Studebaker Road to the San Gabriel River) in the amount of \$148,300 and Alternative No. 2 (Improvements to Willow Street from the San Gabriel River to the East City Limits) in the amount of \$87,487.50 for a total estimated contract amount of \$1,391,477.50. The locations are shown on the attached map labeled "Exhibit A." Information regarding Griffith Company is provided on the attached Contract Awards sheet.

It is also recommended that the City Council authorize a 10 percent increase in contingency for a total of 25 percent of the base contract award due to the complexity of this project.

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This matter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna F. Gwin on October 22, 2004 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on October 29, 2004. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, Categorical Exemption Nos. CEP-75-04 and CEP-157-04 have been issued for this project.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is requested on November 16, 2004, to authorize commencement of this Public Works project. Construction is anticipated to begin in January 2005 and should take approximately 45 working days.


FISCAL IMPACT

The contract award is for an estimated amount of \$1,391,477.50; of this amount, \$750,000 is currently unbudgeted. The necessary funding will be covered with Los Angeles County Highway Through Cities grant funds, which reflects new unbudgeted revenue. An appropriation increase is included in the recommendation below. Sufficient funds to cover the balance of the construction are budgeted in Capital Improvement Program Project No. PW5061 in the Transportation Fund (SR 182) in the Department of Public Works (PW). The funding sources are Proposition A and Proposition C monies.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

- 1) Adopt Plans and Specifications No. R-6643 for the Improvement of Willow Street between the West City Limit and the Los Angeles River, Clark Avenue and Bellflower Boulevard, and Studebaker Road and the East City Limit;
- 2) Authorize the City Manager to award a contract to Griffith Company, in an estimated amount of \$1,391,477.50, and execute the contract and all necessary documents related to the contract; and
- 3) Increase appropriations in Capital Improvement Program No. PW5061 in the Street Improvement Fund (SR 181), in the Department of Public Works (PW), by \$750,000.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment



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