



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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September 18, 2007

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

To adopt the attached resolution awarding a contract to URS Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$2,188,800 to prepare a Project Initiation Document (PID) and Project Approval/Environmental Document (PA/ED) for the Realignment of the Shoemaker Bridge and Ramps. (District 1)

DISCUSSION

On June 22, 2004, the City Council approved the Locally Preferred Strategy for the I-710 Freeway Major Corridor Study. That study included the realignment of the Shoemaker Bridge and ramps into downtown to improve the safety of the bridge and ramps, resulting in almost doubling of the size of Cesar Chavez Park (see attachment). The project was awarded \$2.4 million in federal funding in the SAFETEA-LU Federal Transportation Program that was adopted in 2005.

The Shoemaker Bridge provides downtown access to and from the I-710 Freeway and it remains under local control. As such, the bridge and ramp realignment may progress as an early action project that will be constructed independent of any potential improvements to the state-owned I-710 Freeway. The resulting benefits to the community of improved safety on the ramps and expanded green space at Chavez Park may be realized in the short-term, whether or not any improvements to the full I-710 Corridor are ever constructed in the long-term.

The next step toward constructing this improvement requires the development of a Project Initiation Document (PID) and Project Approval/Environmental Document (PA/ED). On July 26, 2007, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority awarded a contract to URS Corporation to prepare an EIR/EIS and engineering project report for the I-710 Corridor through a competitive bid process. Awarding this contract to the same firm will allow the City to take advantage of the work effort that URS will already be putting forward in the overall I-710 Corridor project and result in some economies of scale. The schedule for this project is to complete the Project Initiation Document in early, 2008 and the Project Approval/Environmental Document by the end of 2009.

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This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Amy Burton and Budget and Performance Management Bureau Manager David Wodynski on September 13, 2007.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on September 18, 2007, so that the PID and PA/ED may be completed.

FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient funding for this project is budgeted in the Traffic Mitigation Program Fund (CP201) in the Department of Public Works (PW). There is no impact to the General Fund.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Adopt recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

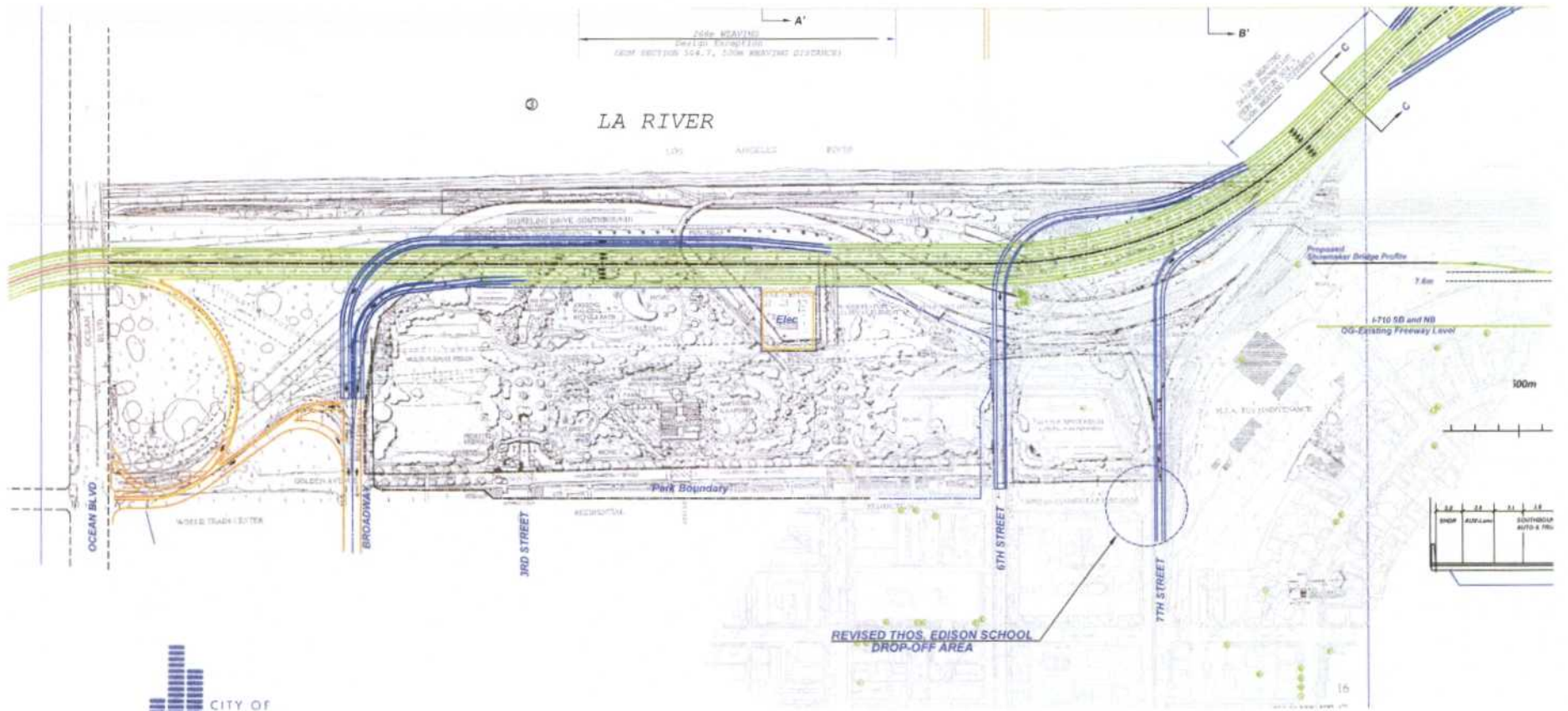


CHRISTINE F. ANDERSEN
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

APPROVED:

for 
ANTHONY BATTIS
CITY MANAGER

Attachments: Map of proposed realignment of Shoemaker Bridge and ramps



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1 RESOLUTION NO.

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH AWARDING A CONTRACT TO
5 URS CORPORATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
6 \$2,188,800 TO PREPARE A PROJECT INITIATION
7 DOCUMENT (PID) AND PROJECT
8 APPROVAL/ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT (PA/ED) FOR
9 THE REALIGNMENT OF THE SHOEMAKER BRIDGE AND
10 RAMPS, THROUGH THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE
11 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AND
12 URS CORPORATION

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14 WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Long Beach (the "City"), Section
15 1802, permits the City to purchase services, supplies, materials, equipment and labor
16 with other government agencies by purchasing under their contracts on a voluntary and
17 selective basis when authorized by resolution; and

18 WHEREAS, the City desires to purchase environmental/consultant services
19 to prepare a Project Initiation Document (PID) and a Project Approval Environmental
20 Document (PA/ED) for the realignment of the Shoemaker Bridge and ramps and portion
21 of the 710 South Corridor Project; and

22 WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority ("MTA") conducted a
23 Request for Proposals (RFP) for the preparation of environmental documents, and
24 selected URS Corporation as the highest-ranking proposer, and has entered into a
25 contract with URS Corporation for environmental consultant services pursuant to MTA
26 Contract Number PS4340-1939 ("MTA Contract"); and

27 WHEREAS, the City's participation in the MTA Contract will facilitate
28 expeditious completion of environmental documents as well as provide considerable cost

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1 benefits to the City; and

2 WHEREAS, if the City had to go to formal bid rather than participate in the
3 MTA Contract considerably more funds would be required;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as
5 follows:

6 1. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein
7 by this reference.

8 2. The City Manager of the City is hereby authorized to enter into an
9 agreement with URS Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$2,188,800 for the
10 preparation of a PID and PAVED, on substantially the same terms and conditions as the
11 MTA pursuant to the MTA Contract.

12 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the
13 City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

14 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City
15 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 20__ by the
16 following vote:

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18 Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

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22 Noes: Councilmembers: _____

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24 Absent: Councilmembers: _____

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City Clerk