



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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March 24, 2009

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
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RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to accept, implement and administer all funds in connection with the Metro Blue Line LED Train Warning Signs and Countdown Pedestrian Signs Project, and increase appropriations by \$405,835 in the Capital Projects Fund (CP) in the Department of Public Works (PW); and

Adopt the attached resolution for a sole source purchase from Wells Sign Manufacturing and Distributing, Inc. (WSMD), authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with WSMD in an estimated amount of \$164,000 for the purchase of LED Train Warning Signs and execute any amendments thereto (Districts 1, 2, 6, 7, 8).

DISCUSSION

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) has issued a work order to the City for the purchase and installation of additional electronic signs on side street approaches to the Metro Blue Line. The City previously installed 46 signs in 2002 as part of a Metro-funded upgrade to reduce the number of car versus train collisions. There have been no collisions at these sites since the signs were installed. Also included in the work order is the installation of 20 countdown pedestrian signs at various intersections along the Metro Blue Line route. The work order authorizes reimbursement to the City of up to \$405,835.

In 2002, the 46 LED train-warning signs were custom manufactured using a City of Los Angeles specification and purchased from WSMD. WSMD is the sole manufacturer and distributor for the hardware and repair parts for these signs; therefore, authorization to waive the bidding process is requested. City staff will install the signs.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Trang on March 3, 2009 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on March 5, 2009.

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is requested on March 24, 2009, to authorize commencement of this project. The signs will take approximately 60 days to be delivered, and Metro desires completion of this project by June 30, 2009.

FISCAL IMPACT

Project equipment costs are estimated at \$315,675 and associated City labor costs are estimated at \$90,160. The total estimated project cost of \$405,835 will be fully offset by the Metro work order reimbursement. Since the funds for this work are currently unbudgeted, an appropriation increase of \$405,835 in the Capital Projects Fund (CP) in the Department of Public Works (PW) is requested. There is no impact to the General Fund.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



MICHAEL P. CONWAY
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

MPC:MAC:mw
P/CL/3-24-09/LED Train Warning Signs

Attachment

APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER

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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 AUTHORIZING THE CITY
5 MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH WELLS
6 SIGNS MANUFACTURING & DISTRIBUTING, INC.,
7 WITHOUT ADVERTISING FOR BIDS, FOR THE
8 PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF LED TRAIN
9 WARNING SIGNS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
10 \$164,000
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12 WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
13 ("MTA") has issued a work order to the City of Long Beach ("City") in connection with the
14 Metro Blue Line LED Train Warning Signs and Countdown Pedestrian Signs Project for
15 the purchase and installation of electronic signs on side street approaches to the Metro
16 Blue Line; and

17 WHEREAS, these signs are to provide additional warning to drivers that a
18 train is approaching; and

19 WHEREAS, the City previously installed forty-six (46) signs in 2002 as part
20 of a MTA grant funded upgrade to reduce the number of car versus train collisions.
21 There have been no collisions at these sites since the signs were installed; and

22 WHEREAS, in 2002, the LED train warning signs were custom
23 manufactured using City of Los Angeles Specifications and were purchased from Wells
24 Signs Manufacturing & Distributing, Inc. ("WSMD"); and

25 WHEREAS, WSMD is the sole manufacturer and distributor for the custom
26 designed hardware and repair parts for these signs; and

27 WHEREAS, the MTA will reimburse the City for the cost of these signs that
28 the City purchases; and

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1 WHEREAS, as a result, no useful purpose would be served by advertising
2 for bids for furnishing and delivering these custom LED train warning signs and to do so
3 would constitute an idle and useless act and an unnecessary expenditure of public funds
4 because WSMD is the only corporation, firm or individual that could or would bid for the
5 furnishing of these custom LED train warning signs to the City;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as
7 follows:

8 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter a contract with Wells
9 Signs Manufacturing & Distributing, Inc. for the purchase of LED train warning signs as
10 may be required by the City in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Sixty-Four
11 Thousand Dollars (\$164,000.00) without advertising for bids.

12 2. 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