



CITY OF LONG BEACH

R-37

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

333 West Ocean Boulevard • Long Beach, CA 90802

August 8, 2006

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Authorize the City Manager to execute the third Amendment to Agreement No. 28297, with BonTerra Consulting, for consulting services for preparation of the Environmental Impact Report for the Airport Terminal Facilities Project, to amend the scope of work to include additional hours for the extra Planning Commission hearing and City Council appeal hearings, and preparation of the administrative record, preparation of appellant negotiation documents and to increase the "not-to-exceed amount" by \$150,000, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$1,085,000. (District 5)
2. Increase appropriation in the Airport Enterprise Fund (EF 320) and the Department of Public Works (PW) by \$150,000. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The current contract with the City's EIR consultant, BonTerra Consulting, did not anticipate the additional Planning Commission hearing or the two City Council appeal hearings that were recently held on the EIR for the Airport Terminal Improvement Project. In addition, the consultant's effort to assemble the extensive administrative record for this EIR will require hours not included in their current contract. The consultant has provided the City with a summary of the labor hours required to prepare for and attend the Planning Commission and City Council hearings and the preparation of the administrative record. The estimated cost for these services is \$60,000. Staff is requesting an additional \$90,000 of contract authority, due to the number of Public Records Act requests being received concerning the EIR, some of which require the assistance of the consultant, and for the preparation of documents needed for the ongoing discussions and negotiations with the EIR appellants. Under this contract, the City is billed only for actual hours. Therefore, the final amount paid for these services may be less than stated, depending upon the extent of work required to compile the administrative record and the Public Records Act requests received.

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This matter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna F. Gwin on July 10, 2006, and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on July 20, 2006.

TIME CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is requested on August 8, 2006, to avoid any delays in completing the administrative record and preparing documents needed for negotiations with the appellants of the EIR for the Airport Terminal Area Improvement Project.

FISCAL IMPACT

The recommended amendment to BonTerra's contract for preparation of the requested EIR will increase its current contract amount from \$935,000 to \$1,085,000. An appropriation increase will be required to provide sufficient funds to cover the EIR contract amendment in the Airport Enterprise Fund (EF 320) in the Department of Public Works (PW), which is requested in the recommended actions.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

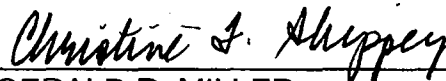


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APPROVED:

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