



## Legislation Text

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Recommendation to adopt Plans and Specifications No. R-6830 for the Vista Street Bike Boulevard; award the project to and authorize City Manager to execute a contract with MG Construction & Development, Inc., in an estimated amount of \$659,747, plus a 10 percent contingency in the amount of \$65,975, if necessary and if funds are available, and to execute any necessary amendments thereto. (Districts 2,3)

In an effort to provide sustainable transportation alternatives to the community, as well as a safe route to several neighborhood schools, the City of Long Beach is installing a "bike boulevard" on Vista Street, extending from Temple Avenue to Nieto Avenue. A bike boulevard is a local road or residential street that has been enhanced with treatments to facilitate safe and convenient bicycle travel for cyclists of all ages and skill levels. Bike boulevards accommodate bicyclists and motorists in the same travel lanes with no impact on parking. The bike boulevard on Vista Street will provide a safe route to school for students at Lowell Elementary and Rogers Middle School on the east, and Horace Mann Elementary on the west end of Vista Street. More broadly, the bike boulevard will provide a convenient, direct cycling option for families with young children, students, commuters, and recreational cyclists.

The proposed improvements on Vista Street will include seven traffic circles and two roundabouts to act as traffic calming measures, bike route identification and directional signage; pavement markings; and one new traffic signal. Exhibit A shows the location of these proposed improvements. Exhibit B is a concept drawing that shows the location of the traffic circles and roundabouts, and Exhibit C shows the distinctive signage that will be used on the Vista Street Bike Boulevard.

This project is the first of several bike boulevard projects proposed to be constructed in the City. In addition to showing the limits of the current Vista Street bike boulevard project, Exhibit A shows proposed routes for two additional bike boulevards, which have already received grant funding through the Caltrans Safe Route to School program and a grant from the Metropolitan Transportation Agency. Together, these bike boulevards will provide a connection between the northern and southern city limits, as well as an attractive east-west connection to California State University at Long Beach.

The project was advertised for bids on February 12, 2010, and bids were opened on March 10, 2010. In addition to placing an advertisement for bids in the Long Beach Press Telegram, bid documents were made available through the City's weblink at, <http://www.PlanetBids.com>. In a continuing effort to increase participation of local businesses and Small Business Enterprises (SBEs), Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs), Women Owned Business Enterprises (WBEs), and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs), bid documents were also sent to several trade publications and plan rooms catering to these groups within the construction industry.

For this bid, two hundred seventy-five firms were notified via automatic email notice including thirty-nine located in Long Beach. Notified firms consisted of fifty SBE's, fiftyfive MBE's, thirty-four WBE's,

and sixteen DBE registered firms. Twenty-six sets of bid documents were purchased by prospective bidders and eight bids were received. Of those firms, one is a local business and one is an SBE. There were no MBE, DBE, or WBE registered firms that submitted bids. MG Construction & Development, Inc., of Canoga Park, CA is the lowest responsible bidder.

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, a Categorical Exemption was issued for this project.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Trang on March 16, 2010, and Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on March 17, 2010.

### SUSTAINABILITY

The installation of a bike boulevard will encourage families with young children, students, commuters, and recreational cyclists to travel by bicycle rather than by car, eliminating pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, while promoting a more healthy and active lifestyle in Long Beach.

City Council action on this matter is requested on April 20, 2010, to authorize commencement of this Public Works project. Construction is projected to begin in May 2010 and should take approximately 90 working days.

The contract award is for an estimated amount of \$659,747, plus a 10 percent contingency of \$65,975, if necessary and if funds are available. Total project cost including design, overhead and construction management will be \$879,711. Sufficient Proposition C funding exists within the Transportation Fund (SR 182) in the Department of Public Works (PW).

Approve recommendation.

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DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

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APPROVED:

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