



CITY OF COMMERCE AGENDA REPORT

Item No.: _____

TO: Honorable City Council

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE
TRAFFIC INTERCONNECT SYSTEM UPGRADES PROJECT
(PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 2015-41)

MEETING DATE: February 18, 2020

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve the plans and specifications for the Traffic Interconnect System Upgrades Project and authorize staff to advertise the project for bidding.

BACKGROUND:

Caltrans announced the Cycle 7 Call for Projects for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) in April 2015. This Call for Projects was targeted for approximately \$150 million in federal HSIP funds. For Cycle 7, the maximum reimbursement amount for any single project is \$10 Million, with a minimum of \$100,000. The maximum an agency can receive is \$10 Million. The maximum reimbursement ratio is ninety percent (90%).

The purpose of the HSIP program is to achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads, including non-State-owned public roads and tribal lands. For Cycle 7, only applications with a Benefit to Cost (B/C) Ratio of 5.0 or greater were considered.

City submitted a grant application which focused on improving traffic signal interconnectivity along Eastern Avenue, Telegraph Road, Slauson Avenue, Atlantic Boulevard, and Garfield Avenue and received approval for \$935,280 in grant funds as part of the program with a required 10% local match of \$103,920.

ANALYSIS:

Contract documents and 100% Plans, Specifications and Estimate were finalized in May 2019 and a request for authorization to proceed with construction package (E-76

request) was submitted to Caltrans on July 2019. Caltrans approved the E-76 request on November 2019.

Staff has reviewed the proposed project and has determined that since the proposed work involves modifications to existing public facilities, it is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section(s) 15302: Replacement or reconstruction; (c) Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

Therefore, Staff recommends that the City Council approve the construction project plans, specifications, and estimates (PS&E) for this Project and authorize Staff to advertise the Notice Inviting Bids.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve staff recommendation
2. Disapprove staff recommendation
3. Provide further direction to staff

FISCAL IMPACT:

City of Commerce is the recipient of HSIP Cycle 7 Grant funds which authorizes the City to be reimbursed for \$935,280 (90%) of the project costs with a City match in the amount of \$103,920 (10%).

On July 5, 2016, City Council has approved funding in the amount of \$281,120 for engineering design and local match from Measure AA funds. This amount was appropriated in account number 41-5170-52001.14650. Of the approved amount, the contract award of \$177,200 for engineering design is outside of the grant award.

The \$103,920 (10%) local match is currently available for the construction costs of this project in account number 41-5170-52001.14650. Staff recommends that the City authorize appropriation of the remaining grant amount of \$935,280 (90%), giving a total construction budget of \$1,039,200.00.

It is currently anticipated that the current construction budget is sufficient. If additional funding may be required, staff will return to Measure AA and Council to request additional amount as necessary.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC GOALS:

The issue before the Council is applicable to the following Council's strategic goal: *"Develop and implement a sustainable Capital Improvement Program to ensure the quality of existing infrastructure and to support future plans for the city"* as identified in the 2016 Strategic Plan.

Recommended by: Daniel Hernandez, Director of Public Works
Reviewed by: Vilko Domic, Assistant City Manager
Approved as to form: Noel Tapia, City Attorney
Respectfully submitted by: Edgar P. Cisneros, City Manager

Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. E-76