



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE: MAY 10, 2016**

FROM: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT **WARDS: 6 AND 7**

SUBJECT: RFP NO. 1581 - MAGNOLIA AVENUE WIDENING FROM BUCHANAN STREET TO BANBURY DRIVE – PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL FOR \$147,294

ISSUE:

The issue for City Council consideration is to approve a Professional Consultant Services Agreement for environmental consulting services for the Magnolia Avenue Widening from Buchanan Street to Banbury Drive.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council:

1. Approve a Professional Consultant Services Agreement with Michael Baker International, Inc., of Irvine, California, in an amount of \$147,294, to prepare environmental documents and obtain environmental clearance for the Magnolia Avenue Widening from Buchanan Street to Banbury Drive (Project);
2. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute, a Professional Consultant Services Agreement (Agreement) with Michael Baker International, Inc., including making minor and non-substantive changes.

BACKGROUND:

On November 10, 2009, City Council adopted the Magnolia Avenue Specific Plan and Second Addendum to the Certified Final Program Environmental Impact Report for the General Plan 2025 Program in conjunction with a text amendment to the Circulation Element to designate Magnolia Avenue as a six-lane arterial for the portion of Magnolia Avenue westerly of Harrison Street.

This Project consists of modifying a 2.6 mile stretch of Magnolia Avenue to accommodate an additional third lane in each direction to the 91 Freeway ramps (Attachment 1). The additional lane will be accommodated by utilizing portions of the existing median, minimizing impacts to adjacent businesses. Work includes the rehabilitation of the roadway and reconstruction of concrete sidewalks, driveways, pedestrian ramps, cross-gutters, curb and gutter, relocation of utilities, signing and striping, modification of the existing traffic signals, and new median

landscaping and drip-irrigation.

On September 23, 2013, the City submitted a grant application to the Riverside County Transportation Commission for funding of the construction phase of the Project. The Project was approved for \$2,620,875 in Federal Surface Transportation Program funds. As a condition of the federal grant, the Project needs to receive environmental clearance per the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) guidelines.

On January 26, 2016, the Public Works Department issued a Request for Proposal (No. 1581) seeking a qualified consulting firm to prepare the environmental documents and obtain the NEPA clearance for the Project. In response to the RFP, three consulting firms submitted proposals for consideration. Michael Baker International (MBI) was selected as the most qualified firm to complete the work.

The Public Works Department negotiated the Agreement (Attachment 2) with MBI. Under the terms of the Agreement, MBI will prepare various technical studies such as noise, air quality, hazardous materials, biological resources, community impact/land use, and cultural resources studies plus obtain NEPA clearance for the Project. The work would be performed on a time and material basis in an estimated amount of \$147,294.

The Purchasing Service Manager concurs with the recommendation above.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The estimated cost to prepare the environmental studies and to obtain NEPA clearance is \$147,294. There are sufficient funds available in Project Account No. 9882430-440313 for performing this work.

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Approved as to form:	Gary G. Geuss, City Attorney

Attachments:

1. Project Location Map
2. Agreement for Professional Consultant Services with Michael Baker International, Inc.