



AGENDA REPORT

Department: Engineering and Public Works
Prepared by: Luca Zappiello, Associate Engineer - Civil
Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2024
Approved by: Benjamin A. Martinez, City Manager

SUBJECT:

Awarding a Contract to Aster Construction Services for the Central Community Mobility Enhancements Project, CIP No. 19-23.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, 1) Awarding a Contract to Aster Construction Services in the Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$1,915,050 for the Central Community Mobility Enhancements Project, CIP No. 19-23; 2) Authorizing a 15% Contingency in the Amount of \$287,257.50 for any Unforeseen Changes; and 3) Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Contract."

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE PRIOR ACTION:

Not Applicable.

EXPLANATION:

In July 2018, staff submitted a Cycle 4 Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant application to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for the Central Community Mobility Enhancements Project. The project will provide approximately 1.7 miles of bicycle facilities providing north-south connections through the Central, Olivewood and Las Palmas neighborhoods in National City (see attached exhibit A).

On January 30, 2019, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) awarded a \$1,286,000 State Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant for the Central Community Mobility Enhancements Project with a local match of \$471,000. On March 26, 2020, Caltrans provided the agreement to the City for execution.

On August 1, 2024, the bid solicitation was posted on PlanetBids, a free public electronic bidding system for contractors, in accordance with the City's Project Labor Agreement (PLA). On August 8, 2024 and August 9, 2024, the bid solicitation was advertised in local newspapers.

On August 27, 2024, three (3) bids were received by the 1:00 p.m. deadline. Aster Construction Services was the apparent lowest bidder with a total bid amount of \$1,915,050. Upon review of all documents submitted, Aster Construction Services bid was deemed responsive and they are the lowest responsible bidder qualified to perform the work as described in the project specifications.

Staff recommends awarding a contract to Aster Construction Services in the not-to-exceed amount of \$1,915,050 and authorizing a 15% contingency in the amount of \$287,257.50 to address any unforeseen conditions that may arise.

Attached are the bid opening summary sheet (Exhibit B) and a line-item summary of the three lowest bidders (Exhibit C) for reference. Also attached is the Owner-Contractor Agreement (Exhibit D).

Construction is estimated to be completed by Fall 2025. Typically, construction will begin four to six weeks after City Council approves award of contract to allow for coordination efforts, as well as contractor mobilization. Updates will be provided on the City's CIP website at: <http://nationalcityprojects.com>.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Contract Award - \$1,915,050

Expenditure Account No. 296-10-18-18500-7598-6588296 (ATP Grant) - \$1,095,000

Expenditure Account No. 109-10-18-18500-7598-6035109 (SB1-RMRA Gas Tax) -
\$820,050

15% Contingency - \$287,257.50

Expenditure Account No. 307-10-18-18500-7598-6035307 (TransNet Street Resurfacing)

All funding available through prior City Council appropriations.

RELATED CITY COUNCIL 2020-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Transportation Choices and Infrastructure

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

This is a project under CEQA subject to a Categorical Exemption. Existing Facilities. CCR 15301(c).

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION:

The Agenda Report was posted within 72 hours of the meeting date and time in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act.

ORDINANCE:

Not Applicable

EXHIBITS:

Exhibit A - Project Location Map

Exhibit B - Bid Opening Summary

Exhibit C - Three Lowest Bidders Summary

Exhibit D - Owner-Contract Agreement

Exhibit E - Resolution