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Title: Recommendation to Award a Contract in the Amount of \$160,997.70, Including Contingency, to Placeworks for the Central Avenue Complete Street Plan. (Public Works 310)

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Text

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Body

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: John A. Russo, City Manager

Re: Recommendation to Award a Contract in the Amount of \$160,997.70, Including Contingency, to Placeworks for the Central Avenue Complete Street Plan

BACKGROUND

In August 2014, the Public Works Department sent out a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Central Avenue "Complete Street Plan" which will provide multi-modal transportation improvements along Central Avenue between Pacific Avenue and Sherman Street and the proposed adjacent San Francisco Bay Trail. The project will include an outreach process, options analysis, and partial design - up to 30% construction drawings - and will focus on school, transit, truck, and employment access. It will also include two five-legged intersections, bikeway treatments, a potential narrowing of travel lanes, and paths along the waterfront.

DISCUSSION

To solicit the maximum number of bids and most competitive price, the RFP was provided to 19 separate builders' exchanges throughout the Bay Area. A notice for the RFP was sent out to all the consultants on the Public Works listing, published in the Alameda Journal, and put on the City's website. Five consultants submitted proposals, which were opened on Tuesday, September 23, 2014, see below:

Bidder	Location	Bid
Placeworks	Berkeley	\$139,998
Nelson Nygaard	San Francisco	\$140,881
Stantec	Walnut Creek	\$159,131
PGA Design	Oakland	\$173,676
TJKM	Pleasanton, CA	\$198,120

Staff held selection interviews on Tuesday, October 7, 2014. The selection was based on the consultant's past experience, quality and experience of key staff, understanding of work scope, cost competitiveness, and ability to meet contract requirements. After careful review, staff recommends awarding a contract to Placeworks for \$160,997.70, which includes a 15% contingency of \$20,999.70. Placeworks is not guaranteed any of the contingency and its use will be at the sole discretion of the Public Works Director for work not originally anticipated in the plans and specification. The RFP also informed the successful bidder that they shall pay not less than the prevailing rate of per diem wages as determined by the Federal Government.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The funds for this project are budgeted in the Public Works Department account for the Capital Improvement Program (91409) - Central Avenue Complete Street Plan. There is no impact to the General Fund.

MUNICIPAL CODE/POLICY DOCUMENT CROSS REFERENCE

This action does not affect the Alameda Municipal Code. The Transportation Element of the City's General Plan shows this street as a bicycle priority street that provides cross island access to bicyclists and as a primary transit street.

The projects directly support General Plan Transportation Element as shown below:

- Objective 4.3.2, "Enhance opportunities for pedestrian access and movement by developing, promoting, and maintaining pedestrian networks and environments."
- Policy 4.3.3.a, "Maintain and implement the Bicycle Master Plan with regard to physical system improvements (especially the identified priority projects), as well as programs and policies relating to encouragement, education and enforcement."

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this project is Categorically Exempt under the CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c) - Existing Facilities and 15304(c) - Minor Alterations to Land. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, this project is a Categorical Exclusion under 23 Code of Federal Regulations 771.117(c): activity (c)(3) - Construction of bicycle and pedestrian lanes, paths and facilities.

RECOMMENDATION

Award a contract in the amount of \$160,997.70, including contingency, to Placeworks for the Central Avenue Complete Street Plan.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert G. Haun, Public Works Director

By,  
Gail Payne, Transportation Coordinator

Financial Impact section reviewed,

Juelle-Ann Boyer, Interim Finance Director

Exhibit:

1. Contract