

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

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TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: CONSIDER TRAFFIC OPTIONS AT THE INTERSECTION OF KANAN ROAD AND RE-ALIGNED CANWOOD STREET

The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) approved as part of the adopted budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 included a project known as the Kanan-Canwood Median Modification Project, which earmarked \$50,000 of Proposition C as its sole funding source. The reason for this project was to address an existing traffic concern on Kanan Road, whereby the existing capacity of the southbound left turn pocket to go eastbound onto re-aligned Canwood Street is insufficient to handle the demand, resulting in a vehicle queue that dangerously extends cars into the southbound through lanes running adjacent to the pocket.

On October 13, 2010, the City Council authorized staff to seek bids for the Kanan Road and Canwood Street Traffic Signal Modification Project; NIB 10-04. The scope of work for the bid includes extending the southbound left-turn pocket on Kanan Road by 130 feet, shortening the existing northbound left-turn pocket on Kanan Road at Hillrise Drive by 41 feet, and removing/relocating/replacing existing landscape, irrigation curb and gutter, etc., to accommodate the median improvements. The scope also includes modifications and adjustments to the traffic signal, allowing additional time for southbound-to-eastbound left-turn movements at the intersection. This will provide more efficient intersection operation in light of added traffic demands, due to recent developments at the Shops at the Oak Creek.

On November 23, 2010, the City Clerk opened sealed bids from five (5) contractors. The bid results were as follows:

Name	Location	Base Bid
West Coast Public Works, Inc.	Woodland Hills	\$70,838.00
G Coast Construction	Encino	\$78,500.00
Nye & Nelson Inc.	Ventura	\$81,473.50
Berry Engineering	Ventura	\$90,106.00
Draper Construction	Somis	\$101,332.50

Staff reviewed the bid submittal of the apparent low bidder, West Coast Public Works, Inc., and deemed their bid responsive and acceptable. Since West Coast Public Works, Inc. has never

worked in the City, staff contacted all their listed references. The responses were positive, with all references stating that they would work with West Coast Public Works, Inc. again.

If awarded, the project will be paid for with Proposition C and Gas Tax funds. No General Fund money will be needed to complete this project. Staff would begin construction in February and the project would take approximately forty-five (45) calendar days to complete.

In addition to the Council considering the award of this particular bid, another item must also be considered, as a result of recent traffic information staff received as part of the In-N-Out Burgers project. In November 2010, staff received a traffic analysis from In-N-Out Burgers, identifying a significant, cumulative impact at the intersection of Kanan Road and re-aligned Canwood Street. Being a cumulative impact (instead of a “project specific impact”) means that In-N-Out Burgers’ traffic impact does not trigger a significant impact alone, but instead suggests that when coupled with expected traffic volumes from future developments along the Canwood corridor, together those would create a significant impact at the intersection. Proposed mitigation for such an impact is to install an additional southbound left turn pocket next to the existing one, resulting in dual left turn pockets southbound on Kanan at the intersection. In light of this new information, the Council should now also consider rejecting the award of the bid to West Coast Public Works, Inc., redesigning the intersection to account for the needed additional lane, and then re-bidding the project.

If the Council decides to reject the award, it should be noted that the existing queuing concern would remain. Therefore, a third option would be to proceed with the award of the bid, and direct staff to proceed with the design of the ultimate intersection configuration. Design could be completed in 2-3 months time, re-bid in late spring to early summer while being considered a part of next year’s budget process, and construction in July or August.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully recommends the City Council consider the following options:

1. Award the contract for the Kanan Road and Canwood Street Median Modification Project; NIB 10-04 to West Coast Public Works, Inc. and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract agreement, or
2. Reject the bids, and direct staff to proceed with designing, budgeting for, and constructing the option to add a second left turn pocket for southbound motorists on Kanan Road to go eastbound on re-aligned Canwood Street.
3. Award the contract to West Coast Public Works, Inc., and direct staff to proceed with the design and construction of the ultimate intersection improvements.