

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

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TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER

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SUBJECT: APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD FOR THE U.S.101/KANAN ROAD METAL BEAM GUARD RAIL UPGRADE PROJECT; NIB 10-03

On April 13, 2011, the City Council authorized staff to seek bids for the U.S.101/ Kanan Road Metal Guard Rail Upgrade Project; NIB 10-03. The scope of work consists of upgrading four guard rails along the U.S. 101 Freeway, and all associated concrete and asphalt work. This project was necessary after a walkthrough inspection was done by multiple divisions within Caltrans as part of the U.S. 101/Kanan Interchange project close-out procedures. During this process, staff was informed by the Traffic Safety Unit that, although the guard rails on the loop on ramps were constructed as per plans and per the safety standards in place at the time of design, those safety standards had since changed due to multiple accidents that occurred with speeding vehicles entering loop ramps at different locations within the State.

On May 2, 2011, the City received three (3) sealed bids for this project. The bid results were as follows:

C&W Construction Specialties, Inc.	\$120,090.40
APW Construction, Inc.	\$166,385.20
Powell Constructors	\$167,537.00

Staff reviewed the bid submittal of the apparent low bidder, C&W Construction Specialties, Inc., and deemed their bid responsive and acceptable. C&W Construction previously worked as a subcontractor to Security Paving, Inc., on the U.S.101/Kanan Interchange Project. In addition, they have performed similar types of work for Caltrans and the County of Los Angeles with favorable results. Staff also contacted C&W Construction's references and received positive feedback regarding their work. The company is based in Ventura, California.

A mathematical error, that does not affect the low-bidder status of this contractor, was discovered during review of the bid and the correct bid amount is hereby revised to \$120,090.04. The bidder agrees with this change, and we recommend that the City Council waive this relatively minor defect in the bid that did not give the bidder any additional advantage.

The project will be paid will be fully funded with Traffic Improvement Funds (TIF). Staff expects construction to commence in June, taking approximately six weeks to complete, with no work to be done on holidays. Once this work is complete, staff has the final paperwork for project closeout prepared to be submitted and request the release of the remaining Federal funds to reimburse the City for the work completed.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully recommends the City Council waive the minor defects in the lowest responsive bidder's bid and award the contract for U.S.101/ Kanan Road Metal Guard Rail Upgrade Project; NIB 10-03, to C&W Construction Specialties, Inc. in the amount of \$120,090.04.