



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: March 17, 2015

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Business Services Division, Waterfront Department

SUBJECT: Request To Increase Purchase Order For Additional Parking Equipment At Stearns Wharf

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council increase Purchase Order No. 31501229 with Sentry Control Systems by \$25,000 for a new purchase order total of \$109,500 for Skidata Parking Revenue Control Equipment on Stearns Wharf.

BACKGROUND:

On November 18, 2014 City Council found it in the City's best interest to waive the formal bid procedure as authorized by Municipal Code Section 4.52.070(k), and authorized the General Services Manager to issue a purchase order to Sentry Control Systems for Skidata parking revenue control equipment for Stearns Wharf in an amount not to exceed \$84,500.

DISCUSSION:

In order to optimize the efficiency of the new Stearns Wharf parking equipment, staff recommends that a single exit column be installed. Currently, no exit column exists and patrons must pull up to the parking kiosk, hand their parking stub to the attendant, and either pay the correct fee or wait for the gate to open if no fee is required. During busy times of the day, this can cause a significant back-up of vehicles attempting to exit Stearns Wharf and can create safety hazards at the two Wharf crosswalks. Installing an exit column will allow patrons to insert their parking stub into the column; the system will read the stub while the patron pulls forward and allow them to either exit immediately or pay the appropriate fee to the attendant. This is the same system that is currently in operation at various lots managed by Downtown Parking and has proven effective at reducing vehicle back-ups.

Funding for the original purchase order and the proposed increase to fund the exit column is included in the Fiscal Year 2015 Waterfront Department Capital Budget. Installation of the Skidata equipment is tentatively scheduled to begin on March 23.

PREPARED BY: Brian J. Bosse, Waterfront Business Manager

SUBMITTED BY: Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director

APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office