



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: August 5, 2008
TO: Mayor and Councilmembers
FROM: Transportation Division, Public Works Department
SUBJECT: Las Positas/Mission Circulation Options Report - Cottage Hospital

RECOMMENDATION: That Council:

- A. Authorize the Public Works Director to negotiate and execute a professional services agreement with IBI Group and Penfield & Smith for the Las Positas/Mission Circulation Options Report in the amount of \$89,997, and approve expenditures in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for extra services that may result from necessary changes to the scope of work; and
- B. Increase estimated Fiscal Year 2009 Streets Capital Fund revenues by \$109,997 and appropriate the funds to the Streets Capital Budget.

DISCUSSION:

The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Cottage Hospital Seismic Compliance and Modernization Project required the completion of a Project Study Report (PSR) that would propose transportation improvements to the Las Positas and Mission Interchanges. These interchanges are some of the most congested intersections in the City. The EIR found that the Cottage Hospital Project would have significant traffic impacts to multiple intersections. The PSR is the initial step to planning, funding, and constructing needed improvements.

Staff is proposing a two-part process to fulfill this requirement. Phase I will be the development of a circulation options report. This step will include a public input process to narrow the project down to the most cost effective improvements and to make sure that Caltrans can support it. Phase II will be the drafting of the PSR for Caltrans' approval and will only include the option that was developed through the public input process.

On April 30, 2008, staff solicited proposals from qualified transportation engineering consulting firms for the preparation of the Las Positas/Mission Circulation Options Report. This report will investigate the causes of traffic congestion in the area and develop various options to improve Hospital area access to/from Highway 101 and areas west of the freeway. The development of improvement options will include an extensive public process and Caltrans' involvement. Staff is proposing to have the report completed and presented to City Council by January 2009.

Consultant Selection

On May 29, 2008, Staff received proposals from Higgins Associates/Hatch Mott MacDonald in the amount of \$102,424, DKS Associates and MNS Engineers in the amount of \$99,980, and IBI Group and Penfield & Smith in the amount of \$89,997. Interviews with these firms were held on June 19, 2008. Although all firms are well qualified, Transportation selected IBI Group and Penfield & Smith as the most qualified to perform the work. Staff believes that IBI Group and Penfield & Smith have the best public involvement process, will stay on schedule and budget, and have extensive project experience and local knowledge to develop the best circulation options. All three firms recommended developing circulation options prior to completing a PSR.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital, per Condition 10 of Resolution 020-05 for the Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital's Seismic Compliance and Modernization Project, is required to provide \$250,000 towards the funding of a Project Study Report (PSR). Because the circulation options report is a crucial step for the City in narrowing down the project scope of the PSR, Cottage Hospital will be funding the preparation of this report. Phase II will require a separate professional services agreement and will also be funded by Cottage Hospital.

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