



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

JOINT COUNCIL AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: August 24, 2010

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers
Chair and Boardmembers

FROM: Engineering Division, Public Works Department
Housing and Redevelopment Division, Community Development
Department

SUBJECT: Increase In Design Services For Lower West Downtown Lighting
Project

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council and the Redevelopment Agency Board authorize the Public Works Director to increase Contract No. 23,267 with Smith Engineering Associates (Smith) by \$9,420 for a total amount of \$38,090 for the final design of the Lower West Downtown Lighting Project (Project).

DISCUSSION:

BACKGROUND

The Project, developed as part of the Neighborhood Improvement Program, is the result of City initiatives to add more pedestrian and street lighting to the Lower West Downtown areas bounded by the 101 Freeway, Ortega Street on the north, and Chapala Street on the east (see Attachment). The preliminary and final Project design costs are funded with Community Development Block Grant funds, with the balance being funded by the Redevelopment Agency (RDA) Fund.

In January 2010, Council awarded a contract for the Project's final design in the amount of \$28,670 to Smith. A preliminary design purchase order for \$24,920 had already been approved in December 2009. The contract instructed Smith to prepare one large lighting project that encompassed the Project area. Smith completed an initial design with a construction cost estimate of \$2.25 million for the Project area. It is now proposed to phase the Project construction over three years at approximately \$750,000 per phase.

Staff is also requesting that the design include energy efficient Light Emitting Diode pedestrian and street lights. This, along with dividing the construction into three separate contracts of \$750,000 per phase, will increase the costs of final design. Staff has received a proposal of \$9,420 for added costs for Smith. Staff recommends its approval.

The design of the initial Phase (Phase 1) is scheduled to be completed this fall, with construction beginning in early 2011. The construction of Phase 1, which encompasses Haley Street, south to Highway 101, is being coordinated with the Haley/De La Vina Bridge Replacement Project. Phases 2 and 3 would be completed in subsequent years as RDA Capital funding permits.

FUNDING

There are sufficient appropriated funds in the Redevelopment Agency Capital Program to cover the cost of this increase.

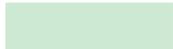
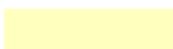
ATTACHMENT: Map of Lower West Downtown With Improvement Projects

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APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office



-  Lower West Downtown Lighting Project Phase 1
-  Lower West Downtown Lighting Project Phase 2
-  Lower West Downtown Lighting Project Phase 3

-  Ortega Pedestrian Improvements Project- complete
-  Brinkerhoff Ave. Street Lighting Project- in construction
-  Haley St. Bridge Replacement Project- in construction