

REPORT TO COUNCIL

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CONSENT
July 17, 2007

**Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council**

Title: Agreement: Sacramento City College Light Rail Station Pedestrian/Bicycle Crossing Project (PN: TK81)

Location/Council District: The proposed Sacramento City College Light Rail Station Pedestrian/Bicycle Crossing project is located north of Sutterville Road adjacent to and east of the Sacramento City College campus. (District 5)

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution** authorizing the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Lim and Nascimento Engineering (LAN Engineering) to provide a feasibility study for the design of the project for an amount not to exceed \$404,424.

Contact: Ryan Moore, Senior Engineer, (916) 808-8279; Tim Mar, Supervising Engineer, (916) 808-7531

Presenters: None

Department: Transportation

Division: Engineering Services

Organization No: 3435

Description/Analysis

Issue: A feasibility study for a new alternative mode connection from the Sacramento Regional Transit Station located on the Sacramento City College campus to Curtis Park Village is desired to provide alternative mode facilities between Sacramento City College/Light Rail Station and Curtis Park Village. This project is ranked sixth on the "Alternate Modes - Bikes/Pedestrians Bridges" section of the Transportation Programming Guide – 2006.

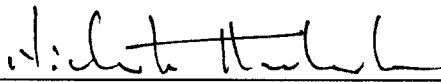
Policy Considerations: The action requested is consistent with the City's Strategic Plan goals of improving public safety and enhancing livability.

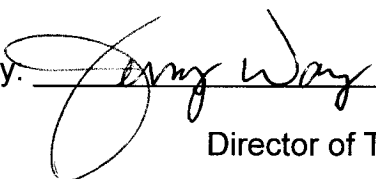
Environmental Considerations: The requested action is not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under its general rule (Section 15061(b)(3)). The project will undergo CEQA and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation as part of this professional services agreement.

Rationale for Recommendation: The Department of Transportation advertised a Request for Proposals for the project. LAN Engineering emerged as the top ranked firm for this project.

Financial Considerations: The City has been awarded a \$500,000 Community Development Grant by the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) for this study. As of June 26, 2007, the City College Pedestrian/Bicycle Crossing Project (PN: TK81) has an unobligated balance of \$492,820. The unobligated balance of \$492,820 is sufficient to execute the consultant contract for \$404,424.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): This project is funded through a SACOG grant and all Emerging and Small Business Enterprise (E/SBE) rules are held in abeyance. The City assigned a 20% E/SBE Availability Advisory to this project. LAN Engineers has pledged 41% participation.

Respectfully Submitted by: 
Nicholas Theocharides
Engineering Services Manager

Approved by: 
Jerry Way
Director of Transportation

Recommendation Approved:

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City Manager

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Attachment 1

Background Information:

The area around the Sacramento City College Light Rail (LRT) Station represents one of Sacramento's prime activity centers. Directly to the west sits the Sacramento City College main campus, serving over 24,000 students of all ages, with over one thousand staff and faculty members. Just west of the City College campus is William Land Park, which includes picnic sites, running paths, ponds, a small golf course, Funderland, Fairytale Town, and the Sacramento Zoo.

Directly to the east of the LRT station are the Union Pacific (UP) railroad tracks. The area directly east of the tracks is poised to become a regional model for Blueprint-supportive development, in the form of Curtis Park Village. After the 72-acre site was purchased in 2003, the developer undertook an extensive community outreach effort to engage the local community and determine how they envisioned the development moving forward. From this input, they have developed options that include both single-family and multi-family housing, neighborhood-serving retail, ground floor retail mixed-use opportunities, and 7 acres of park/open space. The plans include a street network that integrates with the current Curtis Park neighborhood, which contains roughly 2,500 households dating back to the 1920's. The development plan for Curtis Park Village is currently under environmental review.

It is desired to examine alternatives, costs, and environmental ramifications for a pedestrian/bicycle connection between the LRT Station on the west and Curtis Park Village to the east. These two major activity centers are divided by the UP railroad tracks, which create a significant barrier between the two. North of the LRT station, the UP alignment accommodates seven sets of heavy rail tracks, including storage tracks. Nearer to the station, there are two sets of LRT tracks and two sets of UP tracks. Currently pedestrian/bicycle traffic must travel south to Sutterville Road to traverse the rail lines. Sutterville Road is a multi-lane high speed facility that has sidewalks but no bike lanes.

The City applied for and received Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) funding for a feasibility study. The project is currently ranked sixth on the "Alternate Modes- Bikes/Pedestrians Bridges" section of the Transportation Programming Guide – 2006. The determination was made that the planned development of Curtis Park Village, and the potential increase in pedestrian/bicycle traffic crossing the rails, makes this project a logical choice at this time.

A request for proposals for professional services was advertised on the City website on March 23, 2006. A pre-proposal meeting was held on April 2, 2006. Five proposals were received from the following firms:

- David Evans & Associates
- LAN Engineering
- Nolte Associates
- TRC
- URS Corporation

A consultant selection panel was formed with one member from Sacramento Regional Transit, one member from Los Rios Community College District, and three members from the Department of Transportation (DOT). The consultant selection panel created a short list of three firms to invite to an interview. The short listed firms were:

- LAN Engineering
- Nolte Engineering
- David Evans & Associates

At the conclusion of the interviews, it was the unanimous decision of the panel to recommend that staff engage LAN Engineering in contract negotiations for professional services. LAN Engineering will perform a feasibility study for a new alternative mode connection from the Sacramento Regional Transit Station located on the Sacramento City College campus to Curtis Park.

DOT tentatively expects to complete the feasibility study and environmental documents by the summer of 2008. Final design and construction will not take place until funds become available for future phases of work.

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LAN
ENGINEERING TO PROVIDE CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR PROVIDING A
FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE DESIGN OF THE CITY COLLEGE LIGHT RAIL
STATION PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE CROSSING
(PN: TK81)**

BACKGROUND

- A. The City College Light Rail Station Pedestrian/Bicycle Crossing is located north of Sutterville Road on the Sacramento City College campus.
- B. Due to the ranking with in the Transportation Programming Guide, and the availability of Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) funding, the Department of Transportation is moving forward with the feasibility study at this time.
- C. Based on the quality of proposals submitted by consultants and the results of interviews with top ranked firms, Lim and Nascimento Engineering (LAN Engineering) has been selected to provide professional services for this project.

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

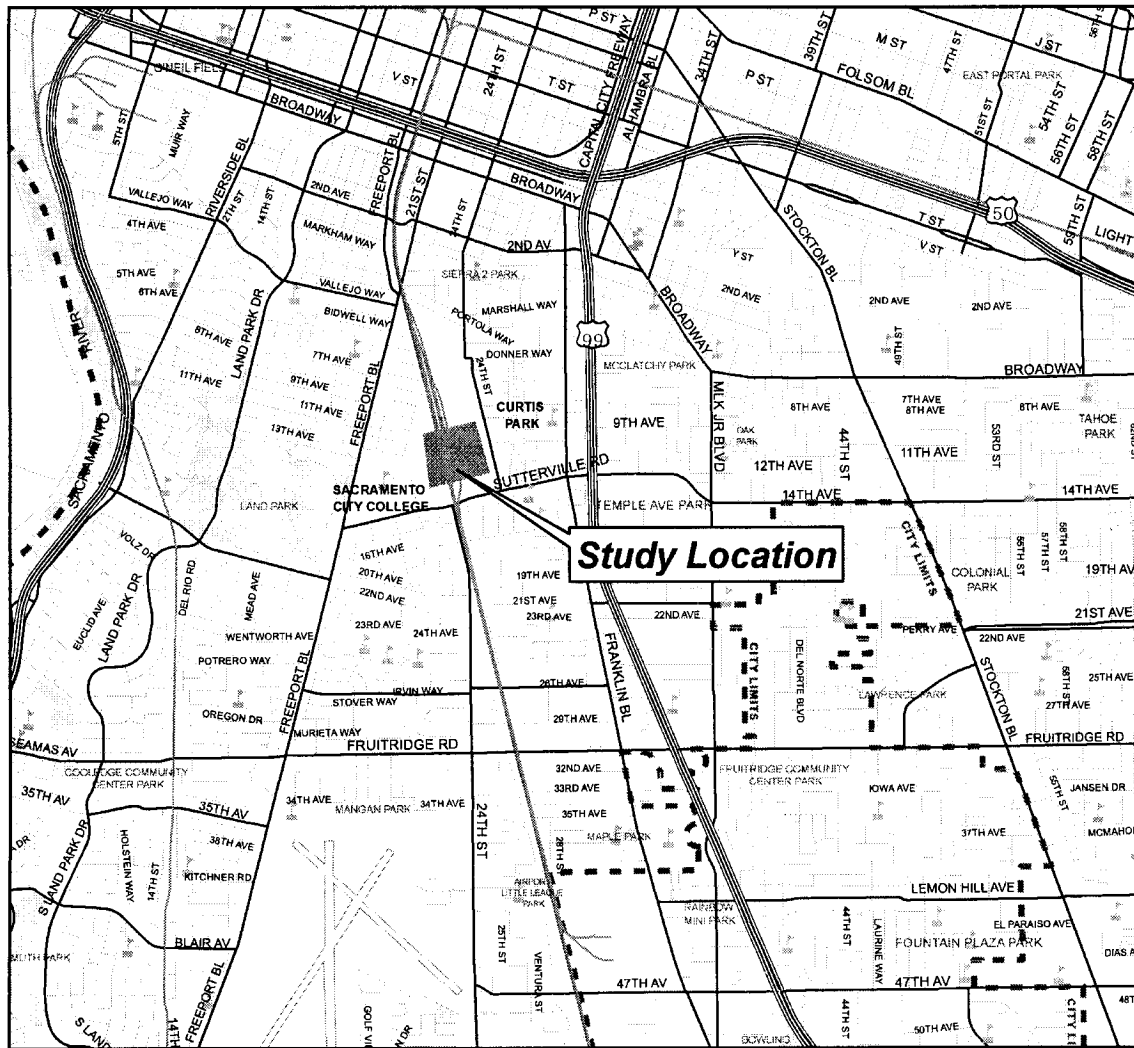
- Section 1. The City Manager is authorized to execute a Professional Services Agreement with LAN Engineering for an amount not to exceed \$404,424 for the City College Light Rail Station Pedestrian/Bicycle Crossing Feasibility Study.

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EXHIBIT A

Location Map for Sacramento City College Bicycle and Pedestrian Crossing Study (PN: TK81)



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TRANSPORTATION
City of Sacramento

Map Contact: S.Tobin
Map Date: June, 2007

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