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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: NORTHGATE BOULEVARD/ ARDEN-GARDEN CONNECTOR INTERSECTION PROJECT (PN: TG92) – APPROPRIATE FUNDS, APPROVE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, ACCEPT BID AND AWARD CONTRACT

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT:

Intersection of Northgate Boulevard and Arden-Garden Connector - Council District 1. (See location map - Attachment A).

RECOMMENDATION:

This report recommends that the City Council adopt the attached resolution:

- Appropriating funds in the amount of \$2,791,448 from Major Street Construction Tax Contingency (PN: TG92) (209-710-7012) to the Northgate Boulevard/Arden-Garden Connector Intersection Project;
- Approving the Plans and Specifications;
- Accepting the bid of Viking Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$3,674,801; and
- Authorizing and directing the City Manager to execute a contract in the amount of \$3,674,801 with Viking Construction Company, Inc.

**CONTACT PERSONS: Faramarz Ansari, Associate Civil Engineer, 808-1166
Tim Mar, Supervising Engineer, 808-7531**

FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: June 21, 2005

SUMMARY:

This report recommends that the City Council appropriate funds, approve the Plans and Specifications, and authorize and direct the City Manager to execute a construction contract with Viking Construction Company, Inc. for the Northgate Boulevard/ Arden-Garden Connector Intersection Project (PN: TG92).

The Project will widen Northgate Boulevard at the intersection of the Arden-Garden Highway Connector to provide an additional lane in the northbound and southbound direction to reduce congestion at the intersection and to provide bike lanes and sidewalks to improve pedestrian and bicycle access across the bridge over Steelhead Creek (also known as Natomas East Main Drainage Canal).

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:

None.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In 2000, HDR Engineering Inc. was hired to perform engineering services for the Elevating Northgate Boulevard project. The preliminary engineering and environmental analysis work performed for the project concluded that the cost for elevating Northgate Boulevard was too high relative to the benefit provided. Additionally, flood closure records showed that Northgate Boulevard closed infrequently due to flooding and would be flooded even less frequently with the re-operation of Folsom Dam.

The engineering analysis also showed that the intersection of Northgate Boulevard and Arden Garden Connector was in need of improvement. Specifically, the northbound approach has significant queues and the guardrail (at the southwest corner) is subject to frequent damage and repair due to the tight turn radius and narrowness of the bridge across Steelhead Creek. In June 2003, the City Council approved funding for the Arden-Garden/Northgate Intersection project in lieu of the Elevating Northgate Boulevard project.

The project was advertised and bids were received on May 18, 2005. The results are summarized below:

Contractor	Bid Amount	ESBE Participation
		Goal 20%
Shasta Construction Company, Inc.	\$3,605,368	13%
Viking Construction Company, Inc.	\$3,674,801	21%
MCM Construction Company, Inc.	\$4,370,889	18.9%

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The engineer's estimated construction cost was \$3,603,000.

The apparent low bidder, Shasta Construction Company, Inc. did not comply with the Non-Discrimination in Employee Benefits Ordinance (EBO) Certification requirements as presented in Addendum #1 to this solicitation dated May 5, 2005. Additionally, the Shasta proposal did not meet the required 20% ESBE project participation goal. For these reasons, the bid must be considered not responsive.

The lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the Northgate Boulevard/Arden-Garden Connector Intersection Project (PN: TG92) is Viking Construction Company, Inc. with a bid of \$3,674,801. It is recommended that the Contract be awarded to Viking Construction Company, Inc.

Project construction will start in Summer 2005 and will be completed by Winter 2005.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

As of June 6, 2005, the Northgate Boulevard/Arden-Garden Connector Intersection Project has an unobligated balance of \$1,721,885. The approval of additional funding in the amount of \$2,791,448 from Major Street Construction Tax Contingency (209-710-7012) will increase the total budget to \$5,287,900 and the unobligated amount to \$4,513,333, which is sufficient to execute the contract in the amount of \$3,674,801 with Viking Construction Company, Inc.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

On October 12, 2004, the City Council approved the project Mitigated Negative Declaration and adopted a Mitigation Reporting Program for the Northgate Boulevard/Arden-Garden Connector Intersection Project. The Environmental Services Manager has determined that the actions of directing staff to appropriate funds; approving the Plans and Specifications; accepting the bid of Viking Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$3,674,801; and authorizing and directing the City Manager to execute a contract in the amount of \$3,674,801 with Viking Construction Company, Inc. do not require further environmental evaluation. Therefore, the proposed actions fall within the analysis of the approved project Mitigated Negative Declaration.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

The actions requested, herein, are consistent with Sacramento City Code, Title 3. This project is consistent with the City of Sacramento's Strategic Plan goal of improving the transportation system.

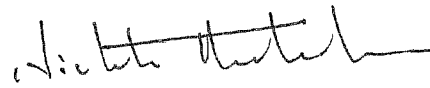
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ESBE CONSIDERATIONS:

Viking Construction Company Inc. met the City's 20% ESBE goal. To encourage small and emerging business participation, plans and specifications were sent to 14 plan rooms and construction service organizations for publication. All are directly involved with ESBE construction firms. Staff actively recruited available ESBE firms to participate in the bid process.

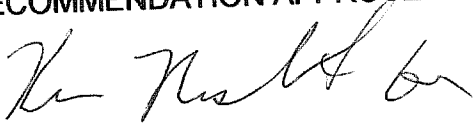
The project was also announced on the Project Information Line and on the City's Internet site at www.cityofsacramento.org.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicholas Theocharides
Engineering Services Manager

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:



ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager

Approved:



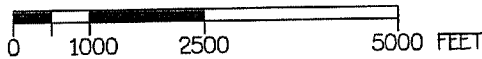
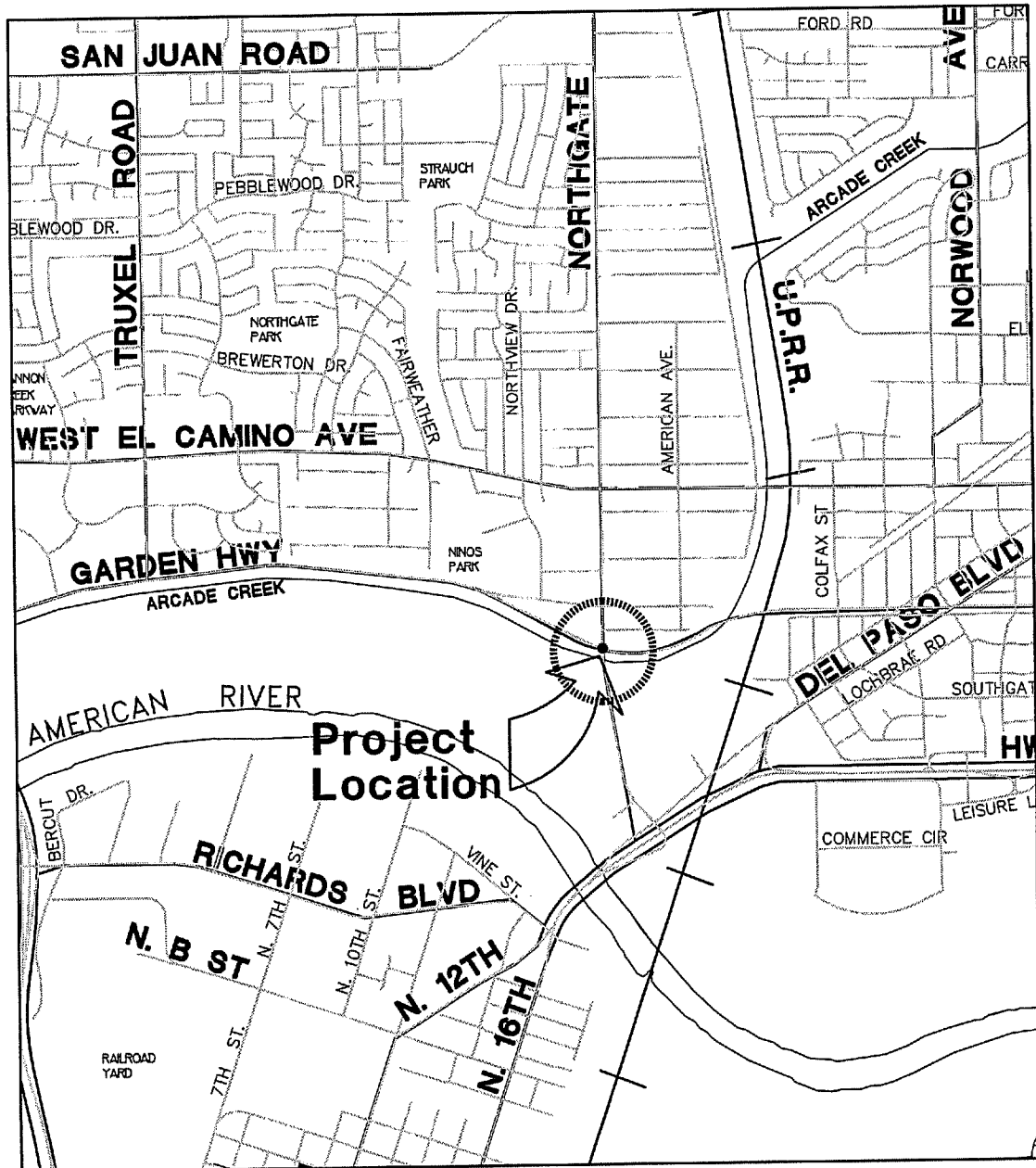
for: Marty Hanneman
Director, Department of Transportation

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PN: TG92
LOCATION MAP

RESOLUTION NO.

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO THAT:

1. The FY04/05 Capital Improvement Program budget is amended by appropriating \$2,791,448 from the Major Street Construction Tax Contingency (209-710-7012) to the Northgate Boulevard/Arden-Garden Connector Intersection Project (PN: TG92);
2. The Plans and Specifications for the Northgate Boulevard/Arden-Garden Connector Intersection Project (PN: TG92) are approved;
3. The low bid of Viking Construction Company Inc. in the amount of \$3,674,801 is accepted; and
4. The City Manager is authorized and directed to execute a contract in the amount of \$3,674,801 with Viking Construction Company Inc.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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DATE ADOPTED: _____