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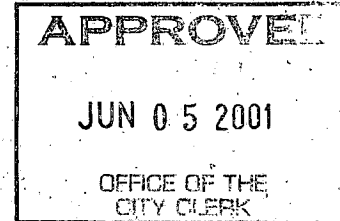
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City Council  
Sacramento, CA

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Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$158,842 WITH CH2MHILL FOR ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOR THE STATE ROUTE 160 (SR 160)/RICHARDS BOULEVARD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (PN: TU22)**

**LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT:**

State Route 160 at Richards Boulevard, Council District 1.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This report recommends that the City Council:

- Authorize the City Manager to execute the attached agreement in the amount of \$158,842 with CH2MHILL for engineering and environmental services for the Richards Boulevard/ State Route 160 (SR 160) Intersection Improvements project.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Ricky Chuck, Project Manager, 264-5050

**FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF:** June 5, 2001

**SUMMARY:**

This report recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with CH2MHILL for engineering design and preparation of environmental documentation for the Richards Boulevard/SR 160 Intersection Improvement.

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project. To avoid time delay with Caltrans and federal consultant contracting procedures, the City will fund the design phase of the project. Design and the environmental documentation will comply with Local Program Procedures to obtain Caltrans approval for the construction phase and to qualify the project for State Transportation Improvement funds in the 2002 funding cycle.

**COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:** None.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The SR 160 At-Grade project was funded with federal TEA-21 and Transportation Sales Tax funds for environmental and design work. The At-Grade project would improve access to SR 160 and reduce circuitous travel between Richards Boulevard, Natomas, North Sacramento, and Point West/Arden Fair areas.

The request for proposal for environmental study and design for the SR 160 At-Grade project was solicited together with project study and environmental services for the Sutters Landing Parkway project. The City received proposals from two firms: HDR Engineering and CH2MHILL. Staff completed the consultant selection process and contracted with CH2MHILL to perform preliminary scoping work to determine the costs, benefits, and impacts of re-operating SR 160 between Exposition and Richards Boulevard as a six-lane arterial street. The scoping work found that:

- The construction of a new intersection at Richards Boulevard and SR 160, and interchange improvements to add a westbound off-ramp and an eastbound on-ramp at Northgate Boulevard and SR 160, will increase access significantly.
- Improvements at Richards Boulevard and at Northgate Boulevard will reduce circuitous travel in the Richards Boulevard/SR 160 area, and indirect travel through North Sacramento along Arden Way and West El Camino Avenue.

Since the completion of the scoping work prepared by CH2MHILL, staff has negotiated agreements for the two elements of the SR 160 At-Grade projects, the Richards Intersection project and the Northgate Interchange Improvements project. Award of the contract services for the preliminary engineering and environmental analysis for the Northgate Interchange project is being brought to the Council for approval under a separate report.

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement with CH2MHILL for engineering design and preparation of the environmental documentation for the Richards Boulevard/SR 160 Intersection project.

Construction of the intersection improvements at SR 160 and Richards Boulevard was approved for federal TEA-21 funding by the Sacramento Transportation Authority in November 2000 and the project has been forwarded to SACOG for approval. The project is scheduled for construction in 2002.

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**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

The total project budget for the SR 160 At-Grade Project (PN:TU21) is \$1,230,625. The available unobligated amount for Richards Boulevard/SR 160 is \$199,414 which is sufficient to execute the proposed contract with CH2MHILL for the project.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

The approval of the consultant services agreement is not considered a project as defined by Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines. The activity involves no physical construction and has no potential to cause a significant impact on the environment.

**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

Award of this contract is consistent with Title 3 of the Sacramento City code.

**ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:**

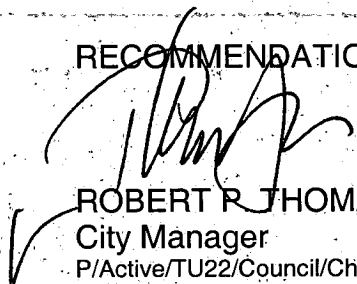
CH2MHILL has met the City's ESBE goal with 20.3% participation.

Respectfully submitted,



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Supervising Engineer

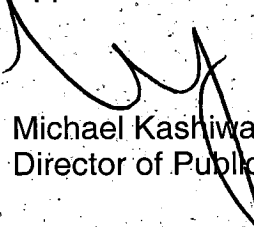
RECOMMENDATION APPROVED



ROBERT P. THOMAS  
City Manager

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Approved:



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Director of Public Works