



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

## City of Sacramento

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Consent  
July 17, 2007

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

**Title:** Contract: K Street Streetscape Project (KD71)

**Location/Council District:** K Street, between 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> streets, Council District 1

**Recommendation:** Adopt a **Resolution** authorizing the City Manager to award a contract to Walker Macy in the amount of \$602,400 to complete design refinement and construction documents necessary for phase one improvements of the K Street Streetscape project (KD71).

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**Presenters:** N/A

**Department:** Economic Development

**Division:** Downtown Development

**Organization No:** 4451

### Description/Analysis

**Issue:** On May 29, 2007, the City Council approved a K Street Streetscape design concept plan for the K Street Mall, between 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> streets, and St. Rose of Lima Park and allocated \$4 million of Merged Downtown Redevelopment tax increment funds for implementation of phase one improvements. Phase one improvements include the 700 block of K Street, St. Rose of Lima Park and the new RT platform station on 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

In order to proceed with planning and construction of the project, the City issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for landscape architecture firms to refine conceptual designs, for the corridor between 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> streets, and develop construction documents for phase one improvements. During design refinement, the consultant and City staff will work with all stakeholders through coordination with the City's Parks and Recreation Department, Downtown Sacramento Partnership (DSP) and Regional Transit (RT). The RFP was issued on May 18<sup>th</sup>

of this year. The City received three proposals from the following landscape architecture firms:

1. Amphion Environmental Inc. (Amphion)
2. WRG Design Inc.
3. Walker Macy

The evaluation committee was made up of representatives from the City of Sacramento, including the Downtown Development and Urban Design divisions, RT and the DSP. The evaluation committee evaluated the proposals and chose to interview Amphion and Walker Macy. Following the interviews, the evaluation committee recommended Walker Macy for the work.

Staff is recommending awarding a contract to Walker Macy in the amount of \$602,400. Walker Macy was selected for their prime experience in urban planning and design of pedestrian malls, transit malls, civic plazas, and/or related streetscape improvement projects. In addition, Walker Macy demonstrated the strongest understanding of the K Street Streetscape project and its coordination elements. The contract is on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

**Policy Considerations:** Streetscape improvements to K Street and St. Rose of Lima are consistent with the Amended Merged Downtown Redevelopment Plan and 2005-2009 Merged Downtown Redevelopment Implementation Plan and the J-K-L Corridor Charette. Completion of this project will eliminate blight by improving inadequate public infrastructure and will stimulate additional private investment.

**Environmental Considerations:** The requested actions are exempt under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines sections 15301(b) operation, repair or minor alteration of existing facilities of both investor and privately owned utilities; 15301(c) streetscape improvements such as sidewalks, lighting and landscaping and such improvements involve negligible or no expansion of capacity to accommodate vehicular traffic; 15303(d) new construction or conversion of water main, sewage, electrical, gas and other utility extensions; and 15304(b) new gardening and landscaping.

**Rationale for Recommendation:** The 2005-2009 Merged Downtown Implementation Plan identified a number of projects and programs necessary to implement the Downtown Redevelopment Strategy and catalyze Downtown. Amongst those projects and programs is the K Street Streetscape. The recommended action in this report is necessary to further the implementation of the K Street Streetscape project. This project will:

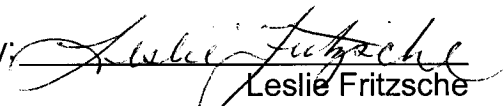
- Establish a strong urban aesthetic for the entire 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> street corridor;
- Set the stage for improved economic vitality;
- Create a compelling and inviting environment with updated street

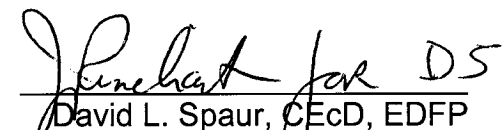
- furniture, planting and pavement – removing existing blight;
- Promote a sense of safety with increased pedestrian lighting and enhanced visibility;
- Balance the K Street corridor by creating an “Urban Plaza” feel on the west end of K Street, similar to the successful 13<sup>th</sup> and K Street plaza on the east end; and
- Improve RT’s operations with the introduction of a new station for the Gold Line, expanding their system and providing increased access for rider.

Design refinement and construction documents, for phase one improvements, should be completed by the end of this year. Staff anticipates a bid for construction issued by late 2007, with construction beginning in early 2008.

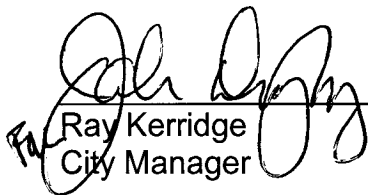
**Financial Considerations:** The total budget for the contract scope is \$602,400. This agreement shall be funded by the K Street Streetscape Capital Improvement Project (KD71), in an amount not to exceed \$602,400.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** This contract meets the City’s ESBD requirements.

Respectfully Submitted by:   
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Economic Development Director

Recommendation Approved:

  
Ray Kerridge  
City Manager

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## **RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

### **AWARD CONTRACT TO COMPLETE DESIGN REFINEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE PHASE ONE IMPROVEMENTS OF THE K STREET STREETScape PROJECT (KD 71)**

#### **BACKGROUND**

- A. The Redevelopment Agency of the City of Sacramento ("Agency") has adopted the Merged Downtown Redevelopment Plan ("Redevelopment Plan") and an Implementation Plan for the Merged Downtown Project Area ("Project Area").
- B. K Street, which is in the Merged Downtown Redevelopment Area, is undergoing significant redevelopment and investment.
- C. Design concepts for K Street Streetscape Improvements on K Street Mall, between 7<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> streets, and St. Rose of Lima Park were approved by City Council on May 29, 2007.
- D. Planned improvements to K Street's streetscape include new and consistent paving materials, street furniture, trash receptacles, landscaping, lighting, enhanced intersections, gateway elements and relocation of Regional Transit mini-high platform stations.
- E. Streetscape improvements to K Street are consistent with the Amended Merged Downtown Redevelopment Plan and 2005-2009 Merged Downtown Redevelopment Plan.

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

- Section 1.** The City Manager is authorized to award a contract to Walker Macy, in an amount not to exceed \$602,400, to complete design refinement and develop construction documents for phase one improvements of the K Street Streetscape project.