

**City of Culver City, California
Agenda Item Report**

Meeting Date: 05/13/13	Item Number: <u>C-3</u>
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM: (1) Approval of the Final Plans and Specifications and (2) Authorization to Publish a Notice Inviting Bids for Construction of the Linwood E. Howe Safe Routes to School Project, P-941	
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Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐	General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☒
Public Hearing: ☐	Action Item: ☐ Attachments: ☐
Commission Action Required: Yes ☐ No ☒ Date: _____	
Public Notification: (E-Mail) Agenda and Meetings – City Council (05/07/13); (E-Mail) the Culver City Bicycle Coalition; (Email) Safe Routes to School Committee.	
Department Approval: Charles D. Herbertson (05/02/13)	City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Baker) (05/07/13)
Chief Financial Officer Approval: Jeff Muir (by M. Noller) (05/07/13)	City Manager Approval: John M. Nachbar (05/07/13)

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council (1) approve the final plans and specifications and (2) authorize the publication of a notice inviting bids for the Linwood E. Howe Safe Routes to School Project, P-941.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

During the City Council meeting on April 8, 2013, a Public Hearing was held in order to give the public an additional opportunity to provide input for the project. As a result of that meeting, the following are the proposed modifications to the project:

- A reduction of nearly all curb-extensions from six feet to four feet. This reduction of two-feet from each curb extension on two sides of a street yields a gain of four additional feet for roadway width and a greater comfort as drivers execute their turns at the project intersections;
- The intersection with the greatest number of negative comments, Farragut Drive/Duquesne Avenue, has been dropped from the project;
- The specific corner with the second greatest number of negative comments, the northwest corner of Braddock Drive/Duquesne Avenue (the right turn from southbound Duquesne Avenue onto westbound Braddock Drive) has been removed from the project. The proposed physical improvements at the other three corners of this intersection remain part of the project, and the curb-extensions are proposed to be reduced from six feet down to four feet, as indicated previously. One exception is that the curb-extension at the northeast corner will be longer so that its curb aligns with the curb extension at the southeast corner;

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- At intersections with one-way streets (such as at A Street/Van Buren Place, Braddock Drive/Irving Place, Farragut Drive/Irving Place, and Farragut Drive/Van Buren Place), the curb-extensions are proposed to be of a longer length due to the lack of some of the turning movements;
- For the intersection of Braddock Drive/Lincoln Avenue, new perpendicular curb ramps are proposed. No curb extensions are proposed;
- For the intersection of Higuera Street/Lucerne Avenue, new high-visibility crosswalks and advanced STOP bars are proposed.

The engineering design firm hired by the City was directed to make revisions to the original plans to incorporate the aforementioned modifications. The revised plans are complete and available for review at the Engineering Division public counter.

Staff recommends the City Council approve the final plans and specifications and authorize staff to advertise for construction bids. It is anticipated that the City Council agenda report for award of the construction contract will be presented in June 2013.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

Approval of the plans and specifications and solicitation of bids does not create a fiscal impact. Should the City Council take the recommended actions this evening, the staff report recommending award of contract will be brought back for City Council approval with the appropriate fiscal analysis.

MOTIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the final plans and specifications for the Linwood E. Howe Safe Routes to School Project, P-941; and,
2. Authorize the publication of a notice inviting bids for construction of the Linwood E. Howe Safe Routes to School Project, P-941.