

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

Meeting Date: 08/10/09		Item Number: <u>C-4</u>	
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM: Approval of Final Plans and Specifications and Authorization to Advertise for Bids for the Washington Boulevard Pavement Rehabilitation Project, P-838, Federal Aid Project No. ESPL 5240(023).			
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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 (08/07/09)			
Department Approval: Charles D. Herbertson (08/03/09)		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Baker) (08/05/09)	
Chief Financial Officer Approval: Jeff Muir (by M. Noller) (08/05/09)		City Manager Approval:	
<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Staff recommends the City Council approve the final plans and specifications and authorize advertising for bids for the Washington Boulevard Pavement Rehabilitation Project, P-838, Federal Aid Project Number ESPL 5240-(023). <u>BACKGROUND:</u> Washington Boulevard between La Cienega Boulevard and La Cienega Avenue has been exhibiting severe roadway pavement stresses on the travel lane adjacent to the landscaped medians. The landscaped medians were installed in 1997. Soil investigations conducted by the on-call geotechnical engineering firm, PSI, found that the sub-grade soil conditions consist of clay with high moisture content. In some cases, clayey sub-grade soil can pump and cause pavement failures due to repetitive heavy traffic loads on the structural section. The Washington Boulevard Pavement Rehabilitation Project, P-838, will address the sub-grade conditions and reconstruct roadway pavement sections and median curbs. Several pavement repairs are also included between La Cienega Avenue and Helms Avenue. Willdan Engineering, under the on-call traffic engineering consultant contract with the City, completed the design and preparation of the plans and specifications under the supervision of the Engineering Division. The project is ready to be advertised for construction bids. A complete set of plans and specifications is available for review at the City Clerk's Office in City Hall.			

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DISCUSSION:

The project is funded through the federal government's economic stimulus program. The project is to be constructed through multiple stages in order to lessen the impact to the public. It is anticipated that there will be some inconveniences to the businesses and the residential community during the reconstruction of Washington Boulevard, primarily due to the intermittent loss of street parking on Washington Boulevard and traffic delays.

Approximately 30 street parking spaces on Washington Boulevard will be unavailable during construction. To address the temporary loss of street parking along Washington Boulevard, staff will implement the following adjustments during construction:

1. Permit Parking on Reid and Sentney Avenues:

Temporarily lift the permit parking 2-hour restrictions on Sentney and Reid Avenues to allow parking from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm for business (employees and customers) along Washington Boulevard.

2. Implement Early Street Sweeping Operation:

On street sweeping days on Sentney, Reid, Roberts, McManus, and Fay Avenues, limit the hours of parking restriction to only from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 am in lieu of the regular 8:00 am to 12:00 p.m. This would allow both residents and businesses (employees and customers) to park on these streets after 9:00 AM.

Staff has coordinated with both the Police Department Traffic Enforcement and Public Works Department/Environmental Programs and Operations Division for the proposed temporary adjustment of the street sweeping schedule and parking restrictions.

Prior and during construction, changeable text message signs will be located at critical junctions advising motorists of the construction on Washington Boulevard and potential delays and suggesting the use of Venice Boulevard.

The proposed construction contract award is scheduled to occur in September 2009. The construction of the project is expected to commence in October 2009 and is slated to be completed by December. Work will be suspended during the week of Thanksgiving.

Community Meetings

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Staff conducted three community outreach meetings and attended one East Culver City Neighborhood Alliance sponsored meeting to provide to residents and businesses an understanding of the scope of work, tentative project schedule, parking and traffic mitigation plans and the potential impacts to the community. The meetings also provided the residents and businesses an opportunity to discuss any concerns related to the proposed construction project. Their concerns were addressed primarily by changing the start of construction to October so as not to impact openings of art exhibits at several businesses.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

As part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) signed into federal law in February 2009, Culver City is allocated \$1,196,174 of Highway Funds, of which \$670,000 is designated for Washington Boulevard Pavement Rehabilitation Project, \$400,000 for Culver Boulevard Pavement Resurfacing (Elenda Avenue to Commonwealth Avenue), and \$126,174 partial funding for the Ballona Creek Bike Path Landscape Project (Overland Avenue to Pedestrian Bridge). The City also received additional competitive ARRA funds (transportation enhancement) for the Ballona Creek Bike Path Landscape Project in the amount of \$350,000.

When the request to award a contract is brought to the City Council in the near future, a budget amendment will be requested at that time to appropriate the ARRA grant funding allocated for this project.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Vicinity Map

MOTIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the final plans and specifications for the Washington Boulevard Pavement Rehabilitation Project, P-838 Federal Aid Project No. ESPL 5240-(023) and,
2. Authorize advertising for construction bids for the Washington Boulevard Pavement Rehabilitation Project, P-838 Federal Aid Project No. ESPL 5240-(023).