

CONSENT CALENDAR
July 16, 2013

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: (Christine Daniel, City Manager

Submitted by: Andrew Clough, Director, Public Works

Subject: Contract No. 9180 Amendment: Chrisp Company for Roadway

Thermoplastic Markings

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 9180 with Chrisp Company for thermoplastic roadway markings, increasing the contract by an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for a revised total contract not to exceed \$1 million.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Additional 1-time funding will be recommended for appropriation through the FY 2014 first amendment to the appropriations ordinance, or subsequent budget actions. Funds will come from projects including the 4th Bore Settlement Caltrans Grant Fund for Ashby Corridor Improvements Project (11TP11), the Traffic Calming Capital Improvement Fund (13TP01), or The Alameda Restriping Project (13TP01), none to exceed \$200,000. The expenditure for each project will be based on the same unit costs submitted by Chrisp Company in its original low bid proposal.

Original contract: Special Gas Tax Improvement Fund (369).......\$750,000
Contract amendment: Highway 13 Corridor Improvements Caltrans Grant Fund (674),
and Capital Improvement Fund (610) \$250,000
Total amended not-to-exceed amount \$1,000,000

The Contract Management System number is CMS No. BKVXS.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The City has a 3 year contract with Chrisp Company, from January 31, 2013 through January 30, 2016, for the installation of roadway thermoplastic marking services throughout the City, for a total cost not to exceed \$750,000. Chrisp Company was previously awarded the contract because it was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Based on expenditures of \$250,000 per year, the City is anticipating fully exhausting the authorized amount shortly before the contract expires. The additional planned work is primarily for installation of much needed roadway thermoplastic markings on the existing roadway system to provide and maintain safer and more

efficient travel conditions for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists. For the additional work contemplated by this amendment, Chrisp Company has agreed to hold firm the unit costs it previously provided that led to it being awarded the low bid contract.

Furthermore, The City is currently in the process of designing and implementing various minor and major roadway improvements, such as 4th Bore settlement-funded bicycle and pedestrian improvements along the State Route 13 (Tunnel Road/Ashby Avenue) corridor estimated at \$180,000; reconfiguration of The Alameda, estimated at \$60,000; and several intersections where high visibility crosswalks are proposed. Staff would like to install these high visibility crosswalks in the short term under this contract, while staff continues the final design and public process at the other intersection locations.

BACKGROUND

The 4th Bore settlement funds are provided to the City as part of a \$2 million settlement between Caltrans and the 4th Bore Coalition of neighborhood groups. The settlement was allocated to Regional Measure 2 funds, regulated and dispensed by the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) to the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC), and provided, on a reimbursement basis, to the City of Berkeley.

In April 2011, the Berkeley City Council, based on discussions with public groups and the City Transportation Commission, approved a list of "Tier 1 Improvements" that would be studied and implemented with the \$2 million settlement. Some high priority projects on this list include striping improvements that could be fully implemented by Chrisp, as they are already under contract to provide striping and pavement marking services as needed. Specific improvements may include implementing bike lanes on Tunnel Road, and bicycle "sharrow" markings on portions of Domingo, El Camino Real, and The Uplands.

The Alameda reconfiguration project is proposed to modify the pavement markings on The Alameda between Solano and Yolo in order to provide bike lanes and dedicated left turn lanes. This received support from the Transportation Commission in October 2011, and was subsequently placed on the Traffic Calming Capital Improvement Project list for implementation as funding became available. In December 2012, Council adopted a complete streets policy with a goal of serving all modes of transportation, and this project is consistent with that policy. Based on recommendations from the Commission in spring 2013 to increase funding for implementation of traffic calming projects, the current Public Works budget includes a 1-time increase of \$135,000 for implementation, along with two other projects. With this contract amendment, reconfiguration can be completed without impact to other necessary pavement marking maintenance activities.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Implementing projects funded by the 4th Bore settlement as soon as possible serves the interest of many residents effected by the impending opening of the Caldecott Tunnel 4th Bore, which, according to the Caltrans website, is scheduled to open to traffic in late 2013. Staff proposes to utilize a part of the existing on-call striping contract with Chrisp Company to implement some of the improvements from settlement funding before the

4th Bore Tunnel opens. Similarly, other significant pavement marking work, such as The Alameda reconfiguration project, can be completed in a timely manner avoiding peak traffic seasons. The contract amendment allows this additional striping work to be completed without reducing the capacity to perform ongoing maintenance of pavement markings and crosswalks throughout the City.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

The desired new bike and pedestrian markings on the State Route 13 corridor, The Alameda, and other locations could be installed by Chrisp Company without a contract amendment. However that would significantly reduce the financial capacity for the contractor to perform regular pavement marking maintenance that has been planned, at the same pricing as already specified in the contract.

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

CONTRACT NO. 9180 AMENDMENT: CHRISP COMPANY FOR ROADWAY THERMOPLASTIC MARKINGS

WHEREAS, the City has a 3 year contract with Chrisp Company for the installation of roadway thermoplastic marking services throughout the City, from January 31, 2013 through January 30, 2016 for a total cost not to exceed \$750,000; and

WHEREAS, the City is anticipating fully exhausting the authorized amount shortly before the contract expires on the installation of much needed roadway thermoplastic markings on the existing roadway system to provide and maintain safer and more efficient travel conditions for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists; and

WHEREAS, the City is currently in the process of designing and implementing major roadway improvements on the Highway 13 corridor as a result of a settlement agreement that occurred in January 2009 between Caltrans and the 4th Bore Coalition (FBC), a neighborhood coalition consisting of many Berkeley residents, to accept the terms of a settlement with Caltrans that included a payment of \$2 million for various roadway improvement projects along the Highway 13 corridor to alleviate the transportation issues anticipated to result from the Caldecott 4th Bore project; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Berkeley, based on discussions with public groups and the City Transportation Commission, approved a list of "Tier 1 Improvements" that would be studied and implemented with the \$2 million settlement. Council also authorized the City Manager to enter into the necessary agreements with the agencies listed above in order to accept and use the funds to deliver as many of the Tier 1 improvements as possible with the \$2 million; and

WHEREAS, some high priority projects include striping and signing improvements that could be fully implemented by Chrisp Company and they are already under contract to provide striping and pavement marking services as needed. Specifically, improvements include implementing bike lanes on Tunnel Road and bicycle "sharrow" markings on portions of Domingo, El Camino Real, and The Uplands. These striping and marking improvements were identified as needed bicycle improvements in both the City and County Bicycle Plans. In addition, there are several intersections where high visibility crosswalks are proposed; and

WHEREAS, Chrisp Company has agreed to maintain the same unit costs from the contract through all work to be completed through this amendment;

WHEREAS, The Alameda reconfiguration project is proposed to modify the pavement markings on The Alameda between Solano and Yolo in order to provide bike lanes and dedicated left turn lanes; and WHEREAS, on October 20, 2011 the Transportation Commission voted to proceed with the project and subsequently supported placing the project on the Traffic Calming Capital Improvement Project list for implementation as funding became available; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2014 budget included a one-time increase of \$135,000 to fund implementation of The Alameda reconfiguration and two other projects; and

WHEREAS, additional 1-time funding of up to \$250,000 will be allocated from the FY 2014 budget from the 4th Bore Settlement Fund for Highway 13 Corridor Improvements (674) and the traffic calming Capital Improvement Program (610) and will be included in the first amendment to the appropriation ordinance in the fall, and the contract has been entered into the City's database as CMS No. BKVXS.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute an amendment to Contract No. 9180 with Chrisp Company to increase the contract amount by \$250,000 for a revised total contract not to exceed \$1 million to provide and install thermoplastic roadway markings. A record signature copy of said agreement and any amendments to be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.