



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
October 23, 2007

To: PK Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Phil Kamlarz, City Manager
 Submitted by: Claudette Ford, Public Works Director
 Subject: Contract No. 6927A Amendment: Korve Engineering (DMJM Harris) for On-Call Traffic Engineering Services

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the Contract No. 6927A with Korve Engineering, now known as DMJM Harris, for on-call traffic engineering services; increasing the amount by \$50,000 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$140,000; and extending the term to April 14, 2006 to December 31, 2008.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The \$50,000 for this extended contract is currently budgeted in FY 2008 in budget code 610-4950-431-3035. The CMS number is UVUN5.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The existing contract awarded to DMJM Harris for \$90,000 is experiencing a rapid draw down due to a flurry of proposed developments and incoming requests for various traffic studies. In an effort to be proactive and minimize future delay in assigning of traffic engineering-related tasks, the Transportation Division of the Public Works Department would like to be able to replenish its resources, especially for situations where tight deadlines need to be met or special expertise is required.

BACKGROUND

Since 1999 the City has hired outside traffic engineering consultants to assist staff in handling its workload. The increasing volume of major development projects has increased the workload to a point where the Transportation Division needs additional professional help to reduce the backlog of work. Traffic engineering consultants augment the services of permanent staff, especially in meeting critical deadlines.

DMJM Harris (formerly Korve Engineering) was selected as the on-call traffic engineers for the City, as a result of the City's request for proposals sent out in July 2005.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Given that DMJM Harris is already working on a number of projects for the City and is familiar with the priorities and sensitivities of traffic-related issues in the City of Berkeley, it makes logical and financial sense to extend their contract as opposed to hiring another traffic engineering consultant for the expected additional tasks.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

The only alternative would be to postpone indefinitely the execution of certain assignments.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

CONTRACT AMENDMENT: CONTRACT NO. 6927A, KORVE ENGINEERING (DMJM HARRIS) FOR ON-CALL TRAFFIC ENGINEERING SERVICES

WHEREAS, outside traffic engineering consultants are needed to augment the services of permanent staff where tight deadlines are at issue or special expertise is required; and

WHEREAS, the City since 1999 has hired outside traffic engineering consultants to assist staff in handling heavy workloads; and

WHEREAS, the existing Contract No. 6927A with DMJM Harris is for a total not to exceed \$90,000 contract with an expiration date of October 31, 2007; and this amendment will increase the not to exceed amount to \$140,000 with an expiration date of December 31, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the sheer volume of demand for DMJM Harris services is rapidly consuming the said contract and there is a long queue of traffic engineering tasks that still need to be worked on; and

WHEREAS, the funds for this contract extension in the amount \$50,000 are available in the Capital Improvement Fund (610-4950-431-3035). The CMS No. is UVUN5.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute an amendment to the contract with Korve Engineering, now known as DMJM Harris, for on-call traffic engineering services; increasing the amount by \$50,000 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$140,000; and extending the term to April 14, 2006 to December 31, 2008. A record signature copy of said contract and any amendments to be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

