



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
September 29, 2009

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: *PK* Phil Kamlarz, City Manager
Submitted by: Claudette R. Ford, Director, Public Works
Subject: Contract: Alta Planning + Design for Architectural and Engineering Services for the Ninth Street Bicycle Boulevard Extension Project

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments, extensions or other change orders with Alta Planning + Design in an amount not to exceed \$147,000 to provide architectural and engineering design services for the Ninth Street Bicycle Boulevard Extension project for the period October 1, 2009 through October 1, 2011.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The contract will be for a two-year period and will be paid for with existing budgeted funds. Funding is available in the FY 2010 Budget in an allocation from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission Development (MTC) fund) and the Transportation Fund for Clean Air Fund (TFCA)

Alta Planning + Design	\$122,443
20% Contingency	\$24,557
Total design cost	\$147,000

Budget Codes:

MTC Article 3 Fund:	614-5212-431-3035 Project Code(01TP11)	\$85,000
TFCA fund:	613-5212-431-3035 Project Code(01TP11)	\$62,000
Total budget		\$147,000

The Contract Management System Number is G3JQJ.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The 9th Street Drill Track ROW is in need of development into a multi-use pathway to provide a safe, convenient, and legal crossing for pedestrians and bicyclists from southwest Berkeley into the existing City Bicycle Boulevard network and to the new West Berkeley Bowl grocery store. Portions of the surrounding streets (Folger Avenue, Murray Street and Ninth Street will also be repaired and rehabilitated as part of this project to make further improvements to the neighborhood.

BACKGROUND

This project will design and construct a multi-use path connecting Berkeley's Ninth Street Bicycle Boulevard to the Doyle Street Greenway in Emeryville. The path will close the existing gap in bicycle facilities between the intersection of Heinz and Ninth Streets in West Berkeley and the Emeryville City limit. The pathway will be constructed on City of Berkeley right of way. Upon completion, the project will provide a safe, direct bicycle crossing of Ashby Avenue, offering cyclists an unbroken, regional route through Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville and into Oakland.

On July 22, 2009, the City issued a Request for Qualifications for design services for the Ninth Street Bicycle Boulevard Extension project, Specification No. 10-10456-C. Ten (10) firms submitted their Statements of Qualifications. A panel of City staff reviewed the qualifications statements, and a short list of the top 4 firms was developed. The firms were invited to an interview. Alta Planning + Design was chosen as the best qualified firm to provide the services needed by the City.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The City Council adopted the Berkeley Bicycle Plan on April 4, 2000. On June 26, 2007, Council approved the Acquisition of the 9th Street Drill Track ROW (Ordinance No. 6986). The Ninth Street Bicycle Boulevard Extension is an important component of the Bicycle Plan. This contract will give Public Works the ability to provide architectural and engineering services for a timely completion of the project. The City does not have sufficient resources to design the project. As such, it is necessary to contract with an outside firm. Alta Planning + Design is the most qualified firm to provide the architectural and engineering services for this project.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

No alternative action was deemed feasible. The City does not have in-house resources to provide the needed services in a timely fashion to meet grant deadlines.

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

CONTRACT: ALTA PLANNING + DESIGN FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR DESIGN OF THE NINTH STREET BICYCLE BOULEVARD EXTENSION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City purchased the Ninth Street Drill Track Right-of-Way on June 26, 2007 (Ordinance No. 6,986-N.S); and

WHEREAS, the necessary architectural and engineering services cannot be performed by City staff due to the specialized nature of the work and resources required to meet the grant deadlines; and

WHEREAS, the desired architectural and engineering services will be needed for a period of two years for an amount not to exceed \$147,000; and

WHEREAS, a request for qualifications, Specification No. 10-10456-C, was released on July 22, 2009, with 10 firms responding; and Alta Planning + Design was selected as the best qualified firm meeting the City's needs; and

WHEREAS funds are available from the MTC Article 3 fund (614-5212-431-3035-01TP11) and TFCA fund (613-5212-431-3035-01TP11); the contract has been entered into the City database with CMS number G3JQJ.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute a contract and any amendments, extensions or change orders, with Alta Planning + Design, to provide architectural and engineering services for the design of the Ninth Street Bicycle Boulevard Extension project, in an amount not to exceed \$147,000 for all services and reimbursable expenses for the period of October 1, 2009 through October 1, 2011. A record signature copy of said agreement and all amendments to be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

