



# NEWPORT BEACH

## City Council Staff Report

January 9, 2024  
Agenda Item No. 7

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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**TITLE:** Newport Boulevard Landscape Improvements (Industrial Way to Pacific Coast Highway) and West Coast Highway Landscaping Improvements (West City Limits to Highland St.) – Award of Contract No. 9226-1 (23L01)

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### **ABSTRACT:**

Staff has received construction bids for the Newport Boulevard Landscape Improvements and West Coast Highway Landscaping Improvements project and requests City Council approval to award the construction contract to Marina Landscape Inc. The project includes installing irrigation in the Newport Boulevard median from Industrial Way to Hospital Road and improving the landscaping in the median from Industrial Way to West Coast Highway and the slopes from Industrial Way to Hospital Road. Also included is the irrigation and landscaping of the north side of West Coast Highway from the Santa Ana River to Highland Street.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- a) Find this project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 (h) (maintenance of existing landscaping) of the CEQA Guidelines, because this project has no potential to have a significant effect on the environment;
- b) Approve the project plans and specifications;
- c) Approve Budget Amendment No. 24-040 transferring project savings from General Fund CIP and Neighborhood Enhancement unappropriated fund balance and appropriating \$14,930 in increased expenditures in Account No. 01201927-980000-24L01 and \$249,730 in increased expenditures in Account No. 53601-980000-23L01;
- d) Award Contract No. 9226-1 to Marina Landscape Inc. for the base bid price of \$574,298.52 (West Coast Highway and Newport medians) plus additive Newport Blvd West Slope for \$224,504.45 and additive Newport Blvd East Slope for \$227,317.99, for a total price of \$1,026,120.96, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the contract;

- e) Establish a contingency of \$50,000 (approximately 5% of total bid) to cover the cost of unforeseen work not included in the original contract; and
- f) Approve Landscape Maintenance Agreement with Caltrans for Newport Boulevard and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement.

**DISCUSSION:**

The City of Newport Beach wishes to improve the appearance of the existing median and slope landscape on Newport Boulevard as it serves as a main entrance to the City. This project shall mimic, in general, the recent median design for West Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) medians and the Dover Drive medians installed several years ago. The adjacent parkway slopes are included as additive items in this bid, which staff is recommending to complete at the same time. The parkway slope improvements will enhance the visual appearance, but retain a majority of the ice plant, trees, and shrubs and will be supplemented with other compatible material to create a strong and cohesive appearance. The median enhancements will include grubbing and clearing of all the understory shrub plantings, while retaining the existing Mediterranean Fan and Windmill Palms.

This project also includes the parkway area on the westbound side of PCH along the mobile home park frontage at the far west end of the City. Proposed improvements will complement the landscaping on the south side of PCH. The plant palette will be a colorful mix of shrubs and low ground cover such as: bougainvillea, natal plum, aloes, agave, coral trees, and fan palms.

Caltrans has issued encroachment permit 12-23-N-CS-0566 for the work on West Coast Highway and encroachment permit 12-23-N-LM-0567 for the work on Newport Boulevard.

At 10 a.m. on December 12, 2023, the City Clerk opened and read the following bids for this project:

	<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>TOTAL BID AMOUNT</u>
Low	Marina Landscape Inc.	\$1,026,120.96
2nd	Seed Landcare	\$1,201,644.33
3rd	Mariposa Landscapes, Inc.	\$1,453,101.97
4th	KASA Construction, Inc.	\$1,469,997.30
5th	Environmental Construction, Inc.	\$1,928,369.40

The apparent low bidder for this project, Marina Landscape Inc., submitted a bid approximately 3.1% more than the Engineer's Estimate of \$995,000. Marina Landscape Inc. submitted all the necessary forms and possesses Classification "A" and "C-27" Licenses as required by the project specifications. A check of the contractor's references indicates satisfactory completion of similar projects for other public agencies.

Work necessary to complete this contract consists of median landscape and irrigation work in Newport Boulevard and landscape and irrigation work in the setback area of West Coast Highway. Marina Landscape Inc. will have 90 consecutive working days to complete the work once given the notice to proceed. Initial work is expected to begin in early 2024.

Project plans and specifications will be available for review at the January 9, 2024 City Council meeting or upon request.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

With the approval of the attached Budget Amendment, sufficient funding will be available and expensed to the following accounts in the Capital Improvement budget. Project savings from the Balboa Boulevard Median Improvement (19R11) and Slope Erosion Control (17M12) projects are included in this funding. After project savings, the General Fund CIP has approximately \$5.8 million in reserves and the Neighborhood Enhancement Fund has approximately \$1.7 million in reserves.

<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Account Number</u>		<u>Amount</u>
General Fund – CIP	01201927-980000-24L01	\$	379,065.46
Neighborhood Enhancement	53601-980000-23L01	\$	698,055.50
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,077,120.96</b>

Proposed fund uses are as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Purpose</u>		<u>Amount</u>
Marina Landscape Inc.	Construction Contract	\$	1,026,120.96
Marina Landscape Inc.	Construction Contingency	\$	50,000.00
Various	Incidentals, Printing	\$	1,000.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,077,120.96</b>

Staff recommends establishing \$50,000 (approximately 5% of total bid) for contingency purposes and unforeseen conditions associated with construction.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:**

Staff recommends the City Council find this project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 (h) (maintenance of existing landscaping) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential to have a significant effect on the environment.

**NOTICING:**

The agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Council considers the item).

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Attachment A – Location Map
- Attachment B – Budget Amendment
- Attachment C – Landscape Maintenance Agreement with Caltrans