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City Council Staff Report

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Agenda Item No. 9

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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TITLE: Old Newport Boulevard and West Coast Highway Modifications –
Amendment No. Five to Professional Services Agreement with
Kreuzer Consulting Group (Contract No. 5244)

ABSTRACT:

Staff requests City Council approval to amend a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with RAK Development, Inc. DBA Kreuzer Consulting Group (KCG) for civil engineering design services. The amendment includes additional services for redesigned plans, utility coordination, right of way engineering and final plans. The amendment increases the not-to-exceed amount by \$139,129 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$669,938.

RECOMMENDATION:

- a) Find the requirement for environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") is satisfied by Caltrans preparation and filing of an Initial Study and Negative Declaration in accordance with CEQA and the CEQA guidelines. The IS/ND concludes that no significant impact on the environment would occur when following Caltrans standards and conditions and no mitigation measures are necessary. Caltrans adopted the IS/ND in February 2017;
- b) Approve Amendment No. Five to Kreuzer Consulting Group's PSA, to add \$139,129 to the current contract for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$669,938, extend contract to June 30, 2023; and
- c) Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the amendment.

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS:

The current adopted CIP budget includes sufficient funding for this Amendment. It will be expensed to Account No. 12101-980000-15R19 (Gas Tax) for the Old Newport Boulevard West Coast Highway Modifications Project. State Gas Tax Funds are restricted for maintenance of the street and highway system.

DISCUSSION:

The proposed project is located at the intersection of Old Newport Boulevard and West Coast Highway in the City of Newport Beach. The project limits begin approximately 1,000 feet east, and end 400 feet west of Newport Boulevard along West Coast Highway. Currently on West Coast Highway, there are three westbound and two eastbound lanes within the project limits. The third westbound lane terminates as a right turn lane at Old Newport Boulevard. The proposed improvements involve adding a third through lane, a right turn pocket at Old Newport Boulevard, and a bike lane on the north side of West Coast Highway. Old Newport Boulevard will be realigned further to the west at the intersection with West Coast Highway. This project will include storm drain modifications, landscape and irrigation improvements, utility relocation and adjustments, and signing and striping.

The project limits of West Coast Highway and Old Newport Boulevard are currently under Caltrans' jurisdiction and staff will be coordinating with Caltrans during the final design and right of way (ROW) negotiation. Design efforts will be funded by State Gas Tax Funds. It will be necessary to identify funding for construction in the CIP budget process in future years.

The intent of the original PSA approved on May 14, 2013 was for the City to act as lead agency for Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/ND) CEQA approvals. After meeting several times with Caltrans to discuss the project and environmental scope, along with submitting a letter to Caltrans on September 24, 2013 requesting that the City act as CEQA lead agency designation, Caltrans chose to retain lead agency status for preparation and processing of the IS/ND. Caltrans' extensive requirements for their CEQA documents included: greater use of stand-alone reports, the use of specific Caltrans reporting templates and a longer internal review process. Amendment No. One increased scope and fee to address the substantial increase in cost, time, research coordination, reporting and review period that resulted from Caltrans acting as the lead agency for IS/ND approvals. The amount of Amendment No. One was \$115,920.

The second and third amendments extended the term of the consultant's agreement. Amendment No. Four was requested in 2018 in the amount of \$90,155 to complete additional environmental reports and studies required for the Caltrans IS/ND.

Earlier this year staff met with Caltrans and Caltrans decided to change direction and move forward with a design alternative found in the IS/ND. The design alternative is also the City's preferred alternative since it includes realigning Old Newport Boulevard, which will greatly improve the geometrics, safety, and capacity of the intersection.

The amendment will take the existing plan set for the original design and redesign it to match the preferred approved design alternative as outlined in the IS/ND. The work includes redesign of the existing storm drain infrastructure that lies underneath the realigned road, ROW engineering, and services to complete project plans, specifications and estimate for bidding.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

Caltrans has prepared filed an Initial Study and Negative Declaration in accordance with CEQA and the CEQA guidelines. The IS/ND concludes that no significant impact on the environment would occur when following Caltrans standards and conditions and no mitigation measures are necessary. Caltrans adopted the IS/ND in February 2017.

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 – Amendment No. Five to Professional Services Agreement with Kreuzer Consulting Group