



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Public Works



Date: December 18, 2015
Board Meeting Date: January 26, 2016
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors, Acting as the Governing Board of the Menlo Park Highway Lighting District

From: James C. Porter, Director of Public Works

Subject: Menlo Park Highway Lighting District Series Lighting Conversion Project in the Redwood City Area (County Project No. LM004, Project File No. 1/4922)

RECOMMENDATION:

Acting as the Governing Board of the Menlo Park Highway Lighting District, adopt a resolution increasing the “Not-to-Exceed” amount of the contract with Tennyson Electric, Inc., for the Menlo Park Highway Lighting District Series Lighting Conversion Project, by \$50,000, for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$320,407.

BACKGROUND:

On September 9, 2014, your Board adopted Resolution No. 073366, which adopted plans and specifications, including conformance with prevailing wage scale requirements, and called for sealed bids for the Menlo Park Highway Lighting District (District) Series Lighting Conversion Project (Project).

On October 21, 2014, your Board adopted Resolution No. 073437, which awarded and authorized execution of a construction contract, for the Project, with Tennyson Electric, Inc. (Contractor) in the amount of \$245,807 with a not-to-exceed amount of \$270,407; and authorized the Director of Public Works to execute contract change orders in an amount not to exceed \$24,600.

DISCUSSION:

Changes were made to the Project’s original design after conducting field reviews with PG&E representatives during construction. The amount of time (approximately three months) that PG&E required to develop engineering designs for connections to their poles and electrical system led to the suspension of work days for the Contractor and additional costs to the Contractor to re-mobilize to the Project site. The revised design also required the Contractor to install additional conduit and boxes in different locations than were designated on the original plans. As a result of these modifications, the

original contingency amount in the contract is insufficient to compensate the Contractor for the additional work.

The Department recommends that your Board consider these unanticipated conditions and approve the recommended contract increase amount.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the resolution as to form.

Approval of this action will contribute to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by repairing and maintaining the integrity of the streetlighting infrastructure for the benefit of the public.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The recommended increase of the contract, by \$50,000 to \$320,407, will allow for payment to the Contractor for the above-described expenditures. There is sufficient funding in the Menlo Park Highway Lighting District fund to support this increase.

There is no impact to the General Fund.