



City Council Agenda Report

Meeting Date: December 10, 2024
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Approved By: Gabe Engeland

Subject: Contract Amendment: Amendment No. 2 with Bear Electrical Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$150,130.00.

COUNCIL PRIORITY AREA

- Business Communities
- Circulation Safety and Efficiency
- Environmental Sustainability
- Housing
- Neighborhood Safety Infrastructure
- General Government

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 2 on behalf of the City with Bear Electrical Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$150,130.00 for maintenance services to the original contract on behalf of the city and find the Council's action categorically exempt pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c) and none of the circumstances in CEQA guidance Section 15300.2 applies.

FISCAL IMPACT

The \$150,130.00 funds for Amendment No. 2 will be appropriated from the Capital Improvement and Major Maintenance Program, In-Road Light System Maintenance, Project No. TS-01057.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Categorically Exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301(c). It can be seen with certainty that the contract amendment will not pose a significant effect on the physical environment, and none of the circumstances in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

The Public Works Department is responsible for the maintenance and proper operation of traffic signs and streetlights in the City. For public safety, it is crucial to have properly operating traffic signals and lights, especially around for safe routes to school, a Council priority.

On July 27, 2023, the City of Los Altos entered into an agreement in the amount of \$78,816.00 with Bear Electrical Solutions, Inc. for FY2023/24 to provide maintenance services for traffic signal and streetlights. The City determined, through a request for proposal process, that the

contractor possessed the necessary skills, experience, and certifications required to provide services to the City. The scope of work included but is not limited to the following tasks: 1. Inventory and initial system health check, 2. Traffic signal quarterly maintenance checks, 3. Traffic signal annual maintenance checks, 4. Vehicle radar speed sign (RSS) quarterly maintenance checks, 5. Lighted crosswalk system quarterly maintenance checks, 6. Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) lighted crosswalk system quarterly maintenance checks, 7. Additional special services as needed, 8. On-call support services.

Due to numerous complaints from the public about malfunctioning lighted crosswalk signals, RRFBs, and radar speed signs the initial \$78,816.00 was expended rapidly. In order to continue to address additional complaints from the public, Staff requested additional funding from Council. The amendment was necessary to continue maintaining existing equipment to keep it operational or replacement it because it ceased to operate, and repair was not an option. On March 7, 2024, Amendment No. 1 was executed in the amount of \$186,205.00. The available funds were from the Annual Traffic Sign Replacement budget.

With the additional funding allocated by Council, in the past year, four malfunctioning lighted crosswalks were replaced with new RRFB crosswalk systems; two malfunctioning radar speed signs were replaced with new RSS systems; new traffic signal and pole at the intersection of San Antonio Road/W. Edith Avenue were installed; two pole foundation repairs were done for the lighted crosswalk signs at University Avenue/W. Edith Avenue and San Antonio Road/Lyell Street; new circuit boards and/or batteries were installed at several RSS and lighted crosswalks; repaired damaged/blocked conduit and installed new push buttons for the crosswalks at the intersection of Fremont Avenue/Miramonte Avenue; and retrofitted illuminated street signs at Grant Avenue/Covington Road to LED. Even though staff have been able to accomplish numerous repairs and replaced broken equipment, the number of requests and repairs/replacement requests from the public continues. As existing equipment ages, additional equipment will need to be repaired or replaced on top of our current list. Additional funding is needed for continued maintenance and/or replacement for malfunctioning lighted crosswalk signals, RRFBs, and radar speed signs.

ATTACHMENT

1. Resolution 2024-____