



City of Needles, California Request for City Council Action

CITY COUNCIL NPUA

Regular Special

Meeting Date: May 26, 2026

Title: Award the Base Bid to MJB Power LLC for the Downtown Route 66 Monument Sign Project for a Not to Exceed (NTE) in an Amount Not Exceed of \$50,000

Background: The City of Needles successfully competed for and was awarded a \$50,000 T-Mobile Hometown Grant for the purpose of creating a Route 66 sign to help revitalize the City's business area and promote Needles' historic legacy along Route 66. The proposed project is intended to create a landmark attraction that encourages visitors from across the country to stop, park, and take photographs of themselves and their vehicles beneath a prominent Route 66 sign. The project is expected to enhance tourism, increase visitor activity within the downtown business district, and contribute to local economic development efforts while further positioning Needles as a premier Route 66 destination in advance of the Route 66 Centennial.

Staff prepared and distributed bid documents for the fabrication and installation of a Route 66 sign to be installed on Frontage Road adjacent to Train Park, including an alternate bid item for other design options.

The bid deadline was May 11, 2026 at 3:30PM PST, and one (1) responsive bid was received from MJB Power LLC. MJB submitted the original base drawing and one (1) alternate concept design for consideration. Staff met with the Centennial Ad Hoc Committee who reviewed the options presented and selected the original shield concept drawing as a basis for the final design moving forward. The Ad Hoc Committee will continue to be involved with selecting colors and artwork for the final design of the sign after award of the contract.

Awarding the contract at this time will allow the City to utilize the grant funding provided through the T-Mobile Hometown Grant Program and advance construction of a new downtown landmark attraction.

Fiscal Impact: The project is fully funded through the T-Mobile Hometown Grant Program. Approval of the recommended action will authorize project expenditures in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 with no additional impact to the General Fund.

Environmental Impact: N/A

Recommended Action: Award the Base Bid for the Downtown Route 66 Monument Sign Project to MJB Power LLC in the amount NTE \$50,000 and authorize staff to execute a Public Works Agreement with MJB Power LLC and move forward with the Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed for the project.

Submitted By: Kathy Raasch, Director of Development Services/Capital Projects

City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez

Date: 5/22/2026

Other Department Approval (when required): _____

Date: _____