

March 19, 2024

Honorable Mayor and City Council  
City of Long Beach  
California

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommendation to adopt Plans and Specifications No. R-7209 and award a contract to Bitech Construction Company Inc., of Buena Park, CA, for construction of the Crest Alley Improvement Project, in an amount of \$1,676,185, authorize a fifteen percent contingency in the amount of \$251,428, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,927,613; and, authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to enter into the contract, including any necessary subsequent amendments;

Increase appropriations in the Capital Projects Fund Group in the Public Works Department by \$750,000, offset by Measure W funds available from the Los Angeles County Flood Control District's (District) Safe Clean Water Program (SCWP); and,

Increase appropriations in the Capital Projects Fund Group in the Public Works Department by \$750,000, offset by transfer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District's Safe Clean Water Program Measure W funds from the Capital Projects Fund. (Districts 6)

**DISCUSSION**

City Council approval is requested to enter into a contract with Bitech Construction Co., Inc., to provide construction services for the Crest Alley Improvement Project (Project) and increase appropriation.

The alley between Crest Drive and Pine Avenue/Pepper Drive near the intersection of Wardlow Road and Long Beach Boulevard is one of the last unimproved alleys in the City of Long Beach (City) and has steep grades susceptible to erosion. This project will pilot green alley construction methods, which are intended to reduce stormwater runoff and stabilize the alley. This includes earthwork, grading, drainage pipe, concrete work, retaining curbs, and installation of a stabilized permeable surface in the alley.

The bid was advertised in the Long Beach Press-Telegram on September 22, 2023, and 62 potential bidders were notified of the bid opportunity. Of those bidders, 56 downloaded the bid via the City's electronic bid system. The bid document was made available from the Purchasing Division, located on the sixth floor of City Hall, and the Division's website at [www.longbeach.gov/purchasing](http://www.longbeach.gov/purchasing). A bid announcement was also included in the Purchasing Division's weekly update of Open Bid Opportunities, which is sent to 44 local, minority-owned and women-owned business groups. There were two bids received on October 26, 2023. Of

those two bidders, none were Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs), Small Business Enterprises (SBEs), Women-owned Business Enterprises (WBEs), Minority-owned Business Enterprises (MBEs), or Long Beach businesses (Local). Bitech Construction Company Inc., of Buena Park, CA (not a MBE, WBE, SBE, or Local), was the lowest responsible bidder.

### **Local Business Outreach**

To align with the City's outreach goal, Long Beach businesses are encouraged to submit bids for City contracts. The Purchasing Division also assists businesses with registering on the Long Beach Buys database to download the bid specifications. Through outreach, three Long Beach vendors were notified to submit bids of which none downloaded, and none submitted a bid. The Purchasing Division is committed to continuing to perform outreach to local vendors to expand the bidder pool.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Vanessa S. Ibarra on February 22, 2024, Administrative Analyst Tommy Ryan on February 9, 2024, and Budget Management Officer Nader Kaamoush on February 23, 2024.

### **TIMING CONSIDERATIONS**

City Council action to adopt Specifications No. R-7209 and award a contract concurrently is requested on March 19, 2024, to ensure the contract is in place expeditiously.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The total cost of the requested contract will not exceed \$1,927,613, inclusive of a fifteen percent contingency. The total cost of the Project is currently estimated at \$2,700,000, which includes the construction contract award amount of \$1,927,613 including contingency, construction management, labor compliance, and project oversight. The project is supported by \$1,350,000 from the Gas Tax Street Improvement Fund and \$600,000 from the Measure W SCWP Municipal Program Funds, which are currently appropriated in the Capital Projects Fund Group in the Department of Public Works.

An appropriation increase in the amount of \$1,500,000 is requested in the Capital Projects Fund Group in the Public Works Department. Of this amount \$750,000 will be offset with Measure W funds available from the Los Angeles County Flood Control District. These funds are available for use as the Public Works Department received additional revenue than forecasted in prior years. The remaining \$750,000 appropriation request is a technical appropriation to allow for the transfer of Measure W funds from the Capital Projects Fund Group. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. The number of additional local jobs created by this action will not be known until the contractor completes their hiring and construction has commenced.

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SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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CITY MANAGER