

TO: James L. App, City Manager
FROM: Doug Monn, Public Works Director
SUBJECT: ARRA-Funded Bus Shelters and Benches
DATE: December 21, 2010

NEEDS: For City Council to consider rejecting all bids received and direct staff to re-advertise for bids.

FACTS:

1. The City received an ARRA (Transit) Grant in the amount of \$20,000 to install shelters, benches and trash receptacles at four bus stop locations.
2. Bid documents were prepared and advertised.
3. At the bid opening on November 24, 2010, four bids were received as follows:

Arthurs Contracting	\$ 32,700
Newton Construction	38,700
Carroll Development	40,613
Central Coast Playgrounds	45,025
4. Staff notified SLORTA (San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority) that the City was ready to award a contract, but that funds available from the ARRA grant are less than the lowest bid received.
5. The City previously received an ARRA (Transit) Grant to construct a restroom at the North County Transportation Center (NCTC). That project is complete and has a remaining unspent balance of \$19,900. The City asked SLORTA if this balance could be transferred to the bus shelter project.
6. SLORTA is considering approving the fund transfer. However, SLORTA informed the City that to qualify to receive additional funds, the project would be required to re-bid so that the new federal contract provisions can be incorporated.

ANALYSIS &

CONCLUSION: Staff recommends that City Council:

1. Reject all bids received.
2. Direct staff to formally request that the remaining funds from the NCTC restroom project be transferred to the bus shelter project.
3. Direct staff to re-advertise for bids and insure that the required FTA contract provisions are incorporated into the bid documents.

POLICY

REFERENCE: None

FISCAL

IMPACT: There will be no fiscal impact to the City's budget. All work will be reimbursed from the ARRA grant.

OPTIONS:

- a. Adopt Resolution No. 10-xx rejecting all bids, directing staff to request that the unspent funds from the NCTC restroom project be transferred to the bus shelter project, and directing staff to re-advertise for bids.
- b. Amend, modify, or reject the above option.

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Attachments: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 10-xxx

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES
REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR THE ARRA-FUNDED BUS SHELTERS/BENCHES PROJECT,
REQUESTING TRANSFER OF FUNDS, AND AUTHORIZING RE-ADVERTISEMENT

WHEREAS, the City received an ARRA (Transit) Grant in the amount of \$20,000 to install shelters, benches and trash receptacles at four bus stop locations; and

WHEREAS, bid documents were prepared and advertised; and

WHEREAS, at the bid opening on November 24, 2010, four bids were received ranging from \$32,700 to \$45,025; and

WHEREAS, funds available from the ARRA grant are less than the lowest bid received; and

WHEREAS, the City previously received an ARRA (Transit) Grant to construct a restroom at the North County Transportation Center (NCTC); and

WHEREAS, the NCTC restroom project is complete and has a remaining balance of \$19,900; and

WHEREAS, the City asked the San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority (SLORTA) if the balance from the restroom project could be transferred to the bus shelter project; and

WHEREAS, SLORTA is considering approving the fund transfer, but that the fund transfer will also require formal approval from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA); and

WHEREAS, SLORTA informed the City that since the time the ARRA Grant was programmed, there is now a requirement that federal contract provisions must be included in bid documents.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles does hereby reject all bids for the bus shelter and benches project.

SECTION 2. The City Council does hereby direct staff to formally request that the remaining funds from the NCTC restroom project be transferred to the bus shelter project.

SECTION 3. The City Council does hereby direct staff to re-advertise for bids with the required FTA contract provisions incorporated into the bid documents.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 21st day of December 2010 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Duane Picanco, Mayor

Caryn Jackson, Deputy City Clerk