

# CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 12, 2024

PREPARED BY: Randy Chavez, Deputy Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: AWARD CONTRACT TO SUPERIOR PAVEMENT MARKINGS, INC., OF CYPRESS, CALIFORNIA, FOR THE HIGH VISIBILITY CROSSWALKS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (PROJECT NO. CTS00004)

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Award a contract to Superior Pavement Markings, Inc., of Cypress, California, for the High Visibility Crosswalks Improvement Project in the amount of \$158,732.50, plus a contingency of \$20,000 for unforeseen conditions.
2. Authorize the City Attorney to make necessary nonmonetary changes to the contract.
3. Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate this action, in accordance with Section 3.30.170 of the Palm Desert Municipal Code.
4. Authorize the City Manager to execute the Notice of Completion (NOC) and the City Clerk to file the NOC upon satisfactory completion of the project.

## **BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:**

The High Visibility Crosswalks Improvement Project (Project) aims to enhance pedestrian safety and accessibility at key intersections in Palm Desert. The Project involves upgrading 13 existing crosswalks with high-visibility markings and improved signage to ensure pedestrians are more noticeable to drivers, especially in busy commercial areas. These intersections include:

- Highway 111 & Plaza Way
- Highway 111 & Desert Crossing
- Highway 111 & San Pablo Avenue
- Highway 111 & San Luis Rey Avenue
- Fred Waring Drive & Monterey Avenue
- Fred Waring Drive & Deep Canyon Road
- Fred Waring Drive & Town Center Way
- Fred Waring Drive & San Pascual Avenue
- Monterey Avenue & San Gorgonio Way
- Monterey Avenue & Dinah Shore Drive
- Cook Street & Aztec Road
- Cook Street & Merle Drive
- El Paseo & San Luis Rey Avenue

On October 15, 2024, the project was advertised for bids through the City's bid management portal OpenGov (Project ID CTS00004) and on November 14, 2024, the City received the following five bids:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Total Bid</b>
Superior Pavement Markings, Inc.	Cypress, CA	\$158,732.50
Cal Stripe, Inc.	Colton, CA	\$383,623.25
PCI	Azusa, CA	\$434,345.25
Cat Tracking, Inc.	Riverside, CA	\$475,985.00
Chrisp Company	Anaheim, CA	\$527,606.25

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Superior Pavement Markings, Inc., (Contractor) submitted the lowest responsive bid. The bid has been reviewed and found to be in compliance with bid requirements. The references were contacted, and they confirmed the contractor has successfully completed projects of similar scope recently.

The Project was advertised with the expectation that contractors would evaluate and account for the appropriate quantities of materials and construction activities within the square footage outlined in the bid schedule. Most contractors based their bids on the actual unit of measurements of the crosswalks without calculating the actual paint quantities required for the work.

In contrast, the Contractor submitted the lowest bid by accurately verifying the square footage for the selected crosswalks and calculating the required quantities accordingly. It is also noteworthy that the Contractor would have remained the lowest bidder by approximately 15.29%, even if the actual quantities within the scope of work had been applied. Furthermore, the Contractor’s bid aligns more with the Engineer’s Estimate of \$250,000, demonstrating a reasonable and accurate understanding of the project requirements as outlined in the bid advertisement.

**Legal Review:**

This report has been reviewed by the City Attorney’s Office.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The High Visibility Crosswalks Improvement Project is included on the approved Fiscal Year 2024-25 CIP List under the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Crosswalks, and it is fully reimbursable through State HSIP funds, requiring no local match for its implementation. A total of \$1,904,014 has been allocated from Measure A Account No. 2134317-5000908; therefore, there is no financial impact to the General Fund.

The table below outlines the project’s funds and expenditures for FY 2024-25:

<i>Description</i>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Project Expenses</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<i>Account No. 2134317-5000908</i>	\$1,904,014.00		
<i>FY 2023/24 Funds</i>	\$224,552.00		
<i>Eng / Design C42950A – Kimley Horn</i>		\$29,746.00	
<i>Eng / Design C42950 -TJKM Transportation</i>		280,565.00	
<b>*Construction – Superior Pavement</b>		<b>\$158,732.50</b>	
<b>*Contingency</b>		<b>\$20,000.00</b>	
<i>Total</i>	\$2,128,566.00	\$489,043.50	\$1,639,522.50
		<i>Plus: HSIP State Reimbursement</i>	\$178,732.50
		<i>Fund Balance</i>	\$1,818,255.00

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Contract
2. Payment and Performance Bonds
3. Contractor’s Proposal
4. Crosswalk Locations and Layouts