CITY OF PALM DESERT
STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: October 24, 2024

PREPARED BY: Randy Chavez, Deputy Public Works Director

SUBJECT: AWARD CONTRACT TO DBX, INC., OF TEMECULA, CA, FOR VITALIA
                  TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLATION (PROJECT NO. CTS00002)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Award a contract to DBX, Inc., of Temecula, CA, in the amount of $733,400, plus a $73,000 contingency, for the Vitalia Traffic Signal Installation.
2. Appropriate $181,223 to Account No. 2134385-4400100 from unobligated Measure A Funds.
3. Authorize the City Attorney to make necessary nonmonetary changes to the contract.
4. 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.
5. 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 Vitalia Traffic Signal Installation project involves installing a new traffic signal at the currently unsignalized intersection of Gerald Ford Drive and Rembrandt Parkway. This project is necessary due to the growth of nearby residential developments, including those by Pulte Homes and Pacific West Communities.

In addition to the traffic signal, the project includes ADA-compliant curb ramps, sidewalks, and various infrastructure improvements aimed at enhancing accessibility and ensuring smooth regional traffic synchronization. These upgrades will contribute to a safer and more efficient transportation network.

The City advertised the project and received five bids by October 2, 2024, as follows:

Contractor	Location	Total Bid
Baker Electric, Inc.	Escondido, CA	$722,016.00
DBX, Inc.	Temecula, CA	$733,400.00
Elecnor Belco Electric, Inc.	Chino, CA	$772,888.00
Crosstown Electric & Data, Inc.	Irwindale, CA	$905,879.00
PTM General Engineering Services, Inc.	Riverside, CA	$917,017.00

Although Baker Electric, Inc., submitted the lowest bid, it was deemed non-responsive due to failure to provide the required bid bond, leading to their disqualification. The lowest responsive bid was submitted by DBX, Inc., which has been reviewed and found compliant with all bid

requirements. The project is expected to be completed within 90 days of the Notice to Proceed, with an anticipated completion date in February 2025.

Legal Review:
This report has been reviewed by the City Attorney's Office.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Vitalia Traffic Signal Installation is part of the approved Capital Improvement Project (CIP) List for Fiscal Year 2024-25, funded through Measure A under Account No. 2134385-4400100. Developers Pulte Homes and Pacific West Communities are also responsible for contributing their fair share to the project costs, with Pulte Homes covering 42.9% and Pacific West Communities contributing 29.3%.

An appropriation of $181,223 is requested from unobligated Measure A Funds to cover project expenses. However, a total of $768,465.20, less $64,600 already paid by Pacific West Communities, will be reimbursed to Measure A Funds upon receipt of the developers' contributions after project completion.

The table below outlines the total budget and expenses for the project:

Account	Budget	Project Cost	Appropriation
Previous Funding	$257,956.24		
Current Measure A (2134385-4400100)	$625,167.00		
Potholing – Crosstown A46980		$13,700.00	
Surveying – TKE Eng		$1,250.00	
Street Improvements		$10,239.85	
SCE Install		$18,561.45	
TS Poles – American		$96,404.94	
Design – Pac West		$117,800.00	
* Construction – DBX		$733,400.00	
* Construction – Contingency		$73,000.00	
Total	**$883,123.24**	**$1,064,356.24**	**($181,223.00)**
Pulte Homes (42.9%)		$456,608.82	
**Pacific West Communities (29.3%)		$311,856.38	
City of Palm Desert (27.8%)		**$295,891.03**	

* Current request
**includes $64,600 already paid by Pacific

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Agreement
2. Payment and Performance Bonds
3. Contractor's Proposal
4. Vicinity Map