

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

County of Placer

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DATE: April 27, 2010

FROM: KEN GREHM / PETER KRAATZ

SUBJECT: **AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR TAHOE CITY
TRANSIT CENTER, CONTRACT NO.1085**

ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution awarding, with County Counsel and Risk Management review and approval, Contract No. 1085 to the responsive low bidder, Aspen Developers Corporation, in the amount of \$4,229,473.10 for construction of the Tahoe City Transit Center, authorizing the Chairman to execute the construction contract on behalf of the County and authorizing the Director of Public Works to approve and sign contract change orders up to \$422,947.

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY

The Tahoe City Transit Center (TCTC) will be constructed on the US Forest Service 64-Acre Tract located at 165 West Lake Boulevard, Tahoe City, California on the west side of State Route (SR) 89 (see attached location map). The total facility footprint covers approximately 2.5 acres.

The proposed project consists of an intermodal transit center for Placer County Public Work's TART public bus system, associated parking facilities for public use, bicycle paths to promote intermodal use, relocation of the River Access Road and improvements along SR 89. The TCTC will include (1) parking for six TART buses at one time, (2) 130 parking spaces for transit and other uses, (3) seating/waiting space for a maximum of 100 persons, (4) an enclosed structure for transit patrons, which will include a heated waiting space with bench seating for 40 people and changeable interpretive/tourist displays, (5) public restrooms, which will be accessible during all hours of transit operation, (6) an office to provide ticket sales, information and other transit functions, (7) storage, mechanical and equipment rooms, (8) outside covered walkways and waiting areas, (9) bicycle lockers and racks, to encourage intermodal use, and (10) racks for temporary storage of skis and snowboards.

The project is identified in the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency's (TRPA) Environmental Improvement Program (EIP) as Project EIP No. 856, the basis for which is to improve air quality and protect Lake Tahoe's famed water quality. The project is also consistent with numerous agency transportation plans, community plans, and studies.

Bids were opened on February 22, 2010. Nine (9) bids were received and one (1) was found to be nonresponsive. The County received a total of five (5) bid protests and other protest-related correspondence that were reviewed and determined to be not valid

and/or untimely. One bidder filed an appeal of the Director of Administrative Services' determination of an untimely protest. A Bid Protest Hearing Committee hearing was held on April 13, 2010 to consider the appeal. The Bid Protest Hearing Committee upheld the Director of Administrative Services' decision that the protest was untimely, and, therefore, could not be considered any further.

The lowest responsive and responsible bidder was determined to be Aspen Developers Corporation of Truckee, California, with a bid of \$4,229,473.10. The low bid is 6% below the Engineer's Estimate of \$4,500,000.00.

ENVIRONMENTAL

The County prepared a joint Environmental Impact Report/Statement/Statement (EIR/EIS/EIS) with the TRPA and United States Forest Service (USFS) in 2000 to satisfy CEQA, NEPA and TRPA requirements for environmental analysis of the project. The Placer County Board of Supervisors directed staff to study additional site alternatives, for which the County prepared a Recirculated EIR in 2005. The Board of Supervisors certified the Final EIR on January 24, 2006.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total project cost is estimated to be \$7,400,000 with construction costs now estimated at \$4,600,000-\$4,700,000. The project is fully funded through grants from Federal Infrastructure Stimulus funds, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5309 Bus Fund, Proposition 1(B), FTA Alternative Transportation in Public Parks and Lands (ATPPL), Placer County Redevelopment Agency, Placer County Traffic Mitigation Fees, Placer County Clean Air Grant, California Tahoe Conservancy (CTC), North Lake Tahoe Resort Association (NLTRA). Funding for the construction of this project is included in both the 2009-10 and 2010-11 Fiscal Year Budgets.

Attachments:

- Resolution
- Location Map

On File with the Clerk of the Board:

- Bids and Bid Summary List
- Bid Correspondence
- Proposed Contract
- Engineer's Estimate

**Before the Board of Supervisors
County of Placer, State of California**

In the matter of: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT NO. 1085 BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF PLACER AND ASPEN DEVELOPERS CORPORATION FOR THE TAHOE CITY TRANSIT CENTER AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO APPROVE AND SIGN CHANGE ORDERS

Resol. No:.....

Ord. No:.....

First Reading:.....

The following RESOLUTION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held _____, by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Chairman, Board Of Supervisors

Attest:
Clerk of said Board

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, State of California, that this Board approves and authorizes the Chairman to execute Construction Contract No. 1085 to the responsive low bidder, Aspen Developers Corporation, in the amount of \$4,229,473.10 for construction of the Tahoe City Transit Center, authorizing the Chairman to execute the construction contract on behalf of the County and authorizing the Director of Public Works to approve and sign contract change orders up to \$422,947.

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TAHOE CITY
TRANSIT CENTER
VICINITY MAP

VICINITY AND LOCATION MAP

