


COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

September 15, 2009

TO: City Council

FROM: City Manager
Prepared by: Director of Public Works/City Engineer 

**SUBJECT: INTERMODAL TRANSIT CENTER
BID NO. 2010/03
CALL FOR BIDS**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council give approval to call for bids on the plans and specifications for Intermodal Transit Center, Bid No. 2010/03.

BACKGROUND:

On February 20, 2008 the City of Santa Maria acquired a 3.82 acre parcel from the La Brea Land Company for \$3,494,383.00 for the future site of the City's new Transit Center. The future site located at the southeast corner of Miller Street and Boone Street will provide an improvement over the current location in accessibility for both transit buses and pedestrians.

On September 9, 2008, the Transit Division held a public workshop to obtain comments from the general public. Public input was received and incorporated into the Transit Center's plans by contract architect bfgc Architects. During the process of design, additional improvements were also incorporated into the Transit Center plans such as a park and ride location on the easterly portion of the property and a pedestrian trail along the southerly boundary.

On April 1, 2009 a conditional use permit was presented for consideration to the City Planning Commission for the Transit Center. The Planning Commission supported the project with a 4-0-1 vote of approval.

The project design of the Transit Center shall consist of a 2,410 SF transit center building and sixteen bays to accommodate urban transit buses for Santa Maria Area Transit (SMAT) (municipal bus service), The Breeze (intercity service), Guadalupe Flyer (regional intercommunity service), and SLORTA (regional service). The facility will also include two bays to accommodate over-the-road commuter buses for the Clean Air Express (regional commuter service).

The new transit center will be located in the downtown district occupying 3.8 acres at the southeast corner of Miller Street and Boone Street. The customer focused transit center will include a taxi staging area and the following amenities:

- Landscaped outdoor waiting areas
- Vending machines
- Indoor waiting areas with seating
- Restrooms (separate patron and driver)
- Bicycle lockers
- Easy pedestrian access
- Bus Operations office
- Driver lounge
- Pass sales kiosk
- Snack shop
- Taxi stand
- Kiss-n-ride area
- Limited short-term parking

A traffic signal is proposed at the intersection of Miller Street and Boone Street. The traffic signal is proposed to improve the efficiency of transit and vehicular traffic and improve pedestrian safety within the vicinity of the transit center. Drainage improvements are also proposed to address drainage issues at the intersection of Miller Street and Boone Street. Approximately 550 linear feet of 36" reinforced concrete pipe (RCP) shall be installed to address drainage flows from Miller Street and Boone Street.

DISCUSSION:

The project is scheduled as follows:

Council Approval and Call for Bids:	09/15/09
Bid Opening: 2:00 p.m., Tuesday	10/20/09
Council Award of Contract:	11/03/09
Construction Period Allowance:	180 CALENDAR DAYS

Pursuant to the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), it has been determined that this project is categorically exempt.

Specifications are available for viewing in the office of the Chief Deputy City Clerk.

Alternatives

The alternative to the recommended action would be not to call for bids for this project. The result of this action would be to cancel the project.

Fiscal Considerations

Funds for this budgeted project are provided from Account Nos. 066-011-079-53-01 (Transfer Transit Center), 066-011-079-53-71 (Transfer Center Design – Prop 1B), 066-011-079-53-72 (Transfer Center Construction – Prop 1B), 064-011-045-52-46 (Traffic Signal Boone/Miller) and 064-011-045-52-49 (S. Miller Drainage Improvements). The funding sources provided for this project are from the following; Transit funding; \$5.7 million available in the 2008-2010 capital budget; Federal Stimulus, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) funds \$1.02 million, and Proposition 1B \$1.5 million grant funding. Funding sources available for the project are sufficient to cover Transit Center costs for construction.

Impact to the Community

The new transit center will greatly benefit the City by providing safe and reliable facility to the daily commuters, the public, students, elderly and disabled in the Santa Maria area, and special services to southern San Luis Obispo County.

Other Agency Review

None



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ATTACHMENTS:

1. News Release
- xc: Chief Deputy City Clerk
Streets and Facilities Manager



NEWS RELEASE

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PROJECT TITLE: INTERMODAL TRANSIT CENTER

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Construction of a 2,410 SF Transit Building, sixteen bay bus parking lot, traffic signal, including drainage and utility improvements and all work necessary to render the facility complete and operational.

The City Council is being asked to call for bids for the above work at its regular meeting of 09/15/09. Bids will be opened at 2:00 p.m. on 10/20/09, and award/advisement/rejection of contract is scheduled for the 11/03/09 Council Meeting. The specifications require that all work be completed within 180 CALENDAR DAYS.

(The City does not wish to publicize the Engineer's Estimate of the project cost since this information may tend to influence the number and nature of bids received.)

SUPPLEMENTARY PRESS RELEASE

On XX/XX/XX bids from -XX- contractors were opened by the City Clerk of the City of Santa Maria as follows:

_____	<u>\$XXX,XXX.XX</u>
_____	<u>\$XXX,XXX.XX</u>
_____	<u>\$XXX,XXX.XX</u>

- At its XX/XX/XX meeting, the City Council will consider a staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder.
- These bids have been taken under advisement by the City.
- Bid(s) received have been rejected by the City.

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