

COUNCIL AGENDA: SEPTEMBER 17, 2013

SUBJECT: AWARD OF CONTRACT – MAIN STREET AND PLANO STREET BUS TURNOUTS

SOURCE: Public Works Department - Engineering Division

COMMENT: On September 4, 2013, staff received five (5) bids for the Main Street and Plano Street Bus Turnouts. The Main Street Bus Turnout project will improve transit accessibility to a portion of Route 4 to Porterville College along South Main Street and will be located north of College Avenue on the east side of South Main Street.

The Plano Street Bus Turnout project will improve transit accessibility to a portion of Routes 3 and 9 to Vallarta Shopping Center along S. Plano Street and will be located south of Olive Avenue on the west side of South Plano Street. The bus turnout projects include removal of existing concrete improvements and installation of new concrete improvements allowing a bus to completely pull out of the travel way to access the bus stop location. Concrete pads with bus shelters, provided by the City and installed by the contractor, will be adjacent to the back of new sidewalk.

Installation of sidewalk between the eastbound Main Street/State Route 190 off ramp and Porterville College is also a part of the Main Street Bus Turnout project. There is approximately 80 lineal feet of missing sidewalk in the vicinity of the off-ramp that has been missing for years. The number of pedestrians in the area necessitates completion of the walking path from the downtown area to Porterville College.

Funding for this project is from a Federal Transportation Administration Grant (FTA) with a twenty percent (20%) local match. Local Transportation Funds (LTF) is the revenue source for the local share, all of which was approved in the 2013/2014 Annual Budget.

The bids are as follows:

	<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1.	Hobbs Construction Inc. Fresno, CA	\$107,676.00
2.	Dawson-Mauldin Construction Inc. Huntington Beach, CA	\$113,795.00
3.	DOD Construction Bakersfield, CA	\$122,756.00

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4. Lockwood General Engineering Inc. \$126,274.50
Visalia, CA
5. Bill Nelson General Engineering Inc. \$127,471.00
Fresno, CA

Staff has found the low bid acceptable and in compliance with the specification requirements for this federally funded project. The Engineer's Estimate of Probable Cost for construction is \$95,894. The low bid for the project is 12.3% above the Engineer's Estimate. Pursuant to current policy adopted by City Council during the September 4, 2012, meeting, the bid would normally be rejected. However, staff respectfully asks that the City Council consider making an exception to the policy. The low bid exceeds the 10% City Council "bid ceiling" policy by \$2,192.60.

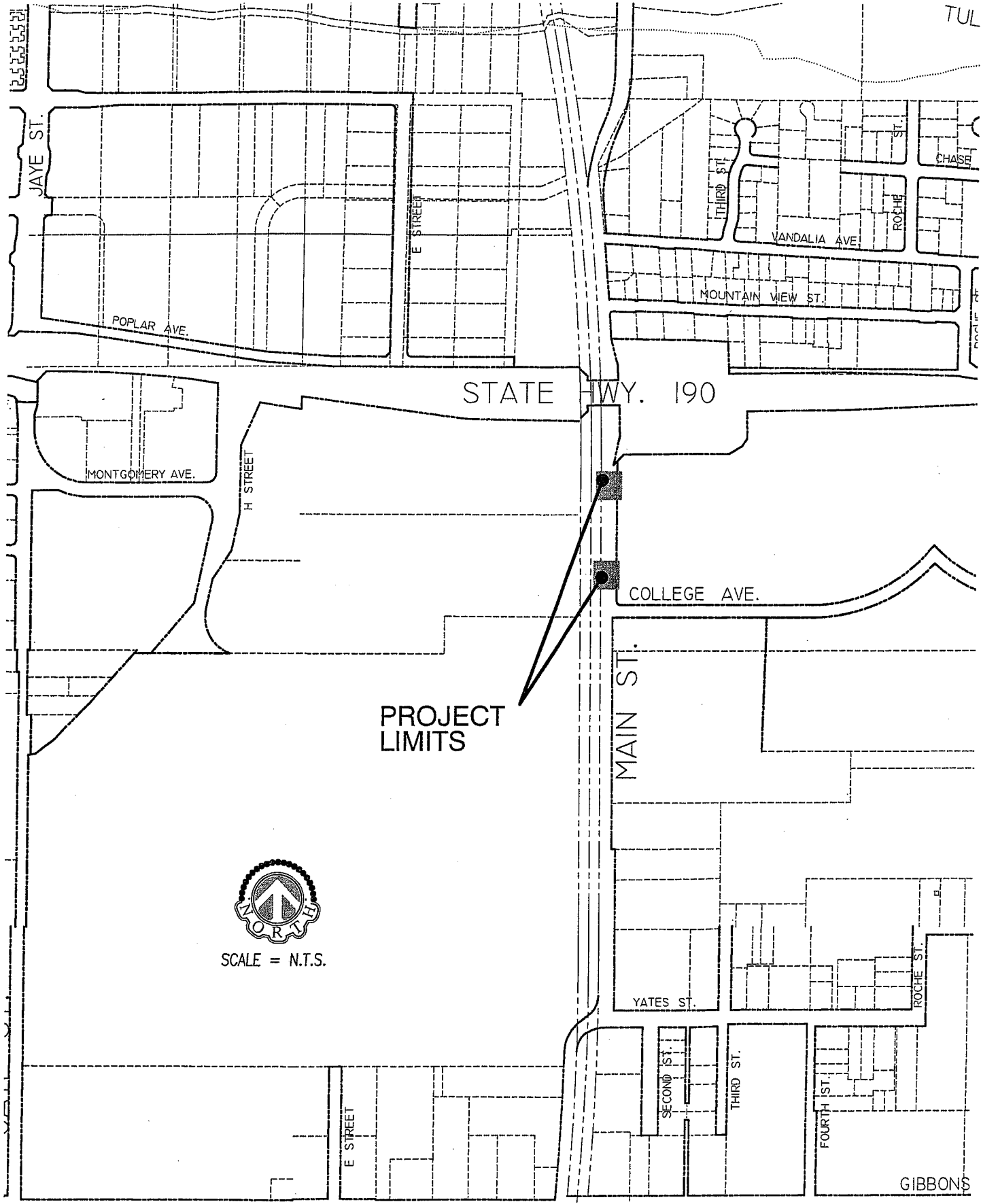
Staff estimates the cost to revise the construction documents and seek new bids to be more than \$2,500. The initial bidding publication costs for this project was \$1,336.69. Further, the City is faced with time constraints associated with the Federal Transportation Authority Grant and a bidding environment that has become less favorable. Staff has noticed that bid prices are on the rise and will make the appropriate estimating adjustment on all future construction projects.

Should City Council choose to award the contract, an additional \$10,767.60 is required for the construction contingency (10%) and an additional \$10,767.60 is required for construction management, quality control and inspection services (10%) for a total estimated project cost of \$129,211.20.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council:

1. Award the Main Street and Plano Street Bus Turnouts Project to Hobbs Construction in the amount of \$107,676.00; and
2. Authorize a 10% contingency to cover unforeseen construction costs and a 10% retainer to cover construction management, quality control and inspection services

ATTACHMENTS: Locator Maps



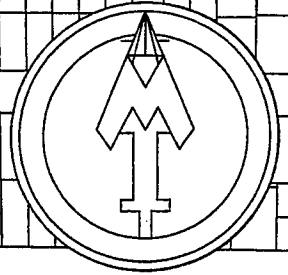
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MAIN STREET BUS
 TURNOUT PROJECT
 NEAR PORTERVILLE
 COLLEGE

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Plano Bus Turnout Locator Map

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