



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: April 3, 2012
To: Honorable Mayor & City Council
From: Aaron Kunz, Deputy Director of Transportation *ak*
Subject: North Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction
Attachments: 1. Draft Request for Proposal for North Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction Project

INTRODUCTION

This report provides a draft Request for Proposal (RFP) for design services related to the North Santa Monica Boulevard (NSMB) reconstruction project and outlines staff's proposed public outreach process.

DISCUSSION

In 2005, the State of California relinquished ownership of NSMB within the City of Beverly Hills to the City of Beverly Hills. The pavement quality, drainage system and other physical elements have deteriorated to the extent that the boulevard requires significant reconstruction. Staff has identified five phases of the NSMB reconstruction project:

- Phase 1: Topography and Utilities Survey
- Phase 2: Public Outreach/Conceptual Design
- Phase 3: Project Design
- Phase 4: Construction Bidding
- Phase 5: Construction.

In 2011, the City completed Phase 1, the Topography and Utilities survey that identified existing underlying infrastructure (e.g., franchised utilities, city and county-owned storm drains, sewers, city-owned waterline) and accurately established the centerline and right-of-way of NSMB.

The attached draft RFP solicits design consultant services for Phase 2 (Public Outreach/Conceptual Design development) and Phase 3 (Project Design). The draft RFP calls for the public outreach/conceptual design process to be conducted during

Phase 2 to determine what enhancements should be made to the NSMB in addition to the core reconstruction project. The RFP calls for a highly qualified Civil Engineering firm to lead the design team through the completion of the project to provide continuity.

NSMB's roadway right-of-way extends approximately 20-feet beyond the existing northern curb face, but this has predominately been assimilated into Beverly Gardens Park. City Council direction to date has been that no widening of the roadway will occur beyond the existing curb face.

The primary options to be considered as part of Phase 2 include:

- *Consideration of bicycle routes*

The existing curb face would allow a traditional bicycle lane in one direction (one concept is to have an eastbound bicycle lane on NSMB and a companion westbound bicycle lane on Carmelita Avenue). Anticipating interest in bicycle lanes in both directions, the RFP requires the project team to prepare graphics showing the constraints of the existing curb faces and show the amount of additional roadway (if any) that would be required to have bicycle lanes in each direction on the boulevard.

- *Transit Stops*

There are four major transit stops along the Boulevard serving the Metro Rapid Bus Line in addition to 14 local bus stops. The RFP requires the project team to prepare options for transit amenities at these 18 locations in addition to concrete bus pads.

- *Landscaping/Urban Design*

With respect to landscaping and urban design, the primary enhancement option that must be determined prior to the commencement of Phase 3 is if landscaped medians should be incorporated into the project. Due to the fact that there are currently other pending/ potential projects at the City's Gateways, Beverly Gardens Park, and Parcels 12 and 13; some of the aesthetic decisions (e.g., landscaping) may be postponed until Phase 3.

The RFP includes the developing conceptual design alternatives and conducting public outreach to assist the City Council in deciding which of the above enhancements will be incorporated into Phase 3 (final design) by the end of 2012. The project team will also be required to provide a construction mitigation plan and updated cost estimates to the City Council as part of Phase 2. City Council action will be needed prior to proceeding with Phase 3.

With City Council approval of Phase 2 by the end of 2012, Phase 3 (project design) will be completed by September 2013 and Phase 4 will be completed by January 2014. This schedule provides for construction to begin in early 2014. Construction is expected to take approximately 18-30 months, depending on the construction mitigation program to be developed as part of Phase 2.

Public Process

Staff outlined a public process in the RFP to take place in three parts. First would be two public scoping meetings where the community will be provided the parameters of the reconstruction project and options available for enhancements beyond the core project as described in the RFP. Walking tours of NSMB would also be provided. The intent of the public scoping meetings and walking tours is to engage the community, including property owners adjacent and nearby NSMB, early in the process. The second part will involve a series of public meetings to review conceptual design alternatives. Prior to initiating these two phases, staff recommends that a NSMB Committee be formed comprised of two representatives each of the Traffic & Parking, Public Works and Recreation & Parks Commissions to provide recommendations to the City Council. The Third part would involve presentation of the Committee recommendations to the City Council.

FISCAL IMPACT

The preliminary cost estimates for the NSMB reconstruction project is approximately \$12 million. The proposed FY 2012-13 Capital Improvement Project includes \$11.9 million for the project, including:

State of California Relinquishment Funds:	\$4.3 million
State Highway Gas Tax Funds:	.5 million
Proposition C:	1.5 million
Measure R:	.8 million
General Fund Reserves:	4.8 million

RECOMMENDATION

Staff seeks City Council comments on the attached draft North Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction Project RFP, project timeline and the proposed public outreach process including the concept of establishing a NSMB Committee comprised of two members each from Traffic & Parking, Public Works and Recreation & Parks Commissions.

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Approved By