



Agenda Report

Fullerton City Council

MEETING DATE: AUGUST 18, 2026

TO: CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY

SUBMITTED BY: STEPHEN BISE, P.E., PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

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SUBJECT: HARBOR BOULEVARD AND LA ENTRADA PLACE
TRAFFIC SIGNAL EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

SUMMARY

Staff requests City Council authorize purchase orders not exceeding \$250,000 for Traffic Signal Installation at Harbor Boulevard and La Entrada Place Project equipment.

PROPOSED MOTION

1. Authorize Administrative Services Director, or designee, to issue purchase orders for traffic signal equipment not to exceed \$250,000.
2. Approve \$250,000 Measure M2 Funds (Fund 25) budget transfer and appropriation from Project 46621 Installation of New Traffic Signals and Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons to Project 46993 Traffic Signal Installation at Harbor Boulevard and La Entrada Place Project within the Capital Projects Fund (Fund 74).

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- Approve the Proposed Motion
- Other options brought by City Council.

PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENT

This item matches the following Priority Policy Statement:

- Infrastructure and City Assets.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget has sufficient funding for the Traffic Signal Installation at Harbor Boulevard and La Entrada Place Project equipment

purchases. Staff recommends a \$250,000 Measure M2 Funds (Fund 25) budget transfer and appropriation from Project 46621 Installation of New Traffic Signals and Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons to Project 46993 Traffic Signal Installation at Harbor Boulevard and La Entrada Place Project within the Capital Projects Fund (Fund 74).

DISCUSSION

The Traffic Engineering Division will finalize the design plans and specifications for the proposed traffic signal at the Harbor Boulevard and La Entrada Place intersection.

Staff expects installation will include the following material: twelve traffic signal poles, one traffic signal controller cabinet, one service pedestal cabinet and one video detection system. Industry lead times for these components currently range from 24 to 30 weeks and negatively impact the project schedule. Staff recommends procuring equipment prior to awarding the construction contract to allow staff to move forward with bidding and awarding the construction contract while material fabrication and delivery are underway. Additionally, having equipment on hand at the time of construction contract award ensures the contractor can begin work immediately without having to wait for deliveries, benefiting the project timeline.

Directly procuring equipment in advance provides an added cost benefit as the City avoids contractor markups commonly applied to traffic signal equipment. The City can use these savings for additional project improvements or serve as contingency funds during construction.

Staff would procure traffic signal equipment in compliance with the City purchasing and procurement policy, Administrative Policy No. 4.1.2., utilizing cooperative or sole source purchasing where applicable. Staff will obtain at least three bids to purchase equipment if it cannot find cooperative or sole source options.

Staff recommends authorizing project-specific purchase orders not to exceed \$250,000 to keep the project on schedule, maximize cost efficiency and ensure a timely project delivery.

cc: City Manager Eddie Manfro