



Agenda Report

Fullerton City Council

MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 7, 2021

TO: CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY

SUBMITTED BY: STEVE DANLEY, ACTING CITY MANAGER

PREPARED BY: MEG McWADE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
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SUBJECT: GILBERT STREET / IRIS COURT WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT

SUMMARY

Award \$496,363 construction contract to Gutierrez Pipeline Inc. for the Gilbert Street / Iris Court Water Main Replacement Project.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Approve Gilbert Street / Iris Court Water Main Replacement Project plans and specifications.
2. Approve \$634,000 Water Fund transfer from Project 53250 Water Main System Replacement to Project 53033 Gilbert Street / Iris Court Water Main Replacement Project (Fund 44).
3. Award \$496,363 construction contract for the Gilbert Street / Iris Court Water Main Replacement Project to Gutierrez Pipeline Inc. and authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute the contract, in a form approved by the City Attorney.
4. Authorize Public Works Director, or designee, to approve any future change orders for construction and professional engineering construction support services within the approved project budget.

PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENT

This item matches the following Priority Policy Statement/s:

- Infrastructure and City Assets.

FISCAL IMPACT

The FY 2021-22 CIP Budget Water Fund has funding available for this project. Staff will make a \$634,000 budget transfer from Water Fund Project 53250 Water Main System Replacement to Project 53033. Staff has attached a Budget Data Sheet / Summary of Bids and the contractor's Bid Schedule reference (Attachments 1 and 2, respectively).

DISCUSSION

This project will replace 0.31 miles of water pipe on South Gilbert Street (from Iris Court to the 91 Freeway) and Iris Court (from Cul-De-Sac to South Gilbert Street) and as shown on Attachment 3.

The existing water pipes in this area have a significant history of water main breaks and require replacement. This project will also meet the water main replacement goals of the Water Rate Study.

The City received seven bids on November 18, 2021 for the Gilbert Street / Iris Court Water Main Replacement Project. Gutierrez Pipeline Inc. of Whittier, CA submitted the lowest bid in the amount of \$496,363. The lowest bid as submitted is approximately 10% below the engineer's estimate of \$550,000. Staff has evaluated the bid documents and found them acceptable. Staff recommends award of the project to Gutierrez Pipeline Inc.

While the winning bid came in lower than the latest engineer's estimate, staff had adjusted the engineer's estimate from the original budget to account for recent increases in material and construction costs. Based on these unanticipated cost increases, the project will have a reduction in the planned work that the contractor will complete.

Staff has a separate street rehabilitation project programmed and currently under design for Iris Court with the intention to start construction shortly after completion of this project. Community Development Block Grant funds will fund his additional Iris Court street rehabilitation. The City will not repave Gilbert Street due to limited street rehabilitation funding and will patch the pipeline trench to match existing street grade.

Staff has prepared an environmental assessment in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines and determined that the project is categorically exempt.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Budget Data / Summary of Bids
- Attachment 2 – Bid Schedule
- Attachment 3 – Project Location Map
- Attachment 4 – Standard Contract / Agreement