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RAIL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING FEBRUARY 27, 1989

MEMBERS PRESENT

JACKI BACHARACH
MIKE LEWIS
MARCIA MEDNICK
WALTER KING
RAY GRABINSKI

STAFF PRESENT

NEIL PETERSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
ED McSPEDON, DIRECTOR, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION
AL SCALA, MANAGER OF CONTRACTS
NORM JESTER, MANAGER OF RAIL SYSTEMS
ROBIN MCCARTHY, MANAGER OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS
GRAY CRARY, TRANSPORTATION ANALYST II

OTHERS

GEORGE TRNKA, KAISER ENGINEERS, SYSTEMS
RICK LANDELL, LTK
PHIL STEAD, LTK

CAT. TO ORDER

The Committee presented two of LACTC's "Project Safety Awards" to Morrison/Knudsen for exceeding by 25% the standards set by the State Division of Labor and Statistics for heavy construction during the year of 1988. The awards are for contract C325 - Wardlow to 9th Street and contract C415 - Firestone Bridge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF FEBRUARY 13, 1989

The Committee approved the minutes of the February 13, 1989 meeting with the following corrections:

Page 2, 4th paragraph - omit "mid-year;" should read ...plan through next year's budget report...

Page 2, last paragraph - correct contract price to read \$4,402,197. AddThe estimated contract amount represents approximately 69% of the Engineers Estimate. The Program Budget allocated for Contract R01-T01-C495 is \$3,418,000; excess will be funded out of the project reserve....

Page 4, last paragraph - addThe selected contractors are:

Morrison-Knudsen, Contract R01-T01-C325, Wardlow Station to 9th Street, Nearly 79,000 hours worked with no lost time injuries

L. K. Comstock & Co., Inc. R01-T06-H811, Traction Power Supply System, over 11,000 hours worked with no lost time injuries

Morrison-Knudsen, Contract R01-T01-C415, Firestone Bridge, Over 77,420 hours with one lost time injury and twelve days lost.

Herzog Contracting Corp., R01-T01-C258, LRT Track Work Installation, over 66,420 hours worked with one lost time injury and fourteen days lost.

LIGHT RAIL VEHICLE - "SPECIAL FEATURE"

Norm Jester and George Trnka addressed the Committee on the light rail vehicle. Mr Jester stated that the first two vehicles will be shipped from Japan on May 10, 1989 and arrive in the U.S. on May 28. They will be on our test track site on June 1. Mr. Trnka showed a video to the Committee on the initial qualification testing being done on the railcar on February 15, 1989 in Japan.

REPORT ON THIRD-PARTY ACTIONS AND CONTRACT CHANGE NOTICES

Ed McSpedon presented staff's report to the Committee (outline attached).

Mr. McSpedon stated we received a letter from Caltrans regarding real estate reimbursement stating they decline to reimburse LACTC. Mr. McSpedon stated that he will notify Caltrans that this issue will be further discussed at the quarterly senior management meeting between Caltrans and LACTC.

AWARD CONTRACT C275 - LANDSCAPING

Al Scala presented staff's report. The Committee recommended that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to award Contract No. R01-T01-C275 for a total contract price of \$1,209,081.00 to Artistic Landscaping and Eng., Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. A 10% contract reserve fund of \$120,919.00 is also recommended to cover the cost of changes and extra work, but will not be included in the contract award amount. The Program Budget allocation for Contract No. R01-T01-C275 was \$2,291,000. Award will be contingent upon resolution of any bid protest filed in a timely manner with the Commission.

CLOSEOUT OF CONTRACT C455 - COMPTON CREEK BRIDGE

Al Scala presented staff's report. He explained that of the \$95,366.95 currently retained by LACTC, \$30,000 is to be placed in a ten-year escrow account available to LACTC and/or SCRTD to pay for any repairs to the structure that may be required. The Committee requested that staff's report reflect the \$30,000 being retained. The remaining \$65,366.95 will be released to the contractor in accordance with the normal closeout process.

The Committee recommended that the Commission:

1. Approve the acceptance of the subject contract substantially complete as of November 13, 1987, and authorize the recording of the Notice of Completion;
2. Authorize the release of retention in the amount of \$95,366.95, with \$65,366.95 to be released thirty calendar days after the filing of the Notice of Completion, and remaining \$30,000 to be released in ten years after expiration of escrow agreement;

3. Approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$255,338 to the Program Reserve. This amount represents a surplus over the total obligated funds for Contract No. R01-T01-C455.

CHANGE ORDER #18 - CONTRACT C140 - LA-CBD APPROACH

Al Scala presented staff's report. The Committee directed staff to establish a policy for future contracts for getting the agencies to review the detailed designs early on in order that any comments and request for changes that they may have can be incorporated into the design before bidding the contract.

The Committee recommended the Commission approve Change Order #18 in the amount of \$455,000. Sufficient contingency remains in this Contract to cover the cost of this additional work.

NORWALK/EL SEGUNDO RAIL TRANSIT PROJECT: CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE UPDATE

Ed McSpedon updated the Committee on the construction schedule. He explained that in order for us to keep the 10/93 rail operation date, we need to get access to the median on the I-105/I-405 interchange area by 10/1/92. Caltrans has sent a draft letter today which indicates that even after receiving \$17 million additional funding from the State for acceleration, the earliest date they can give us for access on the freeway is 9/1/93 (11 months after the required access date of 10/1/92). This is still based on a 10/1/93 freeway opening. Caltrans feels if we are prepared to fund some additional acceleration incentives that we might pull our access date to 6/1/93 (still 8 months later than our target). He stated we need to do an analysis to look at Caltrans' sequences of work to see if we can gain access before their contractual completion date, what it would cost to buy time from the contractor and what risks are involved.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON JANUARY 1989 MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

Ed McSpedon and Bob Newland addressed the Committee and answered questions on the Norwalk/El Segundo rail project monthly progress report. The Committee moved discussion on the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail project monthly progress report to its March 10 meeting.

COMMENTS ON LIGHT RAIL VEHICLE "WHITE PAPER"

Ed McSpedon addressed the Committee on the light rail vehicle "White Paper." He stated that the Committee's comments would be incorporated into the report. This report discusses the alternatives for disposition of 23 of the 54 vehicles purchased for the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project. Mr. Rick Landell and Mr. Phil Stead answered questions from the Committee.

GRAFFITI REMOVAL PROGRAM

Robin McCarthy gave the Committee a brief overview on the problem of graffiti on the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail transit project. Ms. McCarthy showed slides on the "before and after" cleanup of the Graffiti by the Community Youth Gang Services. She stated that last fall 11 contractors brought their anti-graffiti products to the Firestone Bridge for testing to see which one was most effective. A product named "Repello" which was developed by a Swedish firm appeared to be the best one. LACTC has recommended that the contractors be required to apply this product on all accessible finished concrete surfaces on the project.

Gray Crary addressed the Committee on a program which would be funnelled through Local Assistance to work with the cities on the anti-graffiti program by enlisting their resources to clean graffiti from those LACTC constructed fixed facilities that are primarily visible to the communities rather than to the rail riders.

INTRODUCE JESSICA CUSICK, PUBLIC ARTS ADMINISTRATOR

Jessica Cusick addressed the Committee on the program she is developing for presentation to the Committee in about a month on a scope and budget for artwork to be used at the stations and along the line.

RAIL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE 1989 CALENDAR

The Committee discussed upcoming RCC meetings and set calendar dates for two RCC meetings between LACTC business meetings through July 1989.

ADJOURNMENT