

**CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda date: 9/15/08

Reviewed by: BP

SUBJECT: Design of a traffic signal and pedestrian improvements at the intersection of Buchanan Street and Jackson Street, and along the route to Ocean View School

FROM: Aleida Andrino Chavez, Transportation Planner

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Authorize entering into a contract with DMJM Harris, in the amount of \$36,000, for the design of the traffic signal and pedestrian enhancements at the intersection of Buchanan and Jackson streets.

BACKGROUND

The City of Albany obtained a State of California Safe Routes to School Grant in the amount of \$293,760 for the implementation of a new traffic signal and controller at the Buchanan and Jackson intersection, pedestrian enhancements on the route to Ocean View School, and an educational component for the school curriculum. At its July 7 meeting, the City Council authorized the City Administrator to execute a State Master Agreement and Program Supplement with Caltrans for the implementation of these enhancements around the school.

The City is also working on the 35% Plans, Specifications and Engineering for the Buchanan Bicycle-Pedestrian Path through an ACTIA grant. The consulting firm, DMJM Harris was selected to work on this project under a competitive process that took place earlier this year. Since the Safe Routes to School pedestrian enhancements are an integral component of the Buchanan Bicycle-Pedestrian Path project, City staff believes it is more cost-effective and service-efficient to use a consulting firm on this project that is familiar with the projects proceeding in the area.

The design work includes the following:

- Design of a traffic signal with protected left turns at Buchanan and Jackson
- Plans for the installation of two solar speed feedback signs
- Design of potential bulbouts for the crosswalk corners of Buchanan and Jackson (to be considered for construction at a future time)

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The Safe Routes to School grant will cover \$15,000 of design work costs. The remaining amount of \$21,000 will come from the City's Measure F 2002 allocation for traffic and safety improvements.

Attachments

DMJM Harris - Scope of Work