



**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

AGENDA TITLE: Accept Improvements Under Contract for the Citywide School Safety Signage Project
 MEETING DATE: December 5, 2007
 PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the improvements under the Citywide School Safety Signage Project contract.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The project was awarded at the August 1, 2007 Council meeting to Farwest Safety, Inc., of Lodi, in the amount of \$81,918.50.

In June 2005, City Council authorized staff to submit Safe Route to School grant applications to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). In June 2006, Caltrans approved the Citywide School Signage grant and funds became available. The intent of the grant is to comply with recently-adopted guidelines for Federal and State mandated school pedestrian warning signs. The new school signs include School Advance Warning signs in advance of the existing school signs and School Crosswalk Warning signs at school crosswalks. These signs provide additional warning for motorists entering a school zone and approaching school crosswalks. In addition to these signs, existing signs and marking were relocated or removed to be brought into compliance with Federal and State guidelines.

The final contract price was \$81,920.92. The difference between the contract amount and the final contract price was due to minor adjustments in the square footage of the pavement markings.

Following acceptance by the City Council, as required by law, the City Engineer will file a Notice of Completion with the County Recorder's office. The notice serves to notify vendors and subcontractors that the project is complete and begins their 30-day period to file a stop notice requiring the City to withhold payments from the prime contractor in the event of a payment dispute.

FISCAL IMPACT: Using some grant funds will eliminate the need to use all Street Maintenance funds for installation of these improvements by the compliance deadline. However, replacements costs will be needed in eight to ten years.

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| FUNDING AVAILABLE: | <u>Funding Source</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
| | Safe Route to School | \$42,800.00 |
| | TDA Ped & Bike | \$ 5,200.00 |
| | Street Maintenance Account | <u>\$33,920.92</u> |
| | Total | <u>\$81,920.92</u> |

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