SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF BIDS - PUTNAM AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT (FOURTH STREET TO HENRAHAN STREET)

SOURCE: Public Works Department - Engineering Division

COMMENT: On April 20, 2005, staff received two (2) bids for the Putnam Avenue Reconstruction Project. This project consists of lowering the “hump” across Putnam Avenue where the Tulare Valley Railroad crosses Putnam Avenue between Henrahan Street and Fourth Street. Lowering the “hump” will create a safer crossing for motorists and a safer crossing for pedestrians who will use the Rails to Trails.

The Estimate of Probable Cost for the project is $28,471.28, funded by Local Transportation Funds transferred from other project accounts.

The bids are as follows:

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<td>1. Central Valley Asphalt Lindsay, CA</td>
<td>$32,000</td>
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<td>2. Halopoff &amp; Sons Porterville, CA</td>
<td>$35,000</td>
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The bid is thirteen percent (13%) over the Estimate of Probable Cost. Current policy is to reject all bids when they exceed the estimate by more than ten percent (10%).

There are Local Transportation Funds available in other project accounts, such as, Miscellaneous Alley Projects, City/County Projects, City Overlay Program and Miscellaneous Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk Projects that could be utilized for this project. About $129,000 is available and staff does not anticipate full expenditures from these project accounts during the 04/05 fiscal year.

If Council finds merit in awarding a contract to Central Valley Asphalt, a total of $41,000 is required to finance the Project. The amount includes a ten percent (10%) construction contingency, staff time and quality control testing. A transfer from the mentioned Local Transportation Fund accounts will finance the project, if Council deems it necessary to award the contract.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council, compliant with City policy and practice, reject all bids for the Putnam Avenue Reconstruction Project.

ATTACHMENT: Locator Map