



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
September 19, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
 Submitted by: Liam Garland, Director, Public Works
 Subject: Contract No. 32000078 and Contract No. 32000093 Amendments DC Electric Group, Inc. for On-Call Electrical Services

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt two Resolutions authorizing the City Manager or designee to amend the contract, increasing the amounts as outlined below, and extending the contracts through June 30, 2026:

1. Increasing Contract No. 32000078 with DC Electric Group, Inc. for the Facilities Electrical Division for on-call electrical services in the amount of \$300,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$475,000.
2. Increasing Contract No. 32000093 with DC Electric Group, Inc. for the Transportation Division for on-call electrical services for traffic calming devices in the amount of \$100,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$600,000.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Funding is available in the FY2024 baseline budget as follows:

Contract No. 32000078

Street Light Assessment District Fund 142	\$150,000
Measure BB – Local Streets and Road Fund 134	\$150,000

Contract No. 32000093

State Transportation Tax Fund 127	\$50,000
Measure BB – Local Streets and Road Fund 134	\$50,000

Additional funding will be appropriated as part of the Annual Appropriations Ordinance #1 and in future fiscal years as needed. This is an on-call contract and costs will be incurred when services are performed.

The average cost associated with the development, routing, and approvals of a consent calendar item such as this is approximately \$3,200. The average cost for an action or work session item is approximately \$6,200.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Public Works' Electrical Unit supports the City's electrical needs and occasionally requires additional outside support or expertise. DC Electric Group, Inc. (DC Electric) provides emergency repairs for damaged street light poles, traffic signals and pedestrian signals, and assists with repairing/replacing Marina pier lights, electrical wiring, and electrical component installation as needed for City renovations and upgrades.

Public Works has been utilizing the service of DC Electric at an increased capacity over the last 6 months to correct a back log of damaged street lights and traffic signals which has resulted in a need for increased contract capacity. There are still several intersections and street lights that require additional work beyond the capacity of City Electricians and there will be additional knocked down equipment throughout the contract year due to unforeseen events.

In addition, the City is responsible for ensuring maintenance of electronic traffic calming devices, including rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs), pedestrian crossing flashing beacons, and speed feedback signs, and must ensure their operation for pedestrian, bicyclist, and driver safety.

These contract amendments support the Strategic Plan Priority of advancing our goal to provide state-of-the-art, well-maintained infrastructure, amenities, and facilities.

BACKGROUND

On November 3, 2016, Public Works issued a Request for Proposals, Specification No. 16-11076-C for electrical on-call services for the Public Works Facilities Electrical Division focusing on Traffic Signal, Pedestrian Signal and Street Light work. Four proposals were submitted and two vendors were selected to ensure the availability of these services in the event of an emergency. Both DC Electric and Colombia were selected and are contracted with the City.

Additionally, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued on June 26, 2019, and four contractors responded to the RFP on July 18, 2019, meeting all requirements of the proposal for On-Call Electronic Traffic Calming Devices Maintenance. Resolution No. 69,086-N.S. authorized the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments with DC Electric Group, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 to repair, replace, maintain, and install electronic traffic calming devices for the period of October 16, 2019 to June 30, 2024 with an option for up to three one-year extensions. Contract no.

32000093 was executed on November 4, 2019 for DC Electric Group, Inc. to maintain existing traffic calming devices and to install new devices as authorized by the City.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

This contract amendment is consistent with the City's efforts to improve efficiency of movement of people and vehicles throughout the City's roadway network. Traffic calming devices are expected to make the City of Berkeley a more pedestrian, bicycle, and transit friendly community, thus working to reduce greenhouse gases and pollutants that impact air quality.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

DC Electric continues to provide outstanding service to the City of Berkeley and are needed to supplement Public Works' in-house Electrical Unit to keep up with the growing demand for traffic calming devices, signal modifications and repair of knocked down street lights and traffic signals.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None. The City does not have adequate resources to provide the required repairs, replacement and maintenance in a timely and cost-effective manner.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

- 1: Resolution – Contract No. 32000078
- 2: Resolution – Contract No. 32000093

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

CONTRACT NO. 32000078 AMENDMENT DC ELECTRIC FOR ON-CALL
ELECTRICAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the City periodically requires emergency and non-emergency on-call electric services for repair, maintenance, replacement and installation of various electrical equipment in City facilities, and for traffic signals, street lights and other infrastructure at various locations; and

WHEREAS, the City does not have sufficient resources to provide the required repairs, replacement and maintenance in a timely or cost-effective manner; and

WHEREAS, the City issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) Specification No. 16-11076-C for on-call electrical services on November 3, 2016, four contractors responded to the RFP on December 8, 2016, and two contractors met all requirements and specifications of the proposal; and

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2022 City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a contract amendment to increase the contract by \$100,000 for a new not to exceed amount of \$100,000 and extend the contract through June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, staff reviewed and evaluated all proposals submitted and contracted with DC Electric Group, Inc. and Columbia Electric, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, this is an on-call contract and no costs will be incurred until applicable emergencies or City projects emerge; and

WHEREAS funding is available in the Street Light Assessment District Fund 142 and Measure BB – Local Streets and Road Fund 134.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32000078 with DC Electric Group, Inc., increasing the current contract amount by \$300,000 for a total not to exceed \$475,000 and extending the contract through June 30, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

CONTRACT NO. 32000093 AMENDMENT: DC ELECTRIC GROUP, INC. FOR ON-CALL ELECTRICAL SERVICES FOR TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES

WHEREAS, the City must periodically maintain existing electronic traffic calming devices to ensure that they are in a good operating condition and install new devices for pedestrian, bicyclist, and motorist safety; and

WHEREAS, the City does not have internal recourses or technical expertise to provide the required repair, replacement, maintenance, and installation in a timely or cost-effective manner; and

WHEREAS, an invitation for a Request for Proposal (RFP) was advertised on June 26, 2019, and based on the selection criteria established in the RFP the highest scoring and selected contractor was DC Electric Group, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 69,086-N.S. authorized the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments with DC Electric Group, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 to repair, replace, maintain, and install electronic traffic calming devices for the period of October 16, 2019 to June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, DC Electric Group, Inc. was retained under contract no. 32000093 for On-Call Electrical Services for Traffic Calming Devices Maintenance; and

WHEREAS, due to the increased need for new electronic traffic calming devices and signal modifications, an additional \$100,000 in contract capacity is necessary to construct improvements in an efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, funding for the additional \$100,000 will be identified and expended only for the actual services that are required. Therefore, funding will be subject to appropriation in the specific fiscal year that the services are needed.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32000093 with DC Electric Group, Inc. to increase the current contract by \$100,000 for a total not to exceed amount of \$600,000 and extend the contract through June 30, 2026.

