



Meeting Date: October 8, 2026

To: Public Works Commission

Through: Carla Short, Public Works Director
Scott Anderson, Deputy Director for Project Delivery

From: Ellen Lai, Project Manager

Subject: Powell Street Safety Project - Contract No. 1000033787– Contract Modification

Director’s Recommendation: Approve an increase of the construction contract cost from \$3,010,386 to \$3,566,095, an increase of \$555,709 (18.5%), due to cumulative change orders. The cost increase is primarily driven by two client-requested change orders: SFMTA's interconnect conduit addition, which yields net cost savings to the City and supports Dig Once efficiency goals, and the NE Ellis bulbout, a previously unfulfilled ADA obligation completed now to minimize future impact to the Powell Street corridor.

Contract Background: The Powell Street Safety Project consists of curb ramps, traffic signals, and intersection improvements at three locations on Powell Street, at Ellis Street, O'Farrell Street, and Geary Street, to improve safety for all street users, enhance cable car safety and performance, and renew transportation infrastructure.

On July 22, 2024, the San Francisco Public Works Commission approved Resolution No. 2024-0054, awarding the project (Sourcing ID No. 0000008257, Contract No. 1000033787) to Bay Area Lightworks, Inc. in the amount of \$3,010,386.00, with \$301,038.60 in contingency, 360 consecutive calendar days from Notice to Proceed (NTP) to Substantial Completion, and up to 36 consecutive calendar days from Substantial Completion to Final Completion.

Since award, the contract scope has grown through two client-requested change orders: SFMTA elected to add interconnect conduit installation on O'Farrell and Ellis Streets (PCO#8) to take advantage of this project's already-scoped and budgeted paving restoration ahead of the Various Locations Pavement Renovation No. 80 (VL80) project, avoiding a separate future excavation and repaving cost and supporting the city-wide Dig Once goal; and the City added a new bulbout at the northeast corner of Powell and Ellis Streets (PCO#9) to fulfill a long-outstanding ADA curb ramp obligation originally assigned to a private property developer who did not complete the work, using a design previously approved by the Public Works Disability Access Coordinator (DAC).

Contract Title:	Powell Street Safety Project
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Summary of Contract Value:

Contract Cost Amount	Amounts
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Original Contract Amount:	\$3,010,386.00
Original Contingency Amount:	\$301,038.60
Previously Approved Contingency Reserve:	-
Additional Contingency Reserve Requested:	\$254,671.32
Authorized Contract Cost Limit:	\$3,566,095.92

Contract Duration	Days
Original Contract Duration:	360
Original Contingency Duration:	36

Contract Funding Sources:	(1) Active Transportation Program (ATP) Grant (2) San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Transit Funds Local Funds - Prop B
Anticipated Project Schedule:	Notice-to-proceed: Fall 2024 Construction: Fall 2025
Contractor Name:	Bay Area Lightworks, Inc.
Compliance Information:	The Contract Monitoring Division (CMD) has determined Bay Area Lightworks, Inc. has materially complied with the pre-award Chapter 14B requirement.
Other Compliance:	1. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Exemption Determination, Case No. 2018-013500ENV dated January 19, 2024. 2. Public Works Regulatory Affairs Final Quality Assurance / Quality Control Review Form (QA/QC Review Form) dated March 19, 2024.
Related Commission Actions:	On July 22, 2024, the San Francisco Public Works Commission adopted Resolution No. 2024-0054, awarding the current contract. See Attachment 1 for Summary of Commission Actions.
Additional Information:	N/A
Attachments:	Attachment 1: Resolution Attachment 2: San Francisco Public Works Commission Resolution No. 2024-0054 - Contract Award Attachment 3: San Francisco Public Works Contract No. 1000033787 Agreement Form Attachment 4: CEQA Determination No. 2018-013500ENV dated January 19, 2024, and Attachment 5: 0000008257 CMD Award Recommendation Memo

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, The work performed under the Powell Street Safety Project (Sourcing ID No. 0000008257) consists of new traffic signal infrastructure, pedestrian signal work, street lighting, pavement renovation, curb ramp construction, traffic control improvements, and other associated infrastructure work at three intersections on Powell Street at Ellis Street, O'Farrell Street, and Geary Street, and construction of a cable car boarding island and other associated infrastructure work on Powell Street and Post Street; and

WHEREAS, On July 22, 2024, the San Francisco Public Works Commission issued Resolution No. 2024-0054, awarding the Powell Street Safety Project (Sourcing ID No. 0000008257, Contract No. 1000033787) contract to Bay Area Lightworks, Inc. in the amount of \$3,010,386, with \$301,038 for contingency, and with 360 consecutive calendar days from Notice to Proceed to Substantial Completion, plus 36 consecutive calendar days of contingency; and

WHEREAS, On January 19, 2024, the San Francisco Planning Department issued an Exemption Determination (Case No. 2018-013500ENV, or "CEQA Determination") determining that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"). The work will be carried out by the licensed contractor and managed by San Francisco Public Works with funding and oversight from SFMTA. The contractor is required to comply with the San Francisco Public Works Standard Construction Measures; and

WHEREAS, Public Works staff now requests an increase to the contract cost contingency by \$254,671 to complete the Powell Street Safety Project; and

WHEREAS, The construction cost increase approved by this resolution covers client-requested change orders, including the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's (SFMTA) interconnect conduit addition, which yields net cost savings to the City and supports Dig Once efficiency goals, and the NE Ellis bulbout, a previously unfulfilled ADA obligation completed now to minimize future impact to the Powell St corridor; and

WHEREAS, The original contract award of \$3,010,386 combined with the original contingency of \$301,038 resulted in a total authorized contract amount of \$3,311,424; the requested contingency increase of \$254,671 is above this original authorized total, resulting in a new total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$3,566,095, which represents an overall increase of \$555,709, or 18.5 percent, above the original contract amount of \$3,010,386; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Commission hereby approves an increase of construction contract cost from \$3,010,386 to \$3,566,095, an increase of \$555,709 (18.5%), due to cumulative change orders.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Public Works Commission at its meeting of _____.

Commission Affairs Manager
Public Works Commission