



## Staff Report

**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** Robert Vestal, Public Works Director  
**DATE:** November 21, 2023  
**SUBJECT:** Update on the Citywide Traffic Signal Upgrade at Beaumont Ave and First Street

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**Description** Update on the Citywide Traffic Signal Upgrade at Beaumont Ave and First Street, CIP R-13 (Project).

### **Background and Analysis:**

On August 3, 2021, City Council authorized City staff to pre-purchase traffic signal poles for the Project due to the 6–8-month lead time for production.

On January 3, 2022, City staff ordered the traffic signal poles from McCain, an approved Caltrans vendor, manufactured at an approved Caltrans facility (Valmont).

On July 18, 2022, City staff received the poles.

On April 18, 2023, City Council awarded the construction of Citywide Traffic Signal Upgrade at First Street and Beaumont Avenue (CIP R-13) to Elecnor Belco Electric, Inc. (Belco).

On August 24, 2023, City Staff met with Belco and a Caltrans inspector in the field, for a pre-construction meeting. It was during this meeting the Caltrans inspector rejected the poles and indicated that since the Caltrans Materials Engineering and Testing Services (METS) did not inspect the poles during fabrication, the poles would need to be evaluated by METS or replaced entirely.

On August 25, 2023, City Staff contacted METS directly and explained the issue. METS declined to inspect the poles. City Staff reached out to the Caltrans Project Manager who was unable to assist in the matter.

During the period from August 25, 2023 to September 21, 2023, City Staff made several attempts to resolve the issue with the Caltrans inspector, METS, and the Project Manager.

On September 22, 2023, City Staff reached out to RCTC staff for assistance.

On October 19, 2023, RCTC indicated that METS would investigate into the issue with the poles.

On November 1, 2023, RCTC further indicated that “Caltrans METS was able to find all the information they needed from Valmont and they feel there is sufficient paperwork to justify accepting the poles through visual inspection.”

On November 7, 2023, RCTC inquired into who would be assigned to the project and coordinate with City staff to schedule a visual inspection.

City Staff continues to work with RCTC and METS to schedule the visual inspection. Pending approval from METS, the project will be ready to move forward.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The estimated cost to prepare this staff report is \$350.

**Recommended Action:**

Receive and file.