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New Smart Parking Meters Approved for San Diego

City Council Approves Contract, Meters to Arrive Later This Year

SAN DIEGO (June 10, 2014) – Council President Todd Gloria today announced the approval of a contract to bring new smart parking meters to San Diego. The City Council approved a cooperative procurement contract for the purchase of new single-space parking meters from IPS Group, Inc.

“Smart meters will finally bring San Diego’s parking management infrastructure into the 21st century,” said Council President Gloria. **“With more user-friendly parking meters, customers will be able to more easily patronize the small businesses throughout Downtown, Uptown, and Mid-City, contributing to the economic development of our City.”**

Under the contract, approximately 97% of San Diego’s parking meters will be replaced. The new technology will allow customers to pay for parking with credit cards. The new meters will also allow the City to collect better utilization data to inform and guide Parking Meter Operations and Community Parking District strategies and policies. It is anticipated that installation of the new equipment could start by this Fall. The smart meters will use the City’s existing meter poles and housings.

“I appreciate our City employees’ hard work to bring forward this solution and am pleased the City Council approved the contract today,” said Council President Gloria.

The total not-to-exceed amount for the five year agreement with IPS is \$8,171,007, which is made up of both one-time costs totaling \$3,857,989 that will be funded by the Community Parking District (CPD) and City CPD Administration funds in Fiscal Year 2015 and on-going costs totaling \$4,313,018 that will be covered by meter revenue throughout the five-year period, which ends November 12, 2018.

The City of San Diego manages approximately 5,700 on-street metered parking spaces. The City currently has 132 multi-space pay stations servicing approximately 1,000 metered parking spaces. The remaining metered spaces are single head parking meters which are over 10 years old. These meters accept coin and City of San Diego pre-loaded parking cards only and have reached the end of their useful life.

The City of San Diego’s arrangement was completed through Sacramento’s contract with IPS Group. The City examined options for parking meter contracts, and Sacramento’s most closely matched San Diego’s specifications and bidding process. San Diego has entered into previous cooperative contracting agreements for multiple-space meters and has a cooperative agreement for back-office Parking Administration systems with the City of Inglewood.

The Office of the City Treasurer, in cooperation with Economic Development, San Diego Police, and the CPDs, will continue to pursue procurement solutions this year for multi-space smart parking meters and real-time parking data.

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