



AGENDA REPORT

City Council

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SUBJECT:

AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE SANTA FE DRIVE NORTH SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, CS07B

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Council take the following actions:

1. Approve a contract with Blue Pacific Engineering and Construction in the amount of \$465,904.00 for the construction of the Santa Fe Dr. North Sidewalk Improvements project, a HSIP project; and
2. Authorize augmentation of the existing contract with Excel Landscape, Inc. in the amount of \$90,000.00 for landscape and irrigation improvements; and
3. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to award contracts for construction specialists, inspections, and other contracts, including construction staking, traffic engineering and inspection, geotechnical services, materials testing, purchase of landscape materials, engineering inspection, construction of those project elements not covered by the HSIP grant, and contingencies as necessary to complete the project, with a total not-to-exceed cost for the project of \$835,043.00.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This project aligns with the Strategic Plan goals for:

- Community Planning- By maintaining safe and livable communities through well-maintained infrastructure and facilities; and
- Public Safety- By creating a safe and secure environment for pedestrians traveling the area; and
- Recreation- By promoting active lifestyles and community health by improving pedestrian access; and
- Transportation- By providing effective, safe, and easy transportation for all modes of movement.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The Santa Fe Dr. North Sidewalk Improvements project was awarded a Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grant, and has been approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to proceed to construction with a reimbursable amount for the street improvements not to exceed \$608,060.00; the actual amount of grant funding will be less than

this maximum amount due to the favorable bids received. A 10% local match is required for utilization of the grant funds.

The Santa Fe Drive North Sidewalk Improvements project is identified in the Capital Improvement Project Program as Project CS07B for the various Santa Fe Drive improvements. The combination of HSIP grant funds and the \$705,861.55 of available Transnet monies in the project budget provides adequate funding for the construction of the project.

Construction of the landscaping portion of the project will result in a maintenance commitment of approximately \$3,600.00 per fiscal year which will require augmenting Fund 295 by that amount annually to provide for the ongoing maintenance, electricity, and water for the landscape areas. A budget adjustment for the maintenance costs for fiscal year 14/15 will be requested in the first quarter of the fiscal year. Adjustments to the \$3,600.00 figure will need to be made in future budget years to account for inflation/changes in costs of maintenance.

BACKGROUND:

Santa Fe Drive is an augmented circulation element roadway that runs east-west and connects residential neighborhoods to schools, retail districts, and Interstate 5. A street segment on the north side of Santa Fe Dr. between Gardena Rd. and Nardo Rd. currently consists of a degraded asphalt walkway and berm. The poor condition of these facilities renders them inadequate for safely conveying pedestrians along the route, which is heavily traveled by students from the adjacent San Dieguito Academy school as well as by area residents. In addition, the sidewalk facilities are obstructed by utility poles in several locations and do not meet Americans with Disabilities (ADA) standards for providing accessibility to all types of users. The Santa Fe Dr. Undergrounding District 17 project will remove the utility poles, allowing clearance for new pedestrian facilities to be constructed.

This project proposes to construct approximately 675 linear feet of sidewalk, curb, and gutter, together with ADA-compliant pedestrian ramps and landscaping, along the north side of Santa Fe Drive between Gardena Rd. and Nardo Rd. The improvements will enhance a vital link within the pedestrian infrastructure and allow safe pedestrian travel from the high school. In addition, the project proposes a landscape pop-out at the northeastern quadrant of the Nardo Rd./Mackinnon Ave. and Santa Fe Dr. intersection, minor storm drain improvements, and full-width pavement overlay of Santa Fe Dr. within the project area.

ANALYSIS:

The City issued a Public Notice Inviting Bids for the construction of the Santa Fe Dr. North Sidewalk Improvements project and opened bids on May 14, 2013. Three bids were received, as follows:

Blue Pacific Engineering and Construction	\$465,904.00
A.M. Ortega	\$624,985.69
Weir Construction	\$635,448.00

The lowest responsible and responsive bidder is Blue Pacific Engineering and Construction, with a bid amount of \$465,904.00.

Following an RFP process, the Parks and Recreation Department entered into a contract with Excel Landscape for the performance of landscaping work. The existing contract with Excel Landscape will be augmented by a one time increase in the amount of \$90,000.00 as payment for the addition of the landscape and irrigation work related to the Santa Fe North Sidewalk Improvements. The \$90,000 is available in CS07B (Santa Fe North Sidewalk Improvement Project).

Project costs are summarized in the table on the next page.

Santa Fe Dr. North Sidewalk Improvement Costs

	HSIP Grant	Transnet	Total
Traffic & Lighting Design	\$ -	\$ 22,875	\$ 22,875
Civil Design & Drafting	\$ -	\$ 24,960	\$ 24,960
Advertising & Printing	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Title Reports	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Grant Reimbursable Improvements	\$ 400,819	\$ 44,535	\$ 445,354
Non-Reimbursable Improvements	\$ -	\$ 20,550	\$ 20,550
Construction Engineering	\$ 60,123	\$ 9,763	\$ 69,886
Consultant Construction Support	\$ -	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
City-Purchased Landscape Materials	\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
Landscape & Irrigation	\$ -	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000
Contingency	\$ 46,094	\$ 62,825	\$ 108,919
Total:	\$ 507,036	\$ 328,008	\$ 835,043

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The action being considered by the City Council for award of the contract to begin construction on the Santa Fe Dr. North Sidewalk Improvements is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under 15301(c), a minor alteration to an existing street.