



Item Number: 16

City Council / Board of Directors

Written Communications

Meeting of: August 16, 2022

Submitted By:

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Subject:

Old Town Sidewalk Connectivity Project Phase 1 – Rejection of Bids

Recommendation:

That the Honorable City Council reject all bids submitted for the Old Town Sidewalk Connectivity Project – Phase 1.

Fiscal Impact:

There will be no fiscal impact resulting from this action. The Fiscal Year 2021/2022 budget included this Capital Improvement Project. Please refer to the table below that shows the account numbers, available budget, and total funds for the project.

Account No.	Available Budget
2334500-55315-60134	\$ 244,000.00
2504500-55315-60134	\$ 250,000.00
Total:	\$ 494,000.00

Background:

On May 3, 2019, the Engineering Department submitted an application for a Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 Call for Projects Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities grant. On July 12, 2019, the Engineering Department received a notification from the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) that the application was approved for funding in the amount of \$244,000.00. The Old Town Sidewalk (60134) capital improvement project was approved by the City Council in the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 annual budget with an additional appropriation from Measure I (Fund 250) of \$250,000.00 to fund construction costs. On June 6, 2022, a request for construction bids was informally advertised. Bids were received, opened, and publicly read aloud on July 14, 2022.

Discussion:

The Old Town Sidewalk Connectivity 2019 Project grant was awarded for proposed infrastructure improvements which includes the construction of sidewalks, curb ramps and drive approaches in Old Town Victorville. Several blocks of Old Town Victorville are missing pedestrian accessible paths of travel along the existing streets. The submission of the application for the TDA Article 3 grant funds and subsequent notice of award has provided the City with additional funds to advertise, contract and construct the missing segments of sidewalk, intersection curb ramps and replace none-compliant drive approaches to meet American Disabilities Act requirements.

The proposed improvements will serve pedestrians in the Old Town Victorville area. Walkers of various ages, including school children and the physically disabled will benefit from this proposed improvement in Old Town Victorville. The proposed project will add concrete improvements adjacent to existing curb and gutter at thirteen locations on the following streets: Forrest Ave; "A" Street; "B" Street; "C" Street; 2nd Street; 4th Street; 5th Street; and Hesperia Road. Please refer to Attachment A, a location map of the project.

The project plans, specifications and engineer's estimate for the project were prepared in-house by the City of Victorville Engineering Department. The estimated cost of the project in 2019 was \$488,000.00.

The Notice Inviting Bids was informally advertised June 6, 2022, on the City website, ebidboard and by email sent to contractors who previously bid on past projects. On July 14, 2022, six bids were received and publicly read aloud at City Hall. The results of the bids are as follows:

<u>Company</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
S & H Civilworks**	Colton	\$ 763,285.00
Jergensen Construction	Oak Hills	\$ 924,585.96
DOD Construction	Bakersfield	\$1,014,761.00
Gentry General Engineering	Rancho Cucamonga	\$1,129,577.00
LCR Earthwork & Engineering	Ontario	\$1,197,350.28
DM Contracting, Inc	Colton	\$1,372,550.00

** Withdrew bid due to mathematical miscalculations

A careful review and tabulation of the bid proposals was performed. Following the submission of the bids, S&H Civil Works submitted a letter of withdrawal of their bid the next day due to gross mathematical errors. Subsequently, the next lowest apparent bidder was found to be Jergensen Construction. This bid was found to be approximately 87% higher than the budgeted cost of the project. Inflation, labor rate increases, material shortages and the elapsed time since the estimate was prepared has resulted in an increased cost for construction services.

Staff recommends that all bids be rejected, and the project re-advertised. Staff plans to reduce the scope of the project by deleting the highest cost location in the project which

required a retaining wall. After re-advertising the project, staff expects that additional funds from Measure I will still need to be appropriated to award a construction contract. Staff recommends that the Honorable City Council reject all bids submitted for the Old Town Sidewalk Connectivity Project – Phase 1.

Staff remains available for any questions the City Council may have.

Attachments: A. Location Map