



MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Bill Robeson, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director

BY: Jill McPeck, Capital Improvement Project Manager

SUBJECT: Consideration of Award of Construction Contract to Raminha Construction, Inc. for the Oak Park Boulevard Drainage Repairs Project, PW 2020-04

DATE: August 23, 2022

SUMMARY OF ACTION:

Award a construction contract to install new underground storm drain pipes that will provide a permanent solution for conveying storm water runoff within the Oak Park/El Camino Real area. Work is anticipated to begin in September 2022.

IMPACT ON FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL RESOURCES:

An allocation of \$400,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds were made available in the amended FY 2021-22 Capital Improvement Program budget for the design, inspection, construction, and contingencies of the subject project. Upon receipt of construction bids, it is now estimated that the total project costs will be \$389,772 as shown in the table below. Any unused ARPA funds will be allocated towards a similar infrastructure project. Staff time will be necessary to coordinate construction activities with the engineering and construction management consultants, and the construction contractor.

Construction	\$238,679
Construction Contingencies (15%)	35,802
Construction Mgt/Inspection	92,980
Design & Survey	22,311
Total	\$389,772

RECOMMENDATION:

Award a construction contract to Raminha Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$238,679 and authorize the City Manager to approve change orders for 15% of the contract, \$35,802, for unanticipated costs during the construction phase of the project (construction contract costs = \$238,679 + \$35,802 = \$274,481).

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BACKGROUND:

During a rain event at the end of December 2019, Public Works crews responded to flooding on El Camino Real east of Oak Park Boulevard. Investigations revealed the flooding was caused by storm drain system failures along Oak Park Boulevard and El Camino Real. These failures have caused substantial soil and debris deposits in the storm drain pipes and box culvert, and have created a large void surrounding a manhole on Oak Park Boulevard at El Camino Real. A semi-permanent lane closure has been established to direct traffic away from the area of the void.

On January 14, 2020, the Council established an emergency repair project for the storm drain system on Oak Park Boulevard at El Camino Real.

On February 25, 2020, the Council adopted a resolution terminating the emergency action for repairs because the emergency repairs were completed. However, currently, during ¼ to ½ inch rain events, storm water floods this portion of El Camino Real and is pumped uphill via a temporary above ground pipe to a drainage inlet El Camino Real that ultimately enters the Caltrans right of way and drainage system near West Branch.

The permanent Oak Park Drainage Repairs Project associated with the award of this construction contract, will convey a significant amount of storm water that accumulates in the low area to the south of the Oak Park Boulevard and El Camino Real intersection. The permanent project will alleviate flooding issues at El Camino Real and convey storm water in a volume and in distribution flow approved by Caltrans.

On June 28, 2022 (Attachment 2), the City Council approved construction plans and specifications for the Oak Park Drainage Repairs Project, PW 2020-04. In general, the project includes removing and replacing an existing drainage inlet, installing a new manhole, concrete junction boxes, installing a new HDPE pipe within the City and Caltrans right-of-way, and connecting the drainage piping to an existing box culvert within the Hwy 101 right-of-way. Additional project components include restoring landscaping, providing traffic control, storm water control, and complying with the provisions of the Caltrans Permit.

ANALYSIS OF ISSUES:

On August 4, 2022, six bids were received for the Oak Park Drainage Repairs Project (Attachment 1). The project specifications state that the lowest bidder will be determined using the Base Bid. There were no Bid Alternates. Following review, it has been determined that the lowest Base Bid was received from Raminha Construction, Inc., that Raminha Construction, Inc.'s bid is responsive, and that Raminha Construction, Inc. is a responsible bidder.

Based on the total project budget available, an award of a construction contract to Raminha Construction, Inc. is recommended. It is also recommended that a construction

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contingency of 15% be set aside for unanticipated costs during the construction phase of the project due to the complexity of working with the State Highway right of way.

The contract time is 60 working days and it is anticipated work will be performed September to November 2022. Because the work will be performed within the State Highway right of way, the contractor must comply with the provisions of the project's Caltrans Encroachment Permit, which may require nighttime construction.

ALTERNATIVES:

The following alternatives are provided for the Council's consideration:

1. Approve the recommended actions as proposed;
2. Award a construction contract but authorize the City Manager to only approve 10% of the contract for unanticipated costs during the construction phase of the project;
3. Do not award a construction contract for the project at this time; or
4. Provide other direction to staff.

ADVANTAGES:

The drainage improvements will provide a permanent solution for conveying storm water runoff within the area and to help reduce the potential for flooding of the adjacent roadways.

DISADVANTAGES:

There will be traffic inconveniences to the travelling public during construction. These will be minimized as much as possible. Staff and/its consultants will monitor the traffic control to conform to the requirements of the Municipal Uniform Traffic Control Devices manual (MUTCD) to mitigate any negative effects.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

The project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Guideline Section 15301(b) for minor alteration of existing public facilities used to provide sewerage or other public utility services involving negligible or no expansion.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION AND COMMENTS:

The Agenda was posted at City Hall and on the City's website in accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2.

Attachments:

1. Bid Opening Log Sheet
2. [June 28, 2022 Staff Report and Attachments](#)

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