



MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

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

BY: Steve Kahn, Interim City Engineer

SUBJECT: Consideration to Approve Construction Plan & Specifications and Environmental Exemption for the 2022 Concrete Repairs Project, PW 2022-07

DATE: June 13, 2023

SUMMARY OF ACTION:

Approve construction plans and specifications and authorize the solicitation of bids for the 2022 Concrete Repairs Project.

IMPACT ON FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL RESOURCES:

The 2022 Concrete Repair Project (Project) is funded with approximately \$470,000 of Sales Tax Funds and \$56,000 of Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG), for a total of \$526,000. \$414,000 will be used for construction, \$41,000 for contingencies and \$71,000 for survey and design. The Project will be managed and inspected by city staff during construction.

RECOMMENDATION:

1) Approve the construction plans & specifications for the 2022 Concrete Repairs Project, PW 2022-07; 2) Authorize staff to advertise for construction bids; 3) Find that the plans & specifications for the Concrete Repairs Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Guidelines Section 15301(c), a Class 1 exemption, which applies to the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features where the project involves negligible or no expansion of existing or former use; and 4) Direct the City Clerk to file a Notice of Exemption.

BACKGROUND:

Each year the Public Works Department and the Engineering Division identifies damaged sidewalks requiring repair to mitigate the potential for trip and fall hazards located in the public right-of-way. The proposed project presented with this item is the latest in a

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continuing effort to systematically address damaged concrete facilities at various locations throughout the City.

In order to bid the project and provide immunity to the City, the City Council approves the plans and specifications prior to the construction bidding process. Also, the scope of work is required to have an environmental determination that either qualifies as an exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) or follows the path of a Mitigated Negative Declaration prior to bidding. In this case, the Project is proposed to be deemed categorically exempt from CEQA.

ANALYSIS OF ISSUES:

The City's 2022 Concrete Repairs Project (Project) is an annual Capital Improvement Project designed to repair sidewalk segments that are damaged or displaced in priority areas such as the Village, safe routes to schools, commercial areas, heavily used pedestrian areas, and to infill missing sidewalk gaps. The Project has three parts described below:

- Concrete improvements in the Village, including replacing tile bands in the sidewalks and tree wells and replacing the colored asphalt crosswalks and two striped crosswalks at the East Branch Street and Mason Street intersection with a brick paver material, as presented to the City Council at its [May 23, 2023](#) regular meeting. Construction Plans are included in Attachment 2.
- Installation of curb ramps and sidewalk at the intersections of Alder St. and Farroll Ave. and Alder St. and Sandalwood Ave. This work is funded by the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and is an important safe route to school. Construction Plans are included in Attachment 2.
- Installation and/or repair of missing or damaged sidewalks and under sidewalk drains at various locations in the city. Construction Plans are located at Attachment 3.

ALTERNATIVES:

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

1. Approve staff's recommendations as proposed;
2. Do not approve the construction plans and specifications, direct staff to evaluate alternative locations, and return to City Council for approval in the future;
3. Modify staff's recommendation and approve; or
4. Provide direction to staff.

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ADVANTAGES:

The Project will reduce potential trip and fall hazards along selected streets, provide a continuous and accessible route for students to walk to school and benefit active residents, and improve access for individuals with mobility limitations. The Project will also improve the aesthetics of the Village with the placement of clay brick pavers in the sidewalks, tree wells and crosswalks.

DISADVANTAGES:

There will be intermittent sidewalk closures during the project. These will be minimized as much as possible, and the project specifications require the contractor to notify affected residents and businesses in advance. There will also be lane closures and detours on East Branch Street when the crosswalks are constructed. The timing of this work will be planned to minimize the impacts on the traveling public and traffic control, signage and advanced notification will be used to provide the direction.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

The plans & specifications for the Concrete Repairs Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Guideline Section 15301(c) for existing sidewalk, gutter and similar facilities. Specifically the project is exempt pursuant to Guidelines Section 15301(c), a Class 1 exemption, which applies to the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features where the project involves negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. None of the exceptions to the Class 1 exemption set forth in State CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply.

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. Notice of Exemption
2. Construction Plans for the 2022 Concrete Repairs Project – Village and Alder Improvements, PW 2022-07
3. Construction Plans for the 2022 Concrete Repairs Project – Appendices (1) Improvements, PW 2022-07