



MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

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

BY: Paul Henderson, Interim Capital Improvement Project Manager

SUBJECT: Consideration of an Award of Contract for Construction of the 2022 Concrete Repairs Project, PW 2022-07

DATE: July 25, 2023

SUMMARY OF ACTION:

Award a construction contract (Attachment 2) for the 2022 Concrete Repairs Project to JJ Fisher Construction, Inc.

IMPACT ON FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL RESOURCES:

The 2022 Concrete Repair Project (Project) is funded with \$470,000 of Sales Tax Funds and \$56,000 of Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG), for a total of \$526,000. \$399,145 is allocated for construction, \$39,915 for contingencies and \$86,940 for survey and design. The Project will be managed and inspected by City staff during construction.

RECOMMENDATION:

1) Authorize the City Manager, on the City's behalf, to enter into a contract for the 2022 Concrete Repairs Project to JJ Fisher Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$398,351 for the Base Bid only, subject to minor revisions in consultation with the City Attorney that effectuate the intent of City Council's approval, once the City receives the necessary agreement from CDBG obligating the funds; and 2) Authorize the City Manager to approve change orders of 10% of the contract amount, \$39,835, for unanticipated costs during the construction phase of the Project.

BACKGROUND:

Each year the Public Works Department and the Engineering Division identify 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 continuing effort to systematically address damaged concrete facilities at various locations throughout the City.

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At its [May 23, 2023 regular meeting](#), the City Council approved Sidewalk Tile Bands, Tree Well Borders, and Crosswalk Improvements in the Village as components of the Project and directed completion of the plans, specifications and estimate (PS&E).

At its [June 13, 2023 regular meeting](#), the City Council approved the PS&E, authorized Staff to solicit bids for construction of the Project, found the Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Directed the City Clerk to file a Notice of Exemption.

On June 20, 2023, in accordance with City purchasing policies, the City advertised publicly for bids to construct the Project. On July 18, 2023, 4 bids were received prior to the 2pm bid close at the City Corporation Yard. The Bid Opening Log Sheet is provided in Attachment 1. The lowest responsible bid was submitted by JJ Fisher Construction for an amount of \$520,538, which included the Base Bid and Add Alt Bids 1 and 2.

ANALYSIS OF ISSUES:

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 the [May 23, 2023 regular meeting](#).
- 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.
- Installation and/or repair of missing or damaged sidewalks and under sidewalk drains at 15 locations in the City. Example sites include: replacement of 56 linear feet of uplifted sidewalk at 1200 East Grand Avenue, replacement of uplifted sidewalk underdrain at 724 Asilo and replacement uplifted sidewalk underdrain on Rancho Parkway at Palos Secos.

Noting the current variability of the construction market, it is challenging to estimate project costs and allocate budget. In order to provide flexibility for construction work the Bid package included three pricing schedules including: Base Bid, Add Alt Bid 1 and Add Alt Bid 2. The intention is the Base Bid will be constructed and the Add Alt Bids may, or may not, be constructed depending on the amount of the winning Bid. The three Bid Schedules are generally described below along with the received JJ Fisher Construction Bid amount:

- Base Bid

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- Village crosswalks, sidewalk bands and tree wells, Alder St. and Farroll Ave. and Alder St. and Sandalwood Ave, concrete sidewalk and sidewalk under drain repairs in the Rancho Grande Area
 - JJ Fisher Construction Bid is \$398,351
- Add Alt Bid 1
 - E Branch & Mason Street crosswalks
 - JJ Fisher Construction Bid is \$93,527
- Add Alt Bid 2
 - Alder and Farroll Sidewalks (does not include ramps)
 - JJ Fisher Construction Bid is \$28,660

The combined total of the JJ Fisher Construction, Inc. Bid is \$520,538, whereas the City construction budget is \$399,145, plus a 10% contingency for unanticipated costs during construction. Based on the available construction budget the City can award the Base Bid only to JJ Fisher Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$398,351.

Construction plans for the project are included by attachment to the minutes of the City Council [June 13, 2023 regular meeting](#).

ALTERNATIVES:

1. 1) Authorize the City Manager, on the City's behalf, to enter into Award a contract for the 2022 Concrete Repairs Project to JJ Fisher Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$398,351 for the Base Bid only, subject to minor revisions in consultation with the City Attorney that effectuate the intent of City Council's approval; and 2) Authorize the City Manager to approve change orders of 10% of the contract amount, \$39,835, for unanticipated costs during the construction phase of the Project;
2. Do not approve staff's recommendations and request further information;
3. Modify staff's recommendation and approve; or
4. Provide direction to staff.

ADVANTAGES:

The Project will reduce potential trip and fall hazards at the selected sidewalks, provide a continuous and accessible route for students to walk to school, benefit active residents, and improve access for individuals with mobility limitations. The Project will also decrease the frequency of maintenance issues and improve the aesthetics of the Village with the placement of clay brick pavers in the sidewalks, tree wells, and crosswalks. The Project will coincide with other projects in the Village, such as the 2022 Slurry Seal Project which will add a uniform treatment and restriping to East Branch and other streets in the City, and the replacement of the East Branch Street Parklet barriers with protective barriers that are more decorative and fitting to the historic Village theme. The collaborated timing of these projects is intended to reduce the amount of total construction time and impacts

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to the Village businesses. These projects will also provide an overall refresh and exciting improvements for Arroyo Grande residents, businesses, and visitors alike.

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 direction.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

The project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Guidelines Class 1 Section 15301 Existing Facilities, Class 2 Section 15302 Replacement or Reconstruction, and Class 4 Section 15304 Minor Alterations of Land. City Council directed the City Clerk to file a [Notice of Exemption](#) at the [06/13/2023 City Council Meeting](#).

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. Proposed Contract