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**CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

Meeting: August 20, 2019

**Subject**

Award of Byrne Avenue Sidewalk Improvements, Project Number 2016-10.

**Recommended Action**

Authorize the City Manager to award a contract to Granite Construction Company in the amount of \$1,853,984 and approve a construction contingency of \$185,398, for a total of \$2,039,382 for the Byrne Avenue Sidewalk Improvements, Project Number 2016-10.

**Discussion**

Many of the streets in the Monta Vista area lack continuous sidewalks. The sidewalks that do exist have been constructed piecemeal as parcels develop or redevelop. This has resulted in disconnected walking routes.

Byrne Avenue is one of the main north-south streets in the area and, with a large number of children walking to schools on McClellan Avenue. Byrne Avenue, from McClellan Avenue to Granada Avenue, was identified as a Tier 1 project in the 2018 Pedestrian Transportation Plan.

The improvements proposed by this project will result in continuous walking routes along Byrne Avenue. With the proposed improvements, pedestrians will be more comfortable using this street for walking which should result in fewer vehicles near the schools at peak traffic times. Other improvements include more clearly defined areas for parking and increased flow and treatment of storm drain water.

Eight bids were received for this project on July 30<sup>th</sup>. The engineer's estimate and bid results for this project are as follows:

Bidder	Bid Amount
<b>Engineer's Estimate</b>	<b>\$2,300,000.00</b>
Guerra Construction	\$1,234,520.50
Granite Construction Company	\$1,853,984.00
McKim Corporation	\$2,099,676.66
Lewis and Tibbitts, Inc.	\$2,174,180.00
Graniterock	\$2,215,148.00

O'Grady Paving, Inc.	\$2,255,775.00
Sposeto Engineering, Inc.	\$2,305,715.50
Ghilotti Brothers, Inc.	\$2,395,811.00

The engineer's estimate for this project was based upon the competitively bid unit costs of a similar project completed in 2018 plus an escalation of 10%, consistent with recent trends.

The apparent low bidder, Guerra Construction, contacted the City on August 1, 2019, informing the City that they had made a mistake and that the mistake caused the bid to be materially different from intended. Following an assessment of the request from Guerra Construction, staff agreed to relieve them of their bid pursuant to Chapter 5, 'Relief of Bidders,' of the Public Contract Code of the State of California. That action resulted in Granite Construction Company being the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Construction of this project will begin in September and barring unforeseen issues or weather, will be completed by early 2020. The Orange Avenue Sidewalk Improvement project, also from McClellan Avenue to Granada Avenue, will compliment this project and is currently in the right-of-way acquisition phase.

**Sustainability Impact**

Installing sidewalk improvements will provide a defined walking route, resulting in a more comfortable pedestrian environment. The changes will reduce traffic and traffic congestion, improve overall safety, and make the pedestrian experience safer and more appealing, which leads to reduced vehicle emissions and helps the City achieve its air quality and greenhouse gas emissions reductions goals.

**Fiscal Impact**

Award of this project will result in a fiscal impact of up to \$2,039,382. Sufficient funds are available in account 270-90-958-900-905-ST 013. No further appropriations are needed.

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**Reviewed by:** Roger Lee, Director of Public Works

**Approved for Submission by:** Deborah Feng, City Manager

**Attachments:**

A – Draft Contract