



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)

Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: 7/25/06
Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time:
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director: Phillip M. Demery, Director, 568-3010
Public Works Department
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Public Works Department - Transportation Division
SUBJECT: Construction of Sabado Tarde Road Streetscape Improvements from El Embarcadero East in Isla Vista, Third Supervisorial District; County Project Number 310309

County Counsel Concurrence:

As to form/legality: Yes No N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:

As to form: Yes No N/A

Recommended Action(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve plans and specifications for the Construction of Sabado Tarde Road Streetscape Improvements from El Embarcadero East in Isla Vista, Third Supervisorial District; County Project Number 310309.
- B. Award the construction contract in the amount of \$287,634.00 to the lowest responsible bidder, Granite Construction Company, a California corporation (A local vendor, with an office in Santa Barbara), subject to the provisions of documents and certification, as set forth in the plans and specifications applicable to the project and as required by law;
- C. Authorize the chair to execute the construction contract upon return of the Contractor's executed contract documents and the review and approval of the County Counsel, Auditor-Controller, and Risk Manager or their authorized representatives; and
- D. Approve a contingency fund in the amount of \$26,881.70 for Construction of Sabado Tarde Road Streetscape Improvements from El Embarcadero East in Isla Vista, Third Supervisorial District; County Project Number 310309.

Summary:

On Thursday, June 29, 2006, two (2) bids were opened for the Construction of Sabado Tarde Road Streetscape Improvements from El Embarcadero East in Isla Vista, Third Supervisorial District; County Project Number 310309. The lowest responsible bid was submitted by Granite Construction Company. (5335 Debbie Lane, Santa Barbara, CA 93111), in the amount of \$287,634.00 which is 75.83% over the Engineer's Estimate. Although this bid is above the engineer's estimate, it is Staff's opinion that the contractor's bid this job accordingly and this is

observed by the difference between the first and second low bids being only 3.77% apart. The higher than expected bids can be attributed to the shortened construction schedule, local contractor's summer workload and difficult site conditions. An accelerated schedule to allow the placement of concrete prior to the students starting the fall semester and streetscape improvements such as a wider sidewalk for tree wells that are not normally part of a typical sidewalk infill project, also contributed to the higher than expected bids. To accommodate the wider sidewalk area, right-of-way has been purchased. Private improvements such as block walls, private walkways, stairs, patios, fences, and utilities such as water and gas services will be relocated behind the sidewalk as part of the construction contract. Public Works staff has performed an analysis of the bids received and has determined that the low bid is reasonable and recommends awarding this contract to Granite Construction Company.

This project proposes to construct approximately 775 linear feet of 7.5' sidewalks and plant eighteen (18) trees on Sabado Tarde Road from El Embarcadero east. The Isla Vista Project Area Committee/General Plan Advisory Committee (IVPAC/GPAC) recommended that New Zealand Christmas Trees from the Board's approved street tree list be used on this project. The trees will be planted immediately following the installation of the sidewalks under a separate contract by a landscape contractor. The landscape contractor will be responsible for the watering and maintenance of the trees for a period of three years. This project incorporates elements of the Isla Vista Master Plan with an approximate cost of \$455 per linear foot. A typical sidewalk in-fill project with the new sidewalk located directly behind existing curb and gutter would typically cost 40 to 50 percent less. A typical sidewalk infill project would also require less design and right-of-way costs.

The project is included in the proposed Isla Vista Master Plan. This project was bid in accordance with the Public Contract Code, which requires the award to the lowest responsible bidder.



Existing Conditions along Sabado Tarde Road

Construction will begin in late August 2006, and will last approximately 5 weeks. Local property owners are aware of the traffic control requirements for this project.

Background:

This project is the second phase of an overall downtown streetscape improvement project which is being recommended for implementation prior to the adoption of the Isla Vista Master Plan. This project can be found on Page B-122 of the 2006/2011 Capital Improvement Program. As part of the project's design phase a three-foot wide easement was acquired along the entire length of the improvements to allow for three foot wide tree wells and improved Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access. These easements were accepted by your Board on May 16, 2006.

This project and the CEQA Notice of Exemption were approved by your Board on May 16, 2006

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The total project funding, including contingencies, amounts to \$314,515.70. Of this total, \$250,000.00 (79.5%) is provided by the Redevelopment Agency (RDA), and the remaining \$64,515.70 (20.5%) is provided by Measure "D" Funds. Due to the higher than expected bids, an additional \$37,000.00 from Measure "D" Funds was committed to this project (for a total of \$64,515.70). The Department proposes reallocating funds from bridge seismic retrofit projects within the Third Supervisorial District that have been delayed due to the Federal Highway Administrations new requirement that these structures be redesigned to meet new seismic design codes. This project will have a minor impact to facilities due to the acquisition of Road Right of Way, and infrastructure improvements.

The funds have been budgeted in Dept. 054, Fund 0015, Org. 0001, Program 2900, and Account 7510 (RDA) and 7511 (Measure "D").

Budgeted: Yes No

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized Cost:</u>	<u>Total Project</u>
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other: RDA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250,000.00
Other: Measure "D"	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 64,515.70
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 314,515.70

Narrative:

Staffing Impact(s):

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

Special Instructions:

Please provide a certified stamped Minute Order approving these actions to the Public Works Department, Transportation Division, Engineering Section, Attention Beverly Cross

Attachments: (list all)

Contract for Construction of Sabado Tarde Road Streetscape Improvements from El Embarcadero East in Isla Vista, Third Supervisorial District; County Project Number 310309

Authored by:

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