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## SUBJECT

**AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE JUNIPER ELEMENTARY BIKE/PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND APPROVE ACQUISITION AGREEMENT FOR 1644-1660 S. JUNIPER ST.**

## DEPARTMENT

Development Services, Engineering Services

## RECOMMENDATION

Request that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2022-160, awarding the construction contract to Granite Construction Company, determined to be the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, and authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City, to execute a Public Improvement Agreement in the amount of \$2,078,216 for the Juniper Elementary Bike/Pedestrian Improvement Project ("Project").

It is also requested that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2022-136 authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City, to execute an Acquisition Agreement with the owners of 1644-1660 South Juniper Street (APN: 234-300-25-00) in the amount of \$57,600 for payment of impacts to the property as required for the construction of Project improvements.

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Andrew Firestine, Development Services Director and Julie Procopio, City Engineer)

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

This Project is included in the adopted Capital Improvement Program and is funded in part by \$1,096,764 in Active Transportation Program grant funds (Juniper Safe Routes to School Project) and \$592,884 in TransNet and Gas Tax funds. Available funding designated for traffic signal improvements will be used to pay for \$505,000 in traffic signal modifications. Available Gas Tax funds designated for traffic infrastructure improvements will be used to pay for the cost of the installation of a Rapid Flashing Beacon totaling \$25,000.

Bids received for the Project were higher than estimated. Based on feedback from bidders, higher than normal costs are driven by recent inflation along with the requirement for bidders to meet the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation goal of twenty-two percent that was established for this Project as a condition of the Active Transportation Program grant funding.



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### PREVIOUS ACTION

On November 28, 2018, the Council adopted Resolution No. 2018-182, authorizing the City Engineer to execute an Active Transportation Grant agreement in the amount of \$1,336,000 for the Juniper Elementary Safe Routes to School project.

On October 26, 2022, the Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-129, rejecting all bids for the Juniper Elementary Bike/Pedestrian Improvement Project and authorizing staff to re-bid the project.

### BACKGROUND

The Project will fill in gaps in the sidewalk on Juniper Street between Chestnut Street and Vermont Avenue, install upgraded pedestrian crossings, and Class II bicycles lanes to provide safer access to Juniper Elementary School. The Project will also improve the intersections of Juniper Street with Felicita Avenue and Escondido Boulevard with Felicita Avenue to provide pedestrian countdown timers, Accessible Pedestrian Signal (APS) pedestrian pushbutton (audible tones and vibrotactile surfaces), enhanced crosswalk striping and protected left turns. Additional Project improvements include the installation of curb and gutter, driveway approaches, and pedestrian ramps, the removal and replacement of existing pavement and the construction of new roadway, the installation of new tree wells with underdrains, new water services and fire hydrants, storm drain upgrades, landscaping, construction of retaining walls, and signage and striping upgrades.

On November 17, 2022, five (5) sealed bids were received in response to the advertised request for bids for the Project. The confirmed totals for the total base and additive alternate bid items are listed below:

Granite Construction Company	\$2,078,216.00
Blue Pacific Engineering Construction Inc.	\$2,099,697.16
Tri-Group Construction, Inc	\$2,251,126.00
Palm Engineering Construction Company, Inc.	\$2,289,843.50
L.B. Civil Construction	\$2,395,123.00

Staff recommends that the bid submitted by Granite Construction Company be considered the lowest responsive and responsible bid that also meets the DBE criteria required for the CDBG funding. Staff further recommends that the Additive Alternate Bid Schedule work, which includes the repair of failing pavement within the Project limits and the installation of a Rectangular Rapid-Flashing Beacon (RRFB) at the pedestrian crossing on Juniper Avenue at 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue, be included as part of the contract awarded to Granite Construction Company for the Project in the total amount of \$2,078,216.

This Project results in impacts to the property at 1644-1660 S. Juniper Street/APN: 234-300-25, including removal of an existing carport and impacts to landscaping and parking lot improvements. The City made a written offer to acquire the interests to the recorded owners of the property in an amount that was not



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less than the appraised fair market value. City staff and property owners have negotiated for payment of the acquired property interest and impacts to the property, in the total amount of \$57,600. Staff recommends approval of the associated acquisition agreement as necessary to complete the Project.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

- a. Resolution No. 2022-160
- b. Resolution No. 2022-160 – Exhibit A – Public Improvement Agreement
- c. Resolution No. 2022-136
- d. Resolution No. 2022-136 – Exhibit A – Acquisition Agreement