



STAFF REPORT

May 8, 2024
File Number 0910-10

SUBJECT

AUTHORIZE CHANGE ORDER FOR THE ANNUAL SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE PROJECT

DEPARTMENT

Development Services

RECOMMENDATION

It is requested that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2024-54 authorizing a construction change order in the amount of \$45,000 for the construction of new pedestrian ramps and additional sidewalk, curb and gutter replacement to be completed as a part of the Annual Sidewalk Maintenance Project.

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Chris McKinney, Deputy City Manager)

Presenter: Jonathan Schauble, Principal Civil Engineer

ESSENTIAL SERVICE – Yes, Public Works/Infrastructure

COUNCIL PRIORITY – Improve Public Safety

FISCAL ANALYSIS

The Project is included in the CIP budget and is funded with Gas Tax, TransNet, and Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (“RMRA”) funds. Funding for installation of sidewalks near Classical Academy, Hidden Valley Middle School and Felicita Elementary is available in the CIP account for Transportation and Community Safety Commission selected projects.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On November 15, 2023 the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-151 awarding the construction contract to L.C. Paving & Sealing, Inc. in the amount of \$499,279.50 for Phase I of the 2023 Street Rehabilitation and Maintenance Project (“Project”).

BACKGROUND

This Project includes the first phase of the City of Escondido’s Annual Street Maintenance Program that includes the replacement of damaged sidewalk, curb and gutter. The zone of focus for this program is Maintenance Zone ES, the area east of Ash Street between East Valley Parkway on the north, and the City



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Limits to the south. In total, the Project will replace 9,429 square feet (0.36 miles) of sidewalk, install 12 pedestrian ramps, and replace 33 street trees that are damaging the sidewalk.

A total of three additional pedestrian ramps and replacement of a cross gutter near Felicita Elementary, Classical Academy and Hidden Valley Middle School were added to the project as they could be completed more efficiently through this contract based on economy of scale. These locations were selected by the Transportation and Community Safety Commission and are funded with the budget set aside for the Commission-selected projects. The cost of the Commission-funded work is \$31,000. To minimize inconvenience to the public and maximize student safety, this work was completed over Spring Break.

Staff also recommends adding sidewalk, curb and gutter replacement work at Lincoln Elementary to the contract. In addition, it is likely that actual quantities of work will vary slightly from the estimated quantities in the contract as concrete cracking tends to grow as time elapses. The cost of these additional concrete improvements will not exceed \$14,000.

Staff requests the authorization of change orders to the contract for the work described above in an amount not to exceed \$45,000. Staff will retain the authority to approve change orders up to ten-percent of the total contract amount in accordance with the Municipal Code.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

The FY22/23 Annual Sidewalk Maintenance project began work on March 11, 2024. Project completion is anticipated in June 2024. The timing for this project is consistent with the schedule provided on the attached April CIP Project Status Report.

Over the past five years, over \$22-million in Active Transportation, Highway Safety Improvement, Smart Growth Incentive, and State and Federal grant funding has been secured to enable completion of eight additional major capital improvement projects. At the same time, Engineering Services is experiencing a 20-percent vacancy rate largely fueled by private sector and utility district competition. The combination of additional capital projects, recruitment, and retention difficulties has resulted in a volume of capital projects that exceeds the capacity of staff to deliver them. The result is that some project schedules have been delayed making meeting grant-funding requirements more challenging and project delivery less efficient.

It should be noted that while the FY22/23 Annual Street and Sidewalk Maintenance projects have been delayed, additional resources approved by the City Council on March 21, 2024, will increase the pace of project delivery and allow the FY23/24 program to begin construction by the end of this calendar year.

RESOLUTIONS

- a. Resolution No. 2024-54



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ATTACHMENTS

- a. Attachment "1" - April 22, 2024 Streets CIP Project Status Report