



City Council Agenda Report

Meeting Date: May 13, 2025

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Subject: Reject all Bids for the Sanitary Sewer Video Inspection, Project WW-01011

COUNCIL PRIORITY AREA

- ☐ Public Safety
- ☐ Business Communities
- ☐ Circulation Safety and Efficiency
- ☒ Environmental Sustainability
- ☐ Housing
- ☒ General Government

RECOMMENDATION

Reject all bids for the Sanitary Sewer Video Inspection, Project WW-0101, at the City Council's direction and authorize the City Manager to direct staff to rebid project

FISCAL IMPACT

None. The remaining project funds will remain in CIP WW01011 since the project will be rebid.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The proposed project is categorically exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301.b, involving the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public sewerage involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

November 12, 2024, and June 11, 2024

BACKGROUND

The City of Los Altos Public Works Department operates and maintains the sanitary sewer system for the City. As part of ongoing maintenance and replacement efforts, as well as preparation of revised Sanitary Sewer Master Plan, staff bids projects to perform cleaning and television inspection of various sanitary sewer lines located throughout the City on an annual or bi-annual basis. Sanitary Sewer Video Inspection, Project WW-01011, for 2025 includes various sanitary sewer lines located throughout the southeastern part of Los Altos.

ANALYSIS

Staff released the construction documents for public bidding on February 27, 2025, posting the project to PlanetBids. A notice to Contractors was published in the Los Altos Town Crier on March 5 and March 12, 2025. On April 1, 2025, a total of four (4) bids were received for the Sanitary Sewer Video Inspection CIP Project WW-01011. The Bid Summary in Attachment 2 includes the bid results.

The base bid for the project includes inspection of approximately 108,242 linear feet of sewer lines, and the add alternative bid includes inspection of approximately 8,722 linear feet of sewer lines. Sanitary sewer lines included in the project range in size from 6 inches to 24 inches in diameter.

DISCUSSION

Staff reviewed the four submitted bids. The determination of the lowest bid was based on the total bid, including the alternative bid. The lowest apparent bid was submitted by the Sewer Tech Corp. (STC), however, the bid was deemed not responsive.

The City received protest letters from STC claiming several inconsistencies with the City's bid documents. In addition other bidders had questions about the electronic bid process. Staff will amend the bid documents to make them very clear on the electronic bid process.

It is recommended that the City of Los Altos rejects all bids and rebid the project as soon as possible.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution
2. Bid Summary