



City Council Agenda Report

Meeting Date: March 11, 2025
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Subject: Contract Award – Intersection Access Barrier Removal (2024 Hetch Hetchy Trail), Project TS-01058

COUNCIL PRIORITY AREA

- Business Communities
- Circulation Safety and Efficiency
- Environmental Sustainability
- Housing
- Neighborhood Safety Infrastructure
- General Government

RECOMMENDATION

1. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Agreement with SAE Consulting Engineering for Construction Services for the Intersection Access Barrier Removal project in the amount of \$97,923.00 and up to 15% contingency, if needed, in the amount not to exceed \$14,688.00 and
2. Adopt a Resolution increasing the Intersection Access Barrier Removal, TS-01058, project budget to \$127,300.

FISCAL IMPACT

Based on the low responsive and responsible bid, the estimated project costs and fiscal impact are summarized below.

Project Item	Project Budget
Design (in-house)	\$0
Construction	\$97,923
Inspection and testing services (10%)	\$9,792
Printing/Environmental Doc/Misc. (5%)	\$4,896
Construction contingency (15%)	\$14,689
Estimated Total Cost	\$127,300

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The proposed project is categorically exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301.c, since the project scope includes removal and replacement of existing concrete curb and gutter, asphalt paving, striping and replacement and installation of new vertical signage.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Not Applicable.

BACKGROUND

The Hetch Hetchy pathway is a bike and pedestrian multi-use pathway that traverses a small portion of the City of Los Altos and connects to Palo Alto on Arastradero Road. The trail is located within the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) right-of-way. In addition to bike and pedestrian uses, the trail provides access for the SFPUC's maintenance vehicles and the City of Los Altos' staff. The current pathway crossings at Estrellita Way and Los Altos Avenue are old and do not meet current ADA requirements. The City of Los Altos will reconstruct the current pathway crossings at Estrellita Way and Los Altos Avenue to meet ADA standards and enhance this connector.

ANALYSIS

Staff released the construction documents for public bidding on January 7, 2025, posting the project to PlanetBids. A Notice to Contractors was published in the Los Altos Town Crier on January 15 and January 22, 2025. On February 11, 2025, a total of nine (9) bids were opened for the Intersection Access Barrier Removal CIP Project TS-01058. The Bid Summary in Attachment 3 includes the bid results.

The project includes the installation of four (4) ADA-compliant curb ramps, signing and striping, curb and gutter installation, rolled curb installation, temporary ramps and access to the trail, and removal and replacement of asphalt and sidewalk.

DISCUSSION

Staff reviewed the nine submitted bids and determined that SAE Consulting Engineering is the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, with a total bid of \$97,923.00. The determination of the lowest bid was based on the total bid alone; there were no Bid alternatives associated with the project.

It is recommended that the City of Los Altos award the Total Bid to SAE Consulting Engineering. SAE Consulting Engineering does not have deficiencies against its State of California Contractor's licenses. No open violations for SAE Consulting Engineering are listed in the Federal Government's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) database. The company has been in business for 16 years and has satisfactorily completed similar projects for the County of Santa Clara. The company completed the Counter Modifications project for the City of Los Altos in 2023.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution for Authorization.

2. Resolution for Allocation.
3. Bid Summary