



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** September 6, 2016

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Engineering Division, Public Works Department

**SUBJECT:** Rejection Of The Westside Neighborhood Pavement Maintenance Project Bid

### RECOMMENDATION:

That Council reject the bid for the construction of the Westside Neighborhood Pavement Maintenance Project and direct staff to re-bid the project.

### DISCUSSION:

#### Project Description

The Westside Neighborhood Pavement Maintenance Project (Project) consists of grinding off deteriorated pavement and overlaying with new asphalt on various streets throughout the City, encompassing streets primarily in the Westside Neighborhood. The project includes minimal curb ramp construction adjacent to and in conjunction with the streets overlay, as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Minor utility work is needed to raise and lower utility boxes, valve covers, and manholes.

#### Contract Bids

Only one bid was received for the subject work:

	<b>BIDDER</b>	<b>BID AMOUNT</b>
1.	Toro Enterprises, Inc. Oxnard, CA	\$3,630,710

#### Bid Rejection

The bid submitted by Toro Enterprises Inc., is \$545,251, or 18 percent over the engineer's estimate of \$3,085,458 that was developed by the design engineer, Flowers and Associates. Since the City reserves the right to reject all bids, and there is a

significant difference from the engineer's estimate for the one bid that was received, staff recommends that Council reject this bid and direct staff to re-bid the Project.

Based on the feedback received from contractors that chose not to submit bids for this Project, staff is reviewing the Project's specifications for opportunities to make it more efficient and attractive to bidders. Contractors also indicated they are currently too busy to handle additional work at this time. Staff is also in the process of updating the engineer's estimate to reflect the current observed bidding climate that is resulting in higher bids.

In order to obtain more competitive bids for both the curb ramp and pavement maintenance portion of the Project, the curb ramp portion of the Project will be repackaged and bid separately in advance of the pavement maintenance. The pavement maintenance project is anticipated to be rebid this winter. Bidding the work this winter is expected to result in more favorable bids.

#### Funding

This Project is funded by Measure A and Local Surface Transportation Program funds.

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**APPROVED BY:** City Administrator's Office