



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: August 18, 2009

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Engineering Division, Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Rejection Of Loma Alta Hill Sidewalk Project Bids

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council reject all bids for construction of the Loma Alta Hill Sidewalk Project (Project), and direct staff to re-bid the Project.

DISCUSSION:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Project is located along the northeast side of Loma Alta Drive between Coronel Street and Canon Perdido Street. The work consists of construction of sidewalk and lighting, linking two portions of the City where no pedestrian facilities currently exist. Sidewalk will provide pedestrian passage from the west side to the Mesa, beaches, City College, and residential areas to the east.

CONTRACT BIDS

A total of 14 bids were received on July 2, 2009, for the subject work, ranging as follows:

	BIDDER	BID AMOUNT
1.	V. Lopez Jr. and Sons, Inc. Santa Maria, CA	\$453,223.30
2.	Lash Construction, Inc. Santa Barbara, CA	\$493,566.00
3.	John Madonna Construction, Inc. San Luis Obispo, CA	\$494,520.00

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4.	Granite Construction Company, Inc. Watsonville, CA	\$504,948.00
5.	Pave West, Inc. La Habra, CA	\$512,095.00
6.	Elevation General Engineering, Inc. Santa Maria, CA	\$516,744.00
7.	Brough Construction, Inc. Arroyo Grande, CA	\$543,038.00
8.	Toro General Engineering, Inc. Oxnard, CA	\$553,962.00
9.	C.A. Rasmussen, Inc. Valencia, CA	\$572,028.00
10.	R. Burke Corporation San Luis Obispo, CA	\$574,078.00
11.	C. S. Legacy Construction, Inc. Chino, CA	\$651,203.00
12.	Mendez Concrete, Inc. Santa Paula, CA	\$671,044.46
13.	Whitaker Construction, Inc. Paso Robles, CA	\$747,925.00
14.	Kat Construction, Inc Sacramento, CA	\$798,707.00

Staff reviewed the bids and determined that the apparent low bidder, V. Lopez Jr. and Sons, Inc. had failed to include a Federal form concerning "Disadvantaged Businesses" ("DBES") required to consider the bid responsive. This requirement is part of a new Federal Program for the Underutilized Disadvantaged Business Entrepreneur policy. After further evaluation, 8 of the 14 bids also did not comply with this requirement. Although staff clearly identified these forms on Page 1 in the Notice to Contractors, staff feels it prudent and fair to all parties to simply re-bid the Project and to return to Council for an award of the contract in a few weeks.

FUNDING

This Project is funded by Federal Transportation Improvement Program with a minor portion of City matching funds. There are sufficient funds in the Streets Capital Fund to cover the cost of this Project.

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APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office