



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** April 8, 2014

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

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

**SUBJECT:** Rejection Of The Safe Routes To School Cleveland Project Bids

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council reject all bids for construction of the Safe Routes to School Cleveland Project and direct staff to re-bid the Project.

### **DISCUSSION:**

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Safe Routes to School Cleveland Project (Project) consists of pedestrian and vehicular safety improvements at four intersections within the Eastside Neighborhood, including Clifton Street at Oak Street, Clifton Street at Salinas Street, Cacique Street at Salinas Street, and Santa Ynez Street at Eucalyptus Hill Road. All four of these intersections are on the suggested route to school for Cleveland Elementary School, as presented in the City's Pedestrian Master Plan.

The Project will improve safety at the four intersections in three ways. First, new sidewalk access ramps will be constructed at the intersections of Clifton Street at Oak Street and at Santa Ynez Street at Eucalyptus Hill Road. Second, pedestrian safety lighting will be installed at the intersection of Clifton Street at Salinas Street. Finally, the intersection of Cacique Street at Salinas Street, which is currently offset approximately fifteen feet from north of the intersection to just south of the intersection, will be realigned and pedestrian safety lighting will also be installed at that location.

## CONTRACT BIDS AND REQUEST TO REJECT ALL BIDS

A total of seven (7) bids were received for the subject work, ranging as follows:

	<b>BIDDER</b>	<b>BID AMOUNT</b>
1.	DPM Construction Company Camarillo, CA	\$150,565.00*
2.	V. Lopez Jr. & Sons Santa Maria, CA	\$196,030.50*
3.	Granite Construction Santa Barbara, CA	\$228,015.00
4.	Berry General Engineering Ventura, CA	\$258,993.00
5.	Lash Construction Inc. Santa Barbara, CA	\$259,862.00
6.	R. Burke Corporation San Luis Obispo, CA	\$279,661.00
7.	G. Sosa Construction, Inc. Orcutt, CA	\$330,900.00

\*corrected bid total

After review of the bid proposals, staff believes it is in the best interest of the City to reject all bids so that the bid specifications pertaining to the qualification of bidders, construction phasing and durations, and temporary traffic control requirements may be revised to reflect the special needs of the Project. Staff, therefore, recommends that Council exercise its authority under Charter section 519 and reject all bids. The Project will promptly be re-bid and staff anticipates returning to Council in the next 60 to 90 days for award of the new contract.

## SCHEDULE

Construction is anticipated to start in early July 2014 and be complete by September 2014. The construction schedule requires some changes to the phasing in order to provide a safe route to Cleveland Elementary School once the children return from summer break.

## FUNDING

This Project is funded by the Safe Routes to School Cycle 3 Grant and the Measure A Cycle 1 Grant. Staff has confirmed with Caltrans, the grant administrating agency, that the rejection of all bids does not affect the eligibility of the construction contract for grant reimbursement. There are sufficient funds in the Streets Fund to cover the cost of this Project.

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