

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** October 6, 2008

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: CONTRACT AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT NO. 19,520 WITH VART CONSTRUCTION FOR MISCELLANEOUS CONCRETE REPAIR AND CURB RAMPS - 2008 TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT AMOUNT FROM \$375,000 TO \$775,000

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 19,520 with Vart Construction for Miscellaneous Concrete Repair and Curb Ramps - 2008, to increase the total contract "Not to Exceed" amount from \$375,000 to \$775,000, an increase of \$400,000, for additional concrete repair.

BACKGROUND:

On January 7, 2008, the City Council approved the contract award to Vart Construction for Miscellaneous Concrete Repair and Curb Ramps - 2008 for an amount not to exceed \$375,000. This contract award was the result of a public bid for miscellaneous concrete work in which Vart Construction was the lowest of the 14 contractors that submitted bids. The project is a compilation of concrete work included in projects which were in the approved FY 2008-2012 CIP, namely, Preventive Maintenance -Asphalt Streets and Preventive Maintenance - Curbs and Gutters - Citywide. The project consists of routine concrete improvements throughout the City. It includes repair of curb, gutter, sidewalk, concrete pavement, and construction of curb ramps and drive aprons. In addition, a new street-style drive approach was required to accommodate the anticipated construction of the Water and Power Yards Building.

Due to the unanticipated large number of requests for sidewalk repair and mandatory repairs as a result of occupancy inspections, approximately 316 locations for concrete repair work have been added to the scope of the work of the project. Many of these locations include the repair of broken or uplifted sidewalks that impact pedestrian safety. Interim patching is necessary unless they are quickly reconstructed. Curb and gutter repair in advance of the October street resurfacing project has also been added to the work. Vart Construction has agreed to perform the additional work at the same

unit costs submitted per the January 7, 2008, bid award. In lieu of this contract amendment, new plans and specifications would be required as well as formal advertising and contract award. The work would be delayed approximately 4-5 months. The Preventive Maintenance of Streets project, scheduled to start this month would have to be delayed into the spring of 2009. State Proposition 1B funds are to be used for the Preventive Maintenance of Streets project. The next cycle of Proposition 1B funds will not be allocated by the State until the current Proposition 1B funds are expended. The uncertain economy may jeopardize these funds. Also, delaying projects and sidewalk repairs result in higher construction costs. Therefore, it is critical to allow this work to proceed at this time.

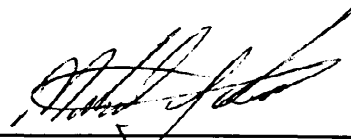
Private capital in the amount of \$160,000 was collected by the City, and \$240,000 in CIP funds is required for damaged curb, gutter, and curb ramps.

It is anticipated that construction will be completed in October 2008.

FISCAL IMPACT:

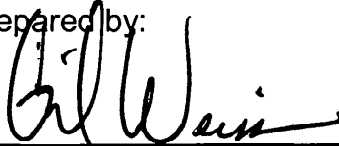
Sufficient funds are available for this additional work in Budget Account 76358, Preventive Maintenance - Curbs and Gutters; Budget Account 73736, Construction of Curb Ramps; Budget Account 71142, Water and Power Yards Building; Budget Account 73706 – South Lake Avenue Streetscape Improvements; and funds from private property owners.

Respectfully submitted,



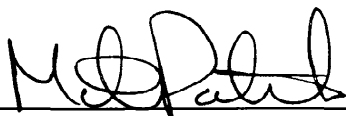
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