

Agenda Report

October 26, 2020

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Department of Public Works

SUBJECT: **CONTRACT AWARD TO FS CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 CURB RAMP ADA IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$480,000**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find the project proposed herein to be categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines in accordance with Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, minor alterations of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing at the time of the lead agency's determination, and that there are no features that distinguish this project from others in the exempt class, and therefore, there are no unusual circumstances; and
2. a) Accept the bid dated October 8, 2020, submitted by FS Contractors, Inc. in response to the plans and specifications for the FY 2021 Curb Ramp ADA Improvements Project, b) reject all other bids, and c) authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract for an amount not to exceed \$480,000, which includes the base contract amount of \$435,800 and a contingency of \$44,200 to provide for any necessary change orders.

BACKGROUND:

A curb ramp provides an accessible route for pedestrians with disabilities to safely transition from a roadway to a curbed sidewalk and vice versa. Curb ramps are upgraded as part of various street improvement projects, as well as private development and utility permits to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. In order to enhance pedestrian accessibility citywide, staff completed an inventory in 2019 of all street intersections to determine locations in need of a curb ramp. Approximately 800 locations currently lack a curb ramp, causing non-ambulatory pedestrians to find alternate routes through intersections.

Installation of missing curb ramps will be prioritized along mobility corridors and around commercial/business districts where pedestrian volume is relatively high. Based on the project's budget, this project consists of installing 75 new curb ramps in various priority locations citywide, and includes priority requests made by the City's Accessibility and Disability Commission, as well as the public.

A finding of compliance with the General Plan was previously made and is shown on page 2.4 of the adopted FY 2021 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget.

The Department of Public Works prepared plans and specifications. Bids were requested and received in accordance with Section 4.08.070 of the Pasadena Municipal Code. On September 24, 2020, a Notice Inviting Bids for Fiscal Year 2021 ADA Curb Ramp Improvements was published in the local paper as well as posted on PlanetBids. The posting generated notices to all vendors who have previously registered with the City for this particular commodity class. A total of 43 vendors downloaded the Specifications of which two were local. A total of six bids were received by the bid opening date, none from local firms.

Following advertising, bids were received on October 8, 2020, and are as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount (\$)</u>
1. FS Contractors, Inc., Sylmar	\$ 435,800
2. CEM Construction Corporation, Montebello	\$ 495,350
3. Gentry General Engineering, Inc., Rancho Cucamonga	\$ 519,725
4. Kalban, Inc., Santa Clarita	\$ 550,650
5. EBS General Engineering, Inc., Corona	\$ 639,250
6. Onyx Paving Company, Inc., Anaheim	\$ 657,000
Engineer's Estimate	\$ 432,000

It is recommended that FS Contractors, Inc. be awarded the contract for this project as they are the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The proposed contract with FS Contractors, Inc. fully complies with the Competitive Bidding and Living Wage Ordinances. In addition, the proposed contract with FS Contractors, Inc. fully complies with the Prevailing Wage Law (Senate Bill 7) per Resolution 9406 adopted by the City Council on December 15, 2014.

The contractor has indicated that the award of this contract will result in 2 new hires to its present workforce. A Local Hiring Provision to notify the labor unions of the goal to employ qualified Pasadena residents for 75 percent of the new labor work hours on the project was included in the project specifications.

FS Contractors, Inc. has worked with the City of Pasadena in recent years, including Drainage Improvements on Flat Streets – 2015, Citywide Sports Facilities Improvements at Eaton-Blanche and MacDonald Parks, and Citywide Sidewalk Improvements 2020, for a total of \$2,439,000. Staff has confirmed that the contractor's license and Department of Industrial Relations status are in good standing.

The contract for this project will be set up as follows:

Base Bid	\$	435,800
Contingency Allowance	\$	44,200
Contract "Not to Exceed" Amount	\$	<u>480,000</u>

It is anticipated that work will begin in December 2020 and be completed in April 2021.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

This project is consistent with the City Council's goal to improve, maintain and enhance public facilities and infrastructure. It also supports the Land Use Element of the General Plan by periodically reviewing the impacts of major, physical, environmental, economic and social changes and identifying their implications in meeting the service needs of Pasadena's residents.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The City's Environmental Administrator recommends that the City Council determine the proposed project to be exempt under CEQA in accordance with Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1. This exemption includes the minor alteration of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination, and there are no features that distinguish this project from others in the exempt class, and therefore, there are no unusual circumstances.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost of this contract is \$480,000 and the total cost of this action will be \$490,000. Funding for this action will be addressed by the utilization the budgeted appropriations in the Curb Ramp ADA Improvements FY 2021 (76936) CIP project. It is anticipated that all of the cost will be spent in FY 2021.

The following table represents a contract summary.


Base Bid	\$	435,800
Contingency Allowance	\$	44,200
Contract Administration/Inspection	\$	10,000
Total Fiscal Impact	\$	490,000

Respectfully submitted,



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