



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

FROM: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WARDS: 7

SUBJECT: AWARD BID NO. 7852 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF LA SIERRA NEIGHBORHOOD SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS ON BUTLER DRIVE, COLLEGE AVENUE, NORWOOD AVENUE, RICHMOND STREET, DOVERWOOD DRIVE, AND CARMINE STREET TO LC PAVING & SEALING, INC. OF ESCONDIDO, CALIFORNIA, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,977,212.83 – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$999,000 FOR ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS

ISSUES:

Award Bid No. 7852 for the La Sierra Neighborhood Sidewalk Improvements to LC Paving & Sealing, Inc. of Escondido, California, in the amount of \$1,977,212.83; and authorize a supplemental appropriation of \$999,000 in the Active Transportation Program grant funds.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Award an Agreement for Construction to LC Paving & Sealing, Inc., for Bid No. 7852 – La Sierra Neighborhood Sidewalk Improvements in the amount of \$1,977,212.83;
2. With at least five affirmative votes, authorize a supplemental appropriation and record an increase in revenues in the amount of \$999,000 into the Capital Outlay – Grant Fund, La Sierra Neighborhood Sidewalk Improvement project; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Agreement for Construction with LC Paving & Sealing, Inc., including making minor non-substantial changes.

BACKGROUND:

On September 26, 2013, Governor Brown signed a legislation creating the Active Transportation Program (ATP) to be managed by the California Department of Transportation to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation - biking and walking. The call for Projects for ATP Cycle III was issued in April 2016.

On June 15, 2016, the Public Works Department submitted for \$999,000 of the ATP Cycle III grant funds and committed to a local match of \$216,000 to complete the project. On December 3, 2020, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) allocated \$999,000 of ATP III grant funds to complete the construction of the La Sierra Neighborhood Improvement Project, which proposes to add new sidewalk on Butler Drive, College Avenue, Norwood Avenue, Richmond Street,

Doverwood Drive, and Carmine Street to provide safe walkway for pedestrians and students in the La Sierra neighborhood. (Attachment 1).

DISCUSSION:

The La Sierra Neighborhood Sidewalk Improvement Project (“Project”) proposes to:

1. Remove conflicting existing trees, landscaping, irrigation, and relocate existing gates, fences, mailboxes, and water meters.
2. Construct curb, gutter, sidewalk, driveway approaches, and curb ramps to conform to the American with Disabilities Act requirements.
3. Resolve drainage issues within the project limits.
4. Replace and install new traffic street signs and striping, as necessary.
5. Install new electrical conduits, pullboxes, and 16 new concrete streetlight standards within the project limits. It is anticipated that the work order for the electrical work associated with this Project will be approved by the Riverside Public Utilities (RPU) Board at their regular meeting on September 12, 2021.

On May 25, 2021, Bid No. 7852 for La Sierra Neighborhood Sidewalk Improvements was posted on PlanetBids to solicit the lowest responsive bidder to construct the Project. On June 24, 2021, seven bids were received (Attachment 2). The lowest responsive bid was from LC Paving & Seal, Inc. in the amount of \$1,977,212.83, which is 16.19% under the Engineer’s Estimate.

The estimated total project cost including design, construction, construction engineering, and contingencies is \$2,472,000.

The Purchasing Manager concurs that the award recommendation complies with Purchasing Resolution 23256.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

The Infrastructure, Mobility, and Connectivity strategic priority aims to ensure safe, reliable infrastructure that benefits the community and facilitates connection between people, places and information. This project aligns with the goal below:

- 6.1 – Provide, expand and ensure equitable access to sustainable modes of transportation that connect people to opportunities such as employment, education, healthcare, and community amenities.
- 6.2 – Maintain, protect, and improve assets and infrastructure within the City’s built environment to ensure and enhance reliability, resiliency, sustainability, and facilitate connectivity.
- 6.3 – Identify and pursue new and unique funding opportunities to develop, operate, maintain, and renew infrastructure and programs that meet the community’s needs.

Furthermore, this project aligns with each of the five Cross-Cutting Threads:

1. Community Trust – This Project involves the public from the very beginning. Prior to submitting for the grant to construct this Project, staff held a neighborhood meeting on June 7, 2016, at the La Sierra Senior Center to solicit feedbacks and inputs from the community. As a result, this Project serves the public interest by providing the most basic mode of transportation—walking, to allow residents to walk to schools, parks, and shopping centers.
2. Equity – This Project will provide ADA compliant sidewalk access to all members of the La Sierra neighborhood community.
3. Fiscal Responsibility – This Project exemplifies partnership and leverage of funds to deliver valuable infrastructures. By applying for and receiving State fund through ATP III, the City can construct sidewalk in a neighborhood that is heavily traveled by pedestrians. With the partnership between Public Works and Public Utilities, this Project will add streetlights within the project limits to promote safety and walkability during nighttime hours.
4. Innovation – This Project employs innovative design by not only installing sidewalk and ADA ramps, but also resolving localize drainage issues within the project limits using permeable gutter and trench drain.
5. Sustainability & Resiliency – This Project responds to the need of the community by providing safe and ADA compliant walkway within the La Sierra neighborhood. It also allows for a sustainable healthy lifestyle by promote walking—the most basic form of exercise.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total fiscal impact for this recommendation is \$1,977,212.83. Upon Council approval, and appropriation of \$999,000 will be recorded in the Capital Outlay – Grant Fund, La Sierra Sidewalk Improvements Project expenditure account number 9917000-440236 and an equal amount recorded in revenue account number 9917000-335450.

Table 1—Project Costs

Task	Amount
Design Engineering – In House	\$99,387.17
Construction Contract	\$1,977,212.83
Construction Contingencies (10%)	\$197,700
Construction Engineering, Inspection, and Survey (In House)	\$197,700
Construction Material Testing (TBD from Approved Panel)	
Total	\$2,472,000

Table 2— Funding Source

Source	Amount
La Sierra Sidewalk Improvements (Acct. 9917027-440223) – Gas Tax	\$1,181,580
ATP Cycle III Supplemental Appropriation (Acct. 9917000-440236) – Grant	\$999,000
Major Street Light Projects (Acct. 6130000-470637) – RPU – Electric Fund 510 – EL-CIP Recurring Sys Imp & Oth	\$291,420
Total	\$2,472,000

With the appropriation of the ATP grant funds, sufficient funds are available in the above accounts to provide the necessary funding to award the contract and complete the Project.

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Approved by: Rafael Guzman, Assistant City Manager
Approved as to form: Phaedra Norton, City Attorney

Attachments:

1. Project Location Map
2. Bid Award Recommendation
3. PowerPoint Presentation