



# *CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT*

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**MEETING DATE:** October 18, 2004

**ITEM NUMBER:**

**SUBJECT:** SOUND WALLS, RETAINING WALLS, AND SLOPE IMPROVEMENTS ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF FAIRVIEW ROAD AND SOUTH OF THE SOUTHBOUND I-405 FREEWAY OFFRAMP - CITY PROJECT NO. 04-23

**DATE:** OCTOBER 5, 2004

**FROM:** PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT/ENGINEERING DIVISION

**PRESENTATION BY:** WILLIAM J. MORRIS, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Award a construction contract to Pima Corporation d.b.a. Advanced Construction, 2001 S. Barrington Avenue, Suite 204, Los Angeles, CA 90025, in the amount of \$427,616 (base bid only).
2. Authorize the Mayor and Deputy City Clerk to execute the Public Works Agreement.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The residents whose properties are located along the west side of Fairview Road, from the southbound I-405 Freeway offramp to McCormack Lane, requested the installation of block walls and fences to mitigate sound and safety impacts. At the October 21, 2002 City Council meeting, Council approved funding for the costs to design and construct a combination of sound walls and security fences within the above-referenced project limits.

Also approved under the 2003-04 Fiscal Year Budget is the rehabilitation of the existing retaining wall and landscaping between Fairview Road and the bike trail. This retaining wall, as it currently exists, is too short to properly support the slope above it. As a temporary measure, railroad ties have been added to contain some of the erosion, but more permanent measures need to be taken to prevent slope failure.

On August 2, 2004, the City Council rejected all bids received when this project was previously advertised, due to irregularities found in all four of the bids. Staff was authorized to readvertise the project.

**ANALYSIS:**

The Deputy City Clerk received and opened two (2) bids for this project on September 13, 2004. Pima Corporation d.b.a. Advanced Construction was the apparent low bidder with a base bid proposal of \$427,616. The Engineer's estimate was \$397,903. The average of all bids received was \$429,328. The bid from Advanced Construction is seven percent higher than the Engineer's estimate. The Bid Abstract is included as "Attachment 1."

The proposal requested a price for the removal and replacement of a PCC bike path; construction of doweled curb; removal of handrail and the installation of chain link railing; installation of a City entry sign, removal and relocation of the existing traffic sign; and construction of a CMU wall. However, these items are not recommended to be included in the award since the budgeted amount available is not sufficient to fund these items of work.

The license and references of Advanced Construction were checked and staff has found them to be in good standing.

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:**

The alternative to this Council action would be to reject all the bids. If all the bids are rejected, the City would have to readvertise or cancel the project. Staff believes that readvertising the project will not result in lower bids, and that canceling the project would be inconsistent with Council's previous direction and approval of the concept of this project.

**FISCAL REVIEW:**

Funding for this project is available in the amount of \$427,075 from the Capital Outlay Fund for Fiscal Year 2002-03 and via Budget Adjustment No. 03-052.

The purchase requisition for this expenditure (Attachment 2) has been approved by the Finance Department acknowledging the availability of the funds

**LEGAL REVIEW:**

Advanced Construction has furnished the necessary bonds and insurance, which have been approved as to form by the City Attorney's office. After the award and subsequent execution of the contract, a "Notice to Proceed" will be issued.

**CONCLUSION:**

It is recommended that the City Council award the contract to Pima Corporation d.b.a. Advanced Construction in the amount of \$427,616; and authorize the Mayor and the Deputy City Clerk to execute the Public Works Agreement.

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ATTACHMENTS: "1" [Bid Abstract](#)  
"2" [Purchase Requisition](#)

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