



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 3, 2005

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: MISSING LINK SIDEWALK - CITY PROJECT NO. 04-25

DATE: DECEMBER 22, 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 Damon Construction Company, 8851 Watson Street, Cypress, CA 90630, in the amount of \$135,240.
2. Authorize the Mayor and the Deputy City Clerk to execute the Public Works Agreement.

BACKGROUND:

There are several commercial and residential streets that have high volumes of pedestrian traffic, yet do not have a continuous sidewalk on at least one side of the street. Due to missing sections of sidewalk on these streets, pedestrians typically use the pavement for their path of travel. This problem is particularly evident during periods of rain when the ground becomes saturated and walking along the parkway area becomes unstable.

This project will complete a path of travel along sidewalks at various locations of the following segments of 20th Street: from Church Street to Orange Avenue (on both sides of 20th Street), and from Raymond Avenue to Tustin Avenue (on the northerly side only). The scope of work for the parkway improvements includes the construction of new sidewalks, reconstruction of driveways to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) provisions; and the reconstruction of other parkway improvements incidental to the work.

ANALYSIS:

The Deputy City Clerk received and opened three bids for this project on November 29, 2004. Damon Construction Company was the apparent low bidder with a total base bid proposal of \$135,240. The Engineer's base bid estimate was \$110,825; and the average of the three bids received amounted to \$149,761.61. The Bid Abstract is included as "Attachment 1."

The bid from Damon Construction Company is 22 percent higher than the Engineer's estimate. The Engineer's estimate was based on other previously bid parkway projects. The receipt of high bids that exceed the Engineer's estimate can be attributed to the high demand of this type of contract work, which increases the pressure on the market resulting in increased unit prices. The apparent low bid is consistent with the current market conditions of the industry in this area.

The license and references of Damon Construction Company 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.

FISCAL REVIEW:

Funding for this project is available from Capital Outlay funds.

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

LEGAL REVIEW:

Damon Construction Company has furnished the necessary bonds and insurance, which were approved as to form by the City Attorney. 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 Damon Construction Company in the amount of \$135,240; 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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