

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: DAVID MONTAGUE, SUPERVISING ENGINEER
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SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
CONTRACT AWARD – ACCESSIBILITY ALTERATIONS AT
HOWARTH PARK, 630 SUMMERFIELD ROAD

AGENDA ACTION: MOTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department that the Council, by motion, award Contract No. C02131, Accessibility Alterations at Howarth Park, 630 Summerfield Road, in the amount of \$849,077.00 to the lowest responsible bidder, M3 Integrated Services, Inc. of Santa Rosa, California, approve a 10% contract contingency, and authorize a total contract amount of \$933,984.70.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This motion will award a contract to M3 Integrated Services, Inc., of Santa Rosa, California, approve a 10% contract contingency and authorize a total contract amount of \$933,984.70 to improve disability access at Howarth Park. The project furthers City Council Goals under Tier 2 to address deferred maintenance of public infrastructure. The project will provide an accessible route to the upper amusement area, including disability access to the train, carousel, picnic area, animal barn and pony ride.

BACKGROUND

Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires local public entities to Self-Evaluate their programs, activities and services to determine barriers to persons with disabilities and create a Transition Plan to identify a process to remove barriers.

The City of Santa Rosa completed its original Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan in 1993, which was updated in 2006 and amended in 2012.

In 2009, the City of Santa Rosa and the Department of Justice entered into a settlement agreement requiring the City to make corrections to its programs and facilities within a five-year period. Although the City has responded to the requirements of the settlement agreement, physical barriers still exist within City facilities that require the City to continue to follow its Transition Plan.

The Transition Plan requires that staff evaluate the following when selecting a facility to prioritize for barrier removal: 1) Quantity and frequency of public use 2) uniqueness of the facility 3) age or condition of the facility 4) geographic distribution and 5) critical nature of the programs offered at the facility. Staff prioritized Howarth Park due to its high use and unique programs that are not offered at other City facilities.

When determining barrier removal priorities within a facility, the Transition Plan requires that staff place the highest priority on those barrier removal items that improve a path of travel to the portion of the facility where program activities take place. This project will provide a critical accessible path connection from site arrival points (bus or public sidewalk) to the upper amusement area and improve the access to the train, carousel, picnic area, animal barn and pony ride.

The project is complex due to the natural slope of the park and requires grading and constructing an accessible concrete ramp system over 300 linear feet long from the lower park area by the playground to the upper park area by the carousel and train. The grading and ramp construction require the inclusion of drainage improvements, reconstruction of the irrigation systems in the area and constructing retaining walls. Approximately 4,000 square feet of asphalt concrete around the carousel exceeds maximum slope requirements for accessibility and will be removed, leveled and replaced with more durable and lower maintenance concrete accessible route and carousel foundation. Additional grading and concrete work will improve access to the animal barn and pony ride, and new accessible picnic tables will be provided at the picnic area.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

On April 11, 2006, the City Council, by Resolution No. 26539, approved the 2006 Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan Update.

On November 17, 2009, the City Council, by Resolution No. 27522, approved the Final Settlement Agreement between the City of Santa Rosa and the Department of Justice.

On October 16, 2012, the City Council, by Resolution No. 28198, adopted the first amendment of the Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan Update.

On June 14, 2016, the Council funded the project as part of the FY 2016-17 Capital Improvement Program budget.

ANALYSIS

1. The project was advertised on June 20, 2019, and bids were received on July 10, 2019. A total of two (2) bids were received, ranging from \$849,077.00 to \$861,798.00. The low bid was 45% over the Engineer's estimate. The overage is related to the backlog of local construction work, labor shortage, and bidding the project during the busy summer months. This project was bid during the summer to enable construction during the fall/winter months aligning with the annual closure of the amusement rides in the off season of the park. If the contract is not awarded and the project is delayed, high priority items on the City's Transition Plan will continue to be listed as requiring completion. Also, Consumer Price Index (CPI) is expected to continue to rise sharply in the Bay Area, which is likely to result in higher construction costs if the project were to be advertised for bids in 2020.
2. The low bidder, M3 Integrated Services, Inc., possesses a valid contractor's license of the required class, as verified by the Contractor's State License Board, and is registered with the State Department of Industrial Relations (DIR).
3. The contract agreement has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney.
4. Construction is anticipated to begin approximately October 2019, aligning with the annual closures of amusement rides at Howarth Park. The length of the contract is 65 working days, with an estimated completion of Spring 2020.
5. The Public Participation Plan is required and has been approved by the Recreation and Transportation and Public Works Marketing and Outreach Coordinators.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for this project has been appropriated to Account No.09708; ADA Settlement-Facilities Projects.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The project is Categorical Exempt pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15301 because it consists of the repair and minor alteration of an existing public facility involving no expansion of an existing use.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable.

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Location Map
- Attachment 2 – Summary of Bids

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