

CITY OF SANTA ROSA  
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: GRANT BAILEY, ASSOCIATE CIVIL ENGINEER  
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS  
SUBJECT: CONTRACT AWARD – COOPER DRIVE SLOPE STABILIZATION  
AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

AGENDA ACTION: MOTION

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department (TPW) that the Council, by motion, award Contract No. C01133, Cooper Drive Slope Stabilization and Drainage Improvements, in the amount of \$543,170.00 to the lowest responsive bidder, Rege Construction, Inc. of Cloverdale, California, approve a 15% contract contingency, and authorize a total contract amount of \$624,645.50.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This motion will award a contract to Rege Construction, Inc. of Cloverdale, California, approve a 15% contract contingency and authorize a total contract amount of \$624,645.50 to demolish an existing damaged concrete lined drainage channel, install drainage and subsurface drainage improvements, and construct a retaining wall to support a section of the new drainage channel. The source of funds is the Capital Improvement Fund. No City General Fund money is included in this project.

BACKGROUND

The City maintains a drainage channel on a hillside east of Cooper Drive that captures storm water runoff. In 2006, two slope failures occurred on the hillside that damaged the drainage channel. As a temporary repair, culverts were installed between damaged sections of the channel to maintain its function.

In 2009, the City retained a geotechnical consultant to evaluate the slope failures and the potential impact on the drainage channel. Their report concluded that installing a retaining wall is the most effective way to protect the drainage channel from future slope instability.

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Design began in 2011 to remove and replace the drainage channel within the existing easement. The existing easement currently crosses 16 private parcels. In 2013, the project was placed on hold to allow resolution of property owner concerns regarding the existing easement.

In 2017, the City pursued acquiring an easement approximately 10 feet upslope on an adjacent parcel owned by Congregation Shomrei Torah (2600 Bennett Valley Road). In 2019, the City completed the acquisition of a new storm drainage easement on Congregation Shomrei Torah property. Once the storm drain improvements have been made in the new easement and the project closed out, TPW will seek to vacate the existing easement.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

None.

ANALYSIS

1. The project was advertised on February 12, 2019 and bids were received on March 5, 2019. A total of six (6) bids were received, ranging from \$543,170.00 to \$781,327.77. The low bid was 15.62% over the Engineers estimate.
2. Bids received were above the engineers estimate primarily due to excavation and off haul pricing. There is currently a shortage of trucking contractors in the region due to the cleanup efforts in the Paradise area. If the project is not awarded at this time, further deterioration of the existing storm drain infrastructure could occur and result in excess storm water runoff, directly impacting the residents on Cooper Dr. Additionally, hillside grading projects are extremely weather dependent and should only be implemented in the dry season.
3. The low bidder, Rege Construction, Inc., possesses a valid contractor's license of the required class, as verified by the Contractors State License Board, and is registered with the State Department of Industrial Relations (DIR).
4. Construction is anticipated to begin May 2019. The length of the contract is 120 working days.
5. The Public Participation Plan is required and has been approved by the Transportation and Public Works Marketing and Outreach Coordinator.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this contract has no additional impact on the budget, and no General Fund money is included in this project. The project is funded using Capital Facilities Fees and Southeast Area Development Improvement funds. Sufficient funding for this project is

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appropriated in the FY 2018 / 19 Capital Improvement Program budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This 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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