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REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

February 13, 2020

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SUBJECT

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RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a finding of Categorical Exemption pursuant to Sections 15301/Class 1, 15302/Class 2, 15303/Class 3, and 15304/Class 4 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines, award a construction contract to Avison Construction, Inc., of Madera, California in the amount of \$ 1,782,661 as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, and authorize the Public Works Director or designee to sign the construction contract on behalf of the City of Fresno.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Fresno seeks to extend the life of North Blackstone Avenue between East Ashlan and East Dakota Avenues through street surface restoration and localized reconstruction of the existing pavement. The scope of work will also include modifications of curb ramps to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance, signal loop detectors, signage, and striping. The project is being funded by the federal Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP).

BACKGROUND

The City of Fresno Public Works Department has identified a need for street surface restoration along North Blackstone Avenue, approximately 0.5 miles, between Dakota and Ashlan Avenues. In December of 2015, the City of Fresno applied for RSTP funds for the design and construction phases. The funds were obligated and the project was budgeted in the adopted FY17 Capital Budget by City Council. The design started following the Council approval of the consultant contract with Provost & Pritchard consulting Group on May 11, 2017. The preliminary engineering design took approximately two years and four months to complete.

Notice Inviting Bids was advertised and published in the Business Journal on November 20, 2019, and posted on the City's website. Eight building exchanges received Notice Inviting Bids. The specifications were distributed to 40 prospective bidders. Eight sealed bid proposals were received and opened in a public bid opening on December 17, 2019, with the bids ranging from \$1,782,661.00 to \$2,736,176.95. Avison Construction, Inc. is deemed the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The apparent low bid price was 5% below the Engineer's Estimate. The bids will expire 64 days after the bid opening, on February 19, 2020.

If the bids are rejected, the project will be rebid resulting in a delay of approximately 60 days.

Staff is recommending award of a construction contract to Avison Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$1,782,661 to construct the North Blackstone Avenue Overlay between East Ashlan and East Dakota Avenues and to authorize the Public Works Director or designee to sign and execute the standardized contract on behalf of the City of Fresno. City Attorney has reviewed and approved as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS

Staff has performed a preliminary environmental assessment of this project and has determined that it falls within the Categorical Exemption set forth in CEQA Guidelines, Sections 15301/Class 1 because the project consist of an overlay of the existing roadway, modifications of curb ramps to

meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance, installation of traffic signal facilities, crosswalks, signage and pavement striping without increasing its capacity, 15302/Class 2 because the project will include the adjustment of existing manholes and valve box which will not expand its use beyond that existing at the time of determination, 15303/Class 3 because this project include street improvements consisting of asphalt overlay and will not include new construction of structures, and 15304/Class 4 because this project will include minor excavation of backfilling where the roadway will be restored, which exempts the repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing structures or facilities, which includes existing streets, sidewalk and gutters, and no further expansion of an existing use, because the project includes overlay. Furthermore, staff has determined that none of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 apply to this project.

LOCAL PREFERENCE

Local preference was not implemented for this project because this contract is federally funded.

FISCAL IMPACT

The project is located in City of Fresno Council District 7. The overall cost of the project is \$2,196,800 and is 100% federally funded by Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP). The project will not have any impact to the General Fund. Of the total project cost, \$1,782,661 will be used for the construction contract award. All funds necessary for the contract award are included in the current fiscal year budget as previously adopted by the Council.

Attachments:

Bid Evaluation
Fiscal Impact Statement
Vicinity Map
Standardized Contract
Environmental Assessment No. P18-03981