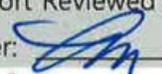


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City Manager: 

**CITY OF SEBASTOPOL  
CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA ITEM**

Meeting Date: November 17, 2020  
To: Honorable Mayor and Honorable City Councilmembers  
From: Henry Mikus, Engineering Manager  
Subject: Approval of Rejection of Bids for ADA Curb Ramps SR116, Contract 2019-01

Recommendation: Adopt Minute Order Authorizing Staff to Reject Bids  
Funding: Currently Budgeted:  Yes  No  N/A  
Net General Fund Cost: \$ none  
Engineer’s Estimate \$451,920; Low bid was \$562,705  
Original plan for funds to come from:  
Measure M Roads \$282,800  
SB1 \$110,000  
Traffic Impact Fund \$59,120  
Funds were to come from both FY 19-20 & FY 20-21

Account Code/Costs authorized in City Approved Budget AK (verified by Administrative Services Department)

**INTRODUCTION/PURPOSE:**

The item tonight is to request City Council Approval of Rejection of Contract 2019-01 State Route 116 ADA Sidewalk Ramps.

**BACKGROUND:**

Because of the City’s long desire to have a complete system of bicycle lanes throughout Sebastopol, in order to get the proper striping and other markings along SR 116 done by Caltrans, the City has had a construction project pending to upgrade numerous ADA curb ramps along SR 116.

The City entered into agreement with KASL Engineers to prepare plans and specifications; in November 2019 City Council approved going to bid for construction. The bid package was released, with bids due on January 23, 2020. Four bids were received, ranging from a low price of \$562,705 to the high bid of \$637,142, which were all larger than the \$451,920 budget. Staff had set the bid to be done by crosswalk and intersection, enabling staff to remove one costly intersection from the scope of work and return to Council March 17, 2020 with a recommendation to enter into contract with M3 Integrated Services for the reduced scope at a cost of \$434,745. However, Council directed staff to re-examine available funding to see if sufficient money could be made available to do all intersections in the original design.

At the same time the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic had caused “shelter” orders which began having dire effects on economic activity, including revenue reductions from sources tied to sales or gasoline taxes. For this project funds were to come from SB1, a state gas-tax funded program, and Measure M,

a regional sales tax funded source of income. As the Covid-19 impacts on these revenue sources became apparent, staff could not find any additional money to pay for the total project. In fact, staff found just funding the original project budget of \$451,920 to be unlikely. As a result, this project was temporarily put in abeyance until revenue sources could stabilize and be reasonably predictable.

The four bids received were:

M3 Integrated Services	\$562,705
Ghilotti Brothers	\$568,568
Ghilotti Construction	\$623,067
Team Ghilotti	\$637,142

**DISCUSSION:**

Council discussed this project again as part of its Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) deliberations October 6, 2020. With some reliable data in hand on revenues from gas and sales tax sources, staff was able to find enough income to support the initial estimate of \$451,920 but not the full bid of \$562,702. However, this required using income from SB1 and Measure M across three fiscal years: FY 19-20, FY 20-21, and FY 21-22. One consequence of using three year's accumulated funds was to put back two other planned City efforts, the Bodega Avenue Reconstruction Project, and recurring Pavement Rehabilitation and Repairs.

Council consensus was to postpone the ADA Curb Ramp work until revenues stabilized enough so that the entire scope of work could be accomplished. As a result, the City should formally reject the bids that were received for the ADA Curb Ramp Project.

Staff recommends the City Council reject the four bids that were received for the State Route 116 ADA Sidewalk Ramps.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

As of the writing of this staff report, the City has not received any public comment. However, staff anticipates receiving public comment from interested parties following the publication and distribution of this staff report. Such comments will be provided to the City Council as supplemental materials before or at the meeting. In addition, a consent calendar item may be requested to be removed from the consent calendar if a member of the Council public requests to provide public comment on this item.

**PUBLIC NOTICE:**

This item was noticed in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and was available for public viewing and review at least 72 hours prior to schedule meeting date.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None at this time.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council direct staff to reject the bids received for the State Route 116 ADA Sidewalk Ramps.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None