

# REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council  
From the City Manager

June 5, 2006

**Subject**

Cost Shared Sidewalk Repair Project

**Recommendation**

By Motion, approve the contract documents, accept the bid, and award the contract for the 2005-2006 Cost Shared Sidewalk Repair Project to J J R Construction, Inc., of San Mateo, CA, for the amount of \$463,700.00.

**Background**

On March 28, 2006, bids were sent to seven qualified bidders and the project was properly advertised. One sealed bid was received and opened at the Office of the City Clerk on April 19, 2006.

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
JJR Construction, Inc., San Mateo, CA	\$436,250.00
Engineer's Estimate	\$344,750.00

JJR Construction is the sole responsible bidder at 34.5% above the Engineer's estimate. JJR was the contractor for the previous Tree Preservation and Sidewalk Repair Program and performed a Pilot Rubber and Concrete Sidewalk Repair Project and completed the repairs to contract specifications. Staff is confident that they will complete the work according to specifications.

The project will repair damaged sidewalk, driveway approach, and curb and gutter at any location in the City where the property owners agree to pay one-half the cost of concrete construction. The project includes the use of rubber panels for the sidewalk surface adjacent to trees to minimize root pruning. There is no charge to the property owner for associated tree mitigation or street paving. The contract includes the construction of wheel chair ramps at locations identified by resident requests and tree grates as needed.

Staff has continued to follow the direction from the City Council and 1998 Tree Policy Task Force in the approach to this program. Tree work for the project will be coordinated and performed by the City's tree maintenance staff or annual tree maintenance contractor as resources are available. Tree retention will be determined on a case by case basis, with the first priority being to preserve trees.

When necessary, staff will encourage property owners to preserve the street tree by allowing the City to establish a sidewalk maintenance easement on private property for the relocation of the sidewalk. The easement creates adequate space between the tree and new sidewalk for future tree growth or future tree planting.

Some tree preservation designs may cause the elimination of on-street parking in front of a property by relocating the curb and gutter around the tree into the parking lane. If a site does not allow the relocation of a curb into the street area, staff may bypass the site and perform a temporary repair to preserve a worthy tree. If a site does not require concrete construction for safety, and the site design will not allow the preservation of the tree, staff may bypass the site and perform a temporary asphalt repair to preserve a worthy tree. These exceptional circumstances will be communicated to the property owner during the site design and cost estimate offer for the work.

**Alternatives**

Re-bid the project. Staff does not believe re-bidding will generate a lower bid price. The wet winter weather has left many contractors behind schedule. Staff has interested property owners waiting to proceed with cost shared work.

**Fiscal Impact**

Adequate funds are available in the 2005-2006 Tree Preservation and Sidewalk Repair and Wheelchair Ramp Construction Capital Improvement Program budget. \$814,587 is available. The FY 05-06 budget will be expended as follows:

Funding:

Available Project budget FY 05-06	\$ 814,587
Estimated property owner contributions	\$ 155,000
Surplus from 2004-2005 Cost Share	<u>\$ 189,900</u>
Total estimated funding	\$1,159,487

Expenditures:

2005-2006 Cost Shared Project	\$ 463,700
Inspection and administration	\$ 40,000
Commitment toward Cinema hardscape	<u>\$ 500,000</u>
Total planned expenditures	\$1,003,700

Balance \$ 155,787



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Public Works Superintendent



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**Attachments**

None