

Agenda Report

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**Meeting Date:** 9/20/2022

# TITLE:

REJECT ALL BIDS - WEST 19TH STREET BICYCLE IMPROVEMENTS AND STRIPING PROJECT, CITY PROJECT NO. 22-06

DEPARTMENT:	PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT/ENGINEERING DIVISION
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# **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the City Council reject all bids for the West 19th Street Bicycle Improvements and Striping Project, City Project No. 22-06, and direct staff to modify the scope of the project and readvertise.

# BACKGROUND:

West 19th Street is a major thoroughfare in the Westside neighborhood and is classified as a primary arterial in the Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA's) 2022 Master Plan of Arterial Highways (MPAH).

West 19th Street bicycle facility improvements is an approved Capital Improvement Program (CIP) project. It provides enhanced bicycle facility which encourages bicycling for both commuting and recreational purposes per the City's approved Active Transportation Plan (ATP).

The bicycle facility improvements project along West 19th Street between Sundance Drive and Park Avenue were designed to include slurry seal improvements, new concrete parkway bulb-outs at the intersections of Placentia Avenue and at Wallace Avenue, new pavement striping, and markings consisting of Class II bicycle facilities with green thermoplastic conflict zones, and new crosswalks.

Public Works staff proceeded in developing the working plans, specifications, details, and estimate for this project and advertised on July 20, 2022. The public bid opening was held on August 23, 2022, when all submitted bids were announced and published.

## ANALYSIS:

On August 23, 2022, staff received four (4) bids for this project. The bid analysis is shown as Attachment 1.

Staff has reviewed all bids and has determined that they significantly exceed the current allotted budget for this project. The Engineer's estimate was \$470,000. Therefore, staff requests that the City

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Council reject all bids and direct staff to modify the scope of the project and to re-advertise the project.

Staff believes that revising the scope and re-advertising may attract more contractors to bid, resulting in bid proposals at competitive prices.

## ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative would be to reject staff's recommendation and award to the low bidder, Falkon Construction. Staff has determined that this alternative is not recommended since the current budget does not support the amount required for the lowest bidder.

#### FISCAL REVIEW:

There is no fiscal impact at this time if all bids are rejected and the project is re-advertised as recommended.

## LEGAL REVIEW:

The City Attorney's Office has reviewed this agenda report and approves it as to form.

## **CITY COUNCIL GOALS AND PRIORITIES:**

This item is administrative in nature.

#### CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends the City Council reject all bids for the West 19th Street Bicycle Improvements and Striping Project, City Project No. 22-06, and direct staff to modify the scope of the project and readvertise.