



Agenda Report

Date: January 12, 2016
To: Jeffrey W. Collier, City Manager
From: Hye Jin Lee, Acting Director of Public Works
Subject: Sidewalk and ADA Ramps Project

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the City Council:

1. Approve the specifications and locations for the Sidewalk and ADA Ramps Project; and
2. Authorize the City Clerk-Treasurer to advertise for construction bids.

BACKGROUND

Sidewalks are substantially damaged at various locations throughout the City. The sidewalks are generally deteriorated and/or have been uplifted by roots of street trees in the neighborhoods.

The annual City work plan regularly replaces damaged sidewalk sections, updates sidewalk connections, and installs ADA ramps where most needed. This project will address the most critical locations at this time.

Transportation Development Act (TDA)

The City annually receives Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 (SB-821) funds from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) for the construction of access ramps. The TDA/SB-821 funds are distributed to local agencies for the development of pedestrian and bicycle facilities, including American Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance. According to the TDA, the City will receive an allocation of \$42,426 for the 2015-16 fiscal year. The City Council has traditionally set aside this fund for the construction of new access ramps based on the priority list developed with recommendations from the Whittier Accessibility Committee subcommittee.

The Accessibility Committee subcommittee met with Public Works staff on October 28, 2014 and approved the construction of 27 new ramps at various locations.

DISCUSSION

Scope of work for the sidewalk project includes removal and replacement of concrete sidewalks, curb and gutters, curbs, driveways and parkway grading.

Combining the construction of sidewalks with the ADA ramps will result in a more favorable contract price. These phases of work will be listed separately in the specifications for funding and accounting purposes. The specifications and standard plans are complete and the project is ready to be advertised for construction bids (Attachment A). The total cost for this work, not including contract administration and construction inspection, is estimated at \$410,000.

This project qualifies for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) categorical exemption, and a Notice of Exemption will be filed with the County Clerk prior to contract award.

FISCAL IMPACT

Cost for the sidewalk work is estimated at approximately \$310,000. In FY 2013-14, \$500,000 was appropriated in account 100-25-251-000-776010 for sidewalk repair and approximately \$313,000 was carried over to FY 2015-16.

Cost for the ADA ramps is estimated at approximately \$100,000. A total of \$42,426 is available in account number 268-30-950-930-684058 Subventions and Grants – TDA Pedestrian-Bike Ways Fiscal Year 2015-16 and \$80,410 in account number 265-30-331-000-698010 Unallocated Appropriations Gas Tax B. If the Metro year 2015 actual allocation increases, a resolution for a supplementary budget increase in the Subventions and Grants account will be submitted to City Council for consideration at contract award. This action will reduce the project expenditure from Gas Tax funds, thus conserving that funding source for other projects.

Submitted by:



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Attachment: A – Specifications and Locations (available in the Mayor’s Office)

Exhibits: 1 - Photos of Example Locations

ATTACHMENT A

Specifications and Locations

FOR

Sidewalk and ADA Ramps Project

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MAYOR'S OFFICE

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Photos of Example Locations



EXAMPLE LOCATION: 12417 Philadelphia Avenue, Whittier High School



ADA RAMP LOCATION: NORTHWEST CORNER OF FLOMAR DRIVE
AND DITTMAR DRIVE



ADA RAMP LOCATION: NORTHEAST CORNER OF TARRYTON AVE
AND DITTMAR DRIVE