



AGENDA REPORT

Public Works

DATE:	February 25, 2025
TO:	Mayor Martinez and Members of the City Council
FROM:	Daniel Chavarria, PE, Director of Public Works Robert Armijo, PE, Deputy Director of Public Works/City Engineer Hillal Hamdan, PE, Senior Civil Engineer
Subject:	Construction Agreement with Rapid Services LLC, dba, Rapid Grading Services, for the 7th Street Bike Lane Improvement Project
FINANCIAL IMPACT:	Funding for this project is available from the Clean California grant funding for construction in the amount of \$322,800.00 [Account String: 10633031-400708-23030]
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:	None
STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:	City staff recommends City Council approval of a resolution authorizing a construction agreement with Rapid Services LLC, dba Rapid Grading Services, for the 7th Street Bike Lane Improvement Project to enhance pedestrian accessibility and extend the existing Class IV bike lane infrastructure.
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	ADOPT a resolution approving a construction agreement with Rapid Services LLC, dba Rapid Grading Services, for the 7th Street Bike Lane Improvement Project in an amount not to exceed \$269,000, and AUTHORIZE the Director of Public Works to approve change orders, if necessary, up to a 20 percent contingency amount of \$53,800, for a total potential construction phase cost of \$322,800 – Public Works Department (Hillal Hamdan

	621-1612/Robert Armijo 620-5477/Daniel Chavarria 620-5478).
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DISCUSSION:

The 7th Street Bike Lane Improvement Project is situated between Hensley Street and Lincoln Avenue, at the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) grade-separated overpass in the Iron Triangle neighborhood. This initiative includes the extension of bike lanes, installation of signage and striping, sidewalk construction, curb and gutter improvements, driveway modifications, guardrail installations, asphalt concrete work, a 2-inch grind and inlay, base repairs, and the incorporation of bicycle safety features. The introduction of Class IV bike lanes will help reduce vehicle speeds by narrowing travel lanes, while the new sidewalks will prioritize pedestrian movement.

The project is funded by the state through the Clean California grant program, which has an expiration date of June 30, 2025.

The City publicly solicited bids for the project via BidsOnline on November 21, 2024. Bids were opened on December 17, 2024, with a total of nine (9) submissions. Below are the bid amounts from the nine (9) bidders.

Lowest Bidders	Contractor	Bid (\$)
1	Rapid Grading Services LLC	269,000
2	FBD Vanguard Construction, Inc	337,481
3	W.R. Forde Associates, Inc	353,475
4	Maggiora & Ghilotti, Inc	386,800
5	Sposelo Engineering, Inc	397,011
6	Ghilotti Bros.,Inc	429,989
7	Calico California Constructores,Inc	522,317
8	BuildCorp, Inc	573,000
9	Kerex Engineering, Inc	597,350

Following a comprehensive review and analysis of all submissions, Rapid Services LLC was determined to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The contractor's bid meets all project requirements, as well as the terms and conditions set forth in the contract. Rapid Services LLC demonstrated the necessary qualifications, experience, reputation, facilities, and financial capacity to successfully complete the project. Additionally, the firm is properly registered with the State of California's Department of

Industrial Relations (License #1001011090) and holds an active contractor's license with the Contractors State License Board (License #1101213).

The City has received a bid advisory notice from the non-government organization Foundation for Fair Contracting (Attachment 3). In response, the City conducted further information gathering and requested Rapid Services LLC submit a letter addressing the concerns raised in the notice (Attachment 4). Additionally, agencies that previously engaged Rapid Services LLC for their projects have confirmed that their construction management teams provided positive feedback on Rapid Services LLC's administrative performance in contract compliance.

Based on staff analysis, Rapid Services LLC has been identified as the lowest responsible bidder. The nature of the ongoing investigation, along with Rapid Services LLC's proactive approach in addressing the issue, demonstrates a good faith effort by the contractor to rectify concerns and prevent future issues. Therefore, City staff recommends proceeding to award the contract (Attachment 2).

City staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution approving a construction agreement with Rapid Services LLC, dba Rapid Grading Services, in the amount of \$269,000 for the 7th Street Bike Lane Improvement Project (Attachment 1). Additionally, staff requests authorization for the Director of Public Works to approve change orders, if necessary, up to a contingency amount of \$53,800 (20% of the bid amount), bringing the total potential construction phase cost to \$322,800.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION:

City staff has obtained a Notice of Exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

Attachment 1 – Resolution

Attachment 2 – Construction Agreement

Attachment 3 – Foundation for Fair Contracting Bid Advisory Notice

Attachment 4 – Rapid Services LLC Response Letter to the Bid Advisory