



STAFF REPORT – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 21, 2022

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Netra Khatri, City Engineer

PREPARER: David Caisse, Assistant City Engineer

DATE: November 22, 2022

TITLE: **Approve the Design and Award a Construction Contract for the 2022 Annual Sidewalk Improvement Project REBID to R.A.O. Construction Co., Inc., in the Amount of \$116,618 (Base Bid + Additive Alternative No. 1); Authorize the City Engineer to Approve Change Orders and Increase the Contract Amount by up to \$23,323.60 (20 Percent, for a Total of \$139,941.60) to Allow for Any Unforeseen Contingencies and Additional Work as Necessary; and Authorize the City Manager to Execute All Applicable Documents.**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Council:

- 1) Approve the Design and Award a Construction Contract for the 2022 Annual Sidewalk Improvement Project REBID to R.A.O. Construction Co., Inc. in the Amount of \$116,618.00 (Base Bid + Additive Alternative No. 1);
- 2) Authorize the City Engineer to Approve Change Orders and Increase the Contract Amount by up to \$23,323.60 (20 Percent, for a Total of \$139,941.60) to Allow for Any Unforeseen Contingencies and Additional Work as Necessary; and
- 3) Authorize the City Manager to Execute All Applicable Documents.

INTRODUCTION:

This project was originally advertised in September of 2022. Bids were opened on October 12, 2022, and all bidders far exceeded the budget. The bids were rejected at the October 19, 2022, Council meeting. Following that meeting, the scope of project was reduced in order to keep bids within budget. The project went back out to bid on October 26, 2022, with bids being due on November 10, 2022. This project is the City's annual sidewalk improvements project and involves accessibility improvements at various street intersections throughout Arcata. The accessibility improvements will largely consist of: installing new concrete ramps and truncated domes, installing portions of new asphalt concrete, and relocating poles and other utilities as necessary.

BACKGROUND:

We received three sealed bids from contractors for this project. Below is the Bid Summary

Sr. No.	Name of the Contractor	Base Bid	Add. Alt. 1	Total (Base Bid + Add. Alt. 1)
1	GRS Inc.	\$156,484.00	\$59,450.00	\$215,934.00
2	Hooven & Co., Inc.	\$160,439.50	\$40,674.50	\$201,114.00
3	R.A.O. Construction Co., Inc.	\$87,113.00	\$29,505.00	\$116,618.00

Please see Attachment A, an itemized bid tabulation sheet, for a summary of bids received.

Sealed bids were received until 11:00 a.m. on November 10, 2022. Following the opening of bids, the bid range was evaluated for consistency, and the lowest responsive bidder’s bid was examined for consistency with both state and federal guidelines.

If a contract is presently awarded, work will commence on or after January 2, 2023, and should be completed within 50 working days after starting. Prior to issuing a Notice-to-Proceed to the Contractor, public notifications will be made by the City and the Contractor to potentially impacted residents/businesses to inform them of construction activities, possible parking restrictions, and detours/traffic control.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (CEQA):

The California Environment Quality Act (CEQA) determination for the sidewalk and paving portion of the project is a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c), for the restoring and rehabilitating of existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that presently existing.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:

The contract bid amount is within the budget allocation for the 2022/23 Fiscal Year. This project is budgeted as follows:

Account Number/Agency Responsible	Amount	Account Name
207-50-48-57600	\$100,000.00	Capital - Other Improvements
224-50-45-51770	\$16,618.00	Other Professional Services

If contingency funds are needed, they will be funded out of the same accounts.

ATTACHMENTS:

BID SUMMARY_2022 Annual Sidewalk Improvement REBID (PDF)