



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** James R. Helmer

**SUBJECT: CURB RAMP IMPROVEMENT IN  
LOW-TO-MODERATE INCOME  
AREAS**

**DATE:** 04-25-07

Approved

*Deanna Sartore*

Date

*4/27/07*

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 3  
**SNI AREA:** 13<sup>th</sup> Street

## RECOMMENDATION

Report on bids and award of contract for the G78 06-07 Curb Ramp Improvement in Low-to-Moderate Income Areas CDBG Project to the low bidder of SpenCon Construction, in the amount of \$278,094; and, approval of a contingency in the amount of \$27,810 for a total contract amount of \$305,904.

## OUTCOME

Approval of this contract will allow for the installation of approximately 75 sidewalk accessibility curb ramps in Low-to-Moderate Income Areas (a Community Development Block Grant project). Installation of accessibility curb ramps will provide the community with safer and more convenient routes for walking. The recommended action supports the Transportation and Aviation Services City Service Area goals to *Provide a Transportation System that Enhances Community Livability*.

## BACKGROUND

The Department of Transportation, working with community leaders, the San José Redevelopment Agency and the Housing Department, seeks Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for sidewalk accessibility ramp improvements in Low-to-Moderate Income Areas of the City. This contract is targeting installation of approximately 75 curb ramps in the 13<sup>th</sup> Street SNI area. In recent years, CDBG grants focused on other neighborhoods, such as the Washington, Edenvale, West Evergreen, East Valley, Blackford, Via Monte and KONA SNI areas.

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The locations of street corners to be retrofitted with accessibility ramps within the 13<sup>th</sup> Street SNI area (see Attachment A for the list of locations) were selected based on the following criteria:

1. Intersections located in Low-to-Moderate Income Areas
2. Known routes used and requests by persons with disabilities
3. Known locations in the safe walking routes to schools plan
4. Known routes to senior and community centers and around parks
5. Requests from the community through Neighborhood Action Committees, Strong Neighborhood Initiative meetings and the City Council offices

DOT maintains a list of all requested locations and will consider requests for new accessibility ramps in low-to-moderate income areas in future CDBG funded projects.

The grant for the project was approved and funded in the amount of \$250,000. To qualify for the CDBG Grant, DOT is contributing an additional \$86,004 to this project. To comply with the CDBG funding requirements, the project needs to be completed by the end of December 2007.

**ANALYSIS**

This project consists of saw cutting and removing existing concrete surface structures, constructing 75 ramps, maintaining pedestrian access through work areas, and repairing or replacing pavement and sidewalk as necessary to facilitate use of the ramps by persons with disabilities. Bids for this project were received on March 22, 2007 with the following results:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Total Bid</b>	<b>Variance Amount</b>	<b>Over/(Under) Percent</b>
Sposeto Engineering	Belmont Ca.	\$466,805.20	\$131,443.20	+28 %
Golden Bay Construction	Hayward Ca.	\$378,153.50	\$42,791.50	+ 11%
Vanguard Construction	Oakland Ca.	\$358,601	\$23,239	+ 6%
<b>Engineer's Estimate</b>	---	<b>\$335,362</b>	---	---
SpenCon Construction	Foster City Ca.	\$278,094	\$(57,268)	(21)%

The bid documents have been evaluated and found to be in order. The low bid submitted by SpenCon Construction is 21% below the Engineer's Estimate. The Engineer's Estimate for this project is \$335,362 and is based on bids received from past accessibility ramp projects and projected construction cost increases.

### POLICY ALTERNATIVES

Not applicable

### PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST

- Criteria 1:** Requires Council action on the use of public funds equal to \$1 million or greater. **(Required: Website Posting)**
- Criteria 2:** Adoption of a new or revised policy that may have implications for public health, safety, quality of life, or financial/economic vitality of the City. **(Required: E-mail and Website Posting)**
- Criteria 3:** Consideration of proposed changes to service delivery, programs, staffing that may have impacts to community services and have been identified by staff, Council or a Community group that requires special outreach. **(Required: E-mail, Website Posting, Community Meetings, Notice in appropriate newspapers)**

This project does not meet the \$1 million threshold under Criteria 1. Further, notification to contractors was published through the City Clerk's Office. Plans and specifications were made available for viewing in the City Clerk's Office as well as distributed to various construction and related organizations.

### COORDINATION

This memo has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office, the Department of Public Works, the City Manager's Budget Office, and the Redevelopment Agency.

### FISCAL/POLICY ALIGNMENT

This project is consistent with the Council-approved Budget Strategy to continue with capital investments that spur construction spending in our local economy.

### COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS

1. AMOUNT OF RECOMMENDATION: \$336,004
2. COST OF PROJECT:

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Project Delivery	\$ 30,100
Construction	\$278,094
Contingency	\$ 27,810
TOTAL	\$336,004

3. SOURCE OF FUNDING:  
441 – Community Development Block Grant  
465 - Construction Excise Tax Fund

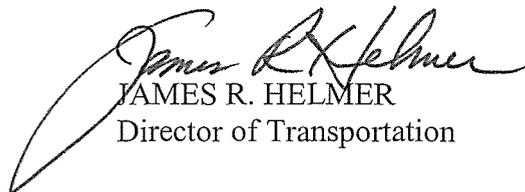
FISCAL IMPACT: This project will have no operating and maintenance impact.

**BUDGET REFERENCE**

Fund #	Appn #	Appn. Name	RC#	Total Appn	Amt. for Contract	Adopted Capital Budget Page	Last Budget Action (Date, Ord. No.)
441	5206	Citywide Curb Ramp Improvements	146505	\$250,000	\$250,000	N/A	N/A
465	5231	Curb Accessibility	116843	\$333,000	\$86,004	V-1094	10/17/06, Ord. No. 27888
<b>Total Current Funding Available</b>				<b>\$583,000</b>	<b>\$336,004</b>		

**CEQA**

Exempt, File No. PP05-212

  
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Director of Transportation

For questions please contact Eric Newton, Senior Construction Inspector, at 277-3158.

Attachment

<b>CDBG 2007 G78</b>		
<u>Cd</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
3	Eighteenth St & Mission St	4
3	Eighth St & Hedding St	2
3	Eleventh St & Mission St	4
3	Eleventh St & Vestal St	4
3	Fifteenth St & Hedding St	4
3	Fifteenth St & Mission St	4
3	Fifteenth St & Taylor St	2
3	Fifteenth St & Vestal St	4
3	Fifth St & Hedding St	2
3	Fourteenth St & Hedding	4
3	Fourteenth St & Mission St	4
3	Hedding St & Sixteenth St	4
3	Hedding St & Sixth St	4
3	Mission St & Nineteenth St	4
3	Mission St & Sixteenth St	4
3	Mission St & Tenth St	2
3	Mission St & Twelfth St	3
3	Mission St & Twentieth St	2
3	Mission St & Twenty First	1
3	Nineteenth St & Taylor St	2
3	Sixteenth St & Taylor St	2
3	Sixteenth St & Vestal St	1
3	Taylor St & Twentieth St	2
3	Tenth St & Vestal St	2
3	Twelfth St & Vestal St	4
	<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>

Attachment