



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** James R. Helmer

**SUBJECT: CURB RAMP IMPROVEMENTS  
FOR STRONG NEIGHBORHOODS**

**DATE:** 05-24-04

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Approved

Date

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Council District: 2, 3, 7  
SNI Area: Washington & Edenvale

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Report of bids and award of contract for Curb Ramp Improvements in the Washington and Edenvale Strong Neighborhood Initiative (SNI) areas to the low bidder Sposeto Engineering Inc., in the amount of \$332,834.40 and approval of a contingency in the amount of \$33,283.44 for a total contract amount of \$366,117.84  
CEQA: Exempt, File No. PP03-08-269  
NEPA: File No. G57

## **BACKGROUND**

In the Fall of 2002, the Department of Transportation submitted a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for a curb ramp improvement project in the Washington and Edenvale SNI Areas. The scope of work includes the design and construction of 201 wheelchair ramps, removal and replacement of asphalt concrete pavement, curb, gutter and sidewalk.

The grant for the project was approved and funded in the amount of \$556,000. To comply with CDBG funding requirements, the project needs to be completed by the end of December 2004.

The project was advertised in early April and a total of six prospective bidders obtained the plans and specifications for this project.

**ANALYSIS**

Bids for this project were received and opened on April 29, 2004 with the following results.

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Bid Amount</b>	<b>Variance Amount</b>	<b>Over/(Under) Percent</b>
<b>Engineer's Estimate</b>	<b>\$381,494.00</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>
Sposeto Engineering	\$332,834.40	(\$48,659.60)	(12.76)
Vanguard Construction	\$342,650.00	(\$38,844.00)	(10.18)
CB Construction	\$344,496.00	(\$36,998.00)	(9.70)

The low bid submitted by Sposeto Engineering Inc. is 12.76% below the Engineer's Estimate. Staff evaluated the bid documents and found them in order.

The Engineer's Estimate of \$381,494 is based on latest bids received from wheelchair ramp projects and projected inflation. The low bids submitted can be attributed to the competitive nature of bidding for this type of project at this time of the year.

Generally, council policy provides for a five percent contingency on public works projects. However, a 10 percent contingency is requested due to unknown utilities and subsurface conditions underneath the curb, gutter, sidewalks and ramps, which may require supplemental work. The funds budgeted for this project are sufficient to provide for the recommended contingency.

**PUBLIC OUTREACH**

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 project has been coordinated with the Risk Management Office, Office of Equality Assurance, Department of Public Works, the City Attorney's Office, and the City Manager's Budget Office.

**COST IMPLICATIONS**

1. AMOUNT OF RECOMMENDATION: \$366,117.84
  
2. COST OF PROJECT:

Project Delivery	\$189,882.16
Construction Contract	\$332,834.40
Contingency	<u>\$ 33,283.44</u>
TOTAL	\$556,000.00
  
3. SOURCE OF FUNDING: 441 – Community Development Block Grant-Title II
  
4. FISCAL IMPACT: This Project will have no adverse impact on the General Fund operating and maintenance budget.

**BUDGET REFERENCE**

Fund #	Appn #	Appn. Name	RC #	Total Appn	Amt. for Contract	Adopted Budget Page	Last Budget Action (Date, Ord. No.)
441	4756	Curb Ramp Improvements for SNI	129825	\$556,000	\$366,117.84	2003-04 Adopted Operating Budget, Page 736	N/A

**CEQA**

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