



# Council Agenda Report

From: Ditas Esperanza, Capital Projects Engineer

Subject: Approval of Award of Contract to Install Pedestrian Improvements at Niblick and Appaloosa

CEQA Determination: The City find that this action is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State Guidelines Section State CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15301.

Date: February 21, 2023

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## Facts

1. In March 2021, Caltrans awarded the City a Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Grant in the amount of \$167,900. This HSIP Grant (for construction only) funds the installation of pedestrian improvements at Niblick and Appaloosa, as shown in the attached exhibit.
2. Construction cost estimates developed during final design indicated that the cost of the project exceeds the original grant amount, requiring additional funding. On October 12, 2022, Caltrans approved increasing the HSIP Grant total to \$247,970.
3. Staff prepared bid documents and advertised for bids. At the bid opening on February 2, 2023, five bids were received as follows:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
G. Sosa Construction	\$230,876.50
F. Loduca	\$250,701.36
JJ Fisher Construction	\$297,123.00
Granite Construction	\$315,865.00
RCH Construction	\$339,730.00

4. Staff reviewed the bid provided by G. Sosa Construction and found it to be a responsive and responsible bid. However, staff discovered a minor math error on their bid with the actual amount totaling \$232,676.50; still the lowest bid. The bid submitted by F. Loduca's also had a minor math error and their actual bid is \$250,953.36.

## Options

1. Take no action;
2. Authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with G. Sosa Construction, in the amount of \$232,676.50, for the pedestrian improvements at Niblick and Appaloosa.
3. Provide alternative direction to staff.

## Analysis and Conclusions

In November 2020, the City completed a [Niblick Road Complete and Sustainable Streets Corridor Plan](#) which identifies detailed recommendations for physical changes to the roadway, sidewalks, bikeways, intersections, traffic controls and programmatic measures that support all users. Pedestrian improvements at the intersection of Niblick and Appaloosa was identified as an intersection in need of upgrades as the intersection is currently uncontrolled and is highly utilized by High School students. As noted, G. Sosa's bid in the corrected amount of \$232,676.50 was found to be the low responsive and responsible bid.

The Project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines § 15301, for the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no

expansion of existing or former use. This includes existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety), and other alterations such as the addition of bicycle facilities, including but not limited to bicycle parking, bicycle-share facilities and bicycle lanes, transit improvements such as bus lanes, pedestrian crossings, street trees, and other similar alterations that do not create additional automobile lanes).

**Fiscal Impact**

The project will be utilizing a Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Grant of \$247,970. Further, the project is included in the FY 2023-24 Capital Improvement Projects Budget and no other action is required.

**Recommendation** (Option 2)

Approve Resolution 23-XXX, authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with G. Sosa Construction, in the amount of \$232,676.50, for the pedestrian improvements at Niblick and Appaloosa.

**Attachments**

1. Resolution 23-XXX
2. Location Map