



City of Woodland

**REPORT TO REDEVELOPMENT
AGENCY BOARD**

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: November 17, 2009

SUBJECT: Approval of Bid Package, City Manager/Redevelopment Agency Executive Director to Award Construction Contract, Contract Contingency and Project Funding for East and Main Streets Storm Drain Improvement Project, CIP No. 09-18

Report in Brief

The East and Main Streets Storm Drain Improvement Project will address the flooding that occurs on a regular basis at the intersection of East and Main streets. Currently, two six-inch storm lines run from the west side of the intersection, through the intersection, and connect with 18-inch lines in East Main Street on the east side of the intersection. The six-inch lines are significantly undersized and flooding occurs even during minor rain events. The project will replace the southerly six-inch line with an 18-inch line.

Staff recommends that the Redevelopment Agency Board approve the bid package, funding and construction contract contingency for the project and authorize the City Manager/Redevelopment Agency Executive Director to award the construction contract to the lowest qualified bidder based on the engineer's estimate.

Background

The East and Main Streets Storm Drain Improvement Project has been programmed in the Capital Improvement Plan for construction in the current fiscal year (Fiscal Year 2009/10). The project addresses an existing deficiency in the City's storm drain system that causes flooding at the intersection of East and Main streets even during minor rain events. Without a solution to address the deficiency, the flooding will worsen as new development in the eastern part of the downtown creates additional impervious surfaces and subsequent storm water runoff. For example, the new Yolo Superior Courthouse project which includes on-site parking is proposed for the block bordered by Main Street, Lincoln Avenue, Fifth Street and Sixth Street and will result in this type of additional storm drain flows.

In 2004 the City received a federal Economic Development Initiative grant for this project. The availability of these funds will help offset project costs. The terms of this grant require that the funds be expended in the current fiscal year.

Discussion

The East and Main Streets Storm Drain Improvement Project resolves an existing deficiency in the City's storm drain system and ultimately assists future development in the downtown by efficiently moving current and future storm flows through the City's storm drain system. The need to complete this project is further magnified by the selection of the site bordered by Lincoln, Main, Fifth and Sixth for the expanded and modernized Yolo Superior Courts. Finally, staff believes that the current economic environment will generate favorable bids in order to complete this project.

Staff is also requesting that the Redevelopment Agency Board authorize the City Manager/Redevelopment Agency Executive Director to award the construction contract to the lowest qualified bidder. This request is based on the impact of furloughs on Council meeting dates and the need to expedite the project in order to expend the EDI funds in accordance with the program grant terms. The Redevelopment Agency Board's authorization will be limited to the awarding of bids that fall at or below the engineer's estimate for the project. If the lowest responsible bid is over the engineer's estimate, staff will return to the City Council/Redevelopment Agency Board to seek additional funds and authorization, if appropriate.

Fiscal Impact

The engineer's estimate for the project is \$137,000. The approved funding for the project is the EDI grant (\$80,000), General Fund Capital (\$46,000), and Storm Drain Enterprise Fund (\$11,000). In order to reduce the financial impact on the General Fund and Storm Drain Enterprise Fund, staff proposes to utilize \$57,000 in Redevelopment Bond funds to complete the funding package for this project. RDA Bond funds are an appropriate and authorized use for infrastructure improvement projects within the Redevelopment Area. In addition, this project will address an existing deficiency in order to facilitate the Courthouse project. If the Redevelopment Agency Board authorizes the use of the Bond funds, two City funds that face chronic shortfalls in the current economic climate will be saved.

Public Contact

This item was posted on the City Council/Redevelopment Agency Board agenda.

Alternative Courses of Action

1. Approve the bid package, funding and construction contract contingency for the project and authorize the City Manager/Redevelopment Agency Executive Director to award the construction contract to the lowest qualified bidder based on the engineer's estimate.
2. Approve the bid package and construction contract contingency for the project and direct staff to identify alternative funding for the project.

Recommendation for Action

Staff recommends that the Redevelopment Agency Board approve Alternative No. 1.

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