



City of Woodland

REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: March 30, 2010

SUBJECT: ADA Curb Ramp, Project No. 09-17; Approve Plans and Specifications, Authorize Bid Advertisement, and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Construction Contract

Report in Brief

The ADA Curb Ramp Project will improve ADA accessibility to existing corners at the intersection of West Cross Street and Daniels Street as well as along a segment of Court Street from Elm Street to Third Street. The project includes the installation of curb ramps, detectable warning strips, and the replacement of non-compliant driveways.

The engineer's estimate for construction is \$100,626. The total project budget is \$155,209. The project is fully funded by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the plans and specifications, authorize bid advertisement and authorize the City Manager to execute the construction contract to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder if bids are within 120% of the engineer's estimate.

Background

The City of Woodland applies for CDBG funds annually from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). CDBG funds must be used for activities that assist lower-income persons and to eliminate conditions of blight in the community.

In 2009, the Engineering Division applied for and received \$100,000 in CDBG grant funding for improvements to various locations within the City's ADA transition plan. Also in 2009, staff applied for and received an additional \$55,209 in ARRA CDBG (CDBG-R) stimulus funds for the project.

Discussion

The project conforms to the requirements of the CDBG/CDBG-R grants, the ADA, and is fully supported by the City's ADA committee. Wherever reasonable, construction hours will be limited such that work is completed in a manner that minimizes disruption to local businesses.

Upon Council authorization, bids will be solicited with a projected opening date of May 11, 2010. To meet grant deadlines, staff requests that Council authorize the City Manager to execute the construction contract if bids are within 120% of the engineer's estimate.

Based on the current favorable bidding climate, staff anticipates that the bids will be received well within the engineer's estimate of \$100,626. In the unlikely chance that the bids exceed the engineers estimate by 20% (\$20,125), there are sufficient resources to cover the situation.

Assuming the City Manager is authorized to execute the contract, work is scheduled to begin the second week of June with completion the first week of July. If the Council does not authorize the City Manager to award the construction contract, the project completion will be the first week of August, approximately 30 days after the expiration of the CDBG program deadline for full fund expenditure.

The project plans and specifications are available for review at the CDD public counter (520 Court Street). The project has California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) clearance and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) clearance will be received before construction begins.

Fiscal Impact

The project is included in the FY2010 Capital Budget. The total project budget is \$155,209 and the project is 100% CDBG funded. There is no impact to the General Fund.

Public Contact

Posting of the City Council agenda.

Alternative Courses of Action

1. Approve the plans and specifications, authorize bid advertisement and authorize the City Manager to execute the construction contract to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder if bids are within 120% of the engineer's estimate.
2. Approve the plans and specifications and authorize bid advertisement and direct staff to return to the City Council for bid award.

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Recommendation for Action

Staff recommends that the City Council approve Alternative No. 1.

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