

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda date: May 16, 2005

Prepared on: May 9, 2005

Reviewed by _____

SUBJECT: Approval and Acceptance, Disabled Access Improvements (Curbs Ramps and Solano Avenue Sidewalk Widening), Contract 04-08

FROM: Randy Leptien, City Engineer
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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve Resolution No. 05-11, approving and accepting improvements and directing the filing of the Notice of Completion for Contract No. 04-08, Disabled Access Curb Ramps and Solano Avenue Sidewalk Widening Construction projects with Vanguard Construction.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

In September 2004, the City Council awarded the contract for the Disabled Access Ramps Project. The project involved installing 43 new disabled access ramps on Solano Avenue and various other locations throughout the City. The project also involved widening portions of the sidewalk along Solano Avenue to have the required width for use by disabled persons. The contract amount was \$130,295, which included two change orders. One change order (\$6,605.50) was for the handicap ramps that were installed on Key Route near Thousand Oaks. The Albany Unified School District will be reimbursing the City for one-half of the cost (\$3,302.50). The second change order (\$4,137) was for the sidewalk widenings along Solano Avenue. The cost for this change order is being paid with the Community Development Block Grant funds (\$20,000) that were set aside for this project.

Approval of the resolution directs the City Clerk to record the Notice of Completion. This is a legal requirement that officially accepts the improvements, fixes the acceptance date for maintenance purposes, and establishes a time frame for filing of any liens against the project. This action also provides an opportunity for staff to summarize the results and funding status of the project.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

In prior years the City Council has allocated CDBG funds to pay for the cost of renovating portions of Solano Avenue. In 2004 the Council allocated funds to pay for constructing

disabled access ramps citywide and for widening the sidewalk on the south side of upper Solano Avenue to make it disabled access compliant.

Revenue

Funds for the Disabled Access Ramps and Sidewalk Widening projects come from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds:

CDBG - Solano Avenue Disabled Access	\$ 95,000.00
CDBG – Citywide Disabled Access	\$ 95,552.38
CDBG – Solano Avenue Sidewalk Widening	<u>\$ 20,000.00</u>
	\$210,552.38

Cost

The total project cost equaled \$204,287.24. The breakdown includes:

Engineering design, review and project management	\$ 73,992.24
Construction	<u>\$130,295.00</u> (includes retention)
	\$204,287.24

Both of these projects (Access ramps and sidewalk widenings) are identified in the current CIP. The budgeted amounts (\$194,430 and \$20,000 respectively) for these two projects mentioned in the CIP exceed the actual total cost of \$204,287.24.

Attachments

Resolution No. 05-11
Notice of Completion