



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
February 27, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
Submitted by: Andrew Murray, Interim Director, Department of Public Works
Subject: Reject Bids – FY 2023 Retaining Wall and Storm Drain Improvement Project,
Specification Nos. 23-11616-C & 23-11614-C

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to reject bids and direct staff to re-advertise the work associated with the FY 2023 Retaining Wall and Storm Drain Improvement Project, Specification Nos. 23-11616-C & 23-11614-C.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Additional staff time will be required to re-advertise the FY 2023 Retaining Wall and Storm Drain Improvement Project (Project).

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The FY 2023 Retaining Wall and Storm Drain Improvement Project (Specification Nos. 23-11616-C and 23-11614-C) is a project that includes several required infrastructure repairs and improvements, including repairs of retaining walls and bridge abutments. Staff considered the impacts of rejecting the single bid proposal from Redgwick Construction Company and believes that promptly re-advertising the project is unlikely to pose any substantial additional risk to the current infrastructure.

The FY 2023 Retaining Wall and Storm Drain Improvement Project (Specification Nos. 23-11616-C & 23-11614-C) was released for bids on October 6, 2023, and bids were opened on November 7, 2023. At the bid opening, only one bid was received from Redgwick Construction Company of Oakland, California, with a bid of \$2,010,117 (see Attachment 2, Abstract of Bids), approximately 40% higher than the \$1.42 million Engineer's estimate for this project. Based on the review of bids with similarly scoped concrete projects, staff recommends that this bid be rejected and the project be re-advertised.

BACKGROUND

The project includes several infrastructure repairs and improvements throughout various locations in the City:

- Two existing storm drain access points at 2nd St are currently not up to the City's current standards and will be upgraded to standard storm drain maintenance holes to facilitate ease of access for maintenance workers.
- The City built the retaining walls on Hilgard and La Loma in the early 20th century without a robust tie-back system. With the extensive root damage from adjacent trees, the walls have begun to rotate and lean, with severely offset cracks. The project replaces the retaining walls with retaining walls anchored with cast-in-drilled-hole pier foundations.
- The north and south approaches to the La Loma Bridge are experiencing settlement at the bridge abutments. This work may require additional coordination with EBMUD as they plan to replace their water main at the south end of the La Loma bridge. The settled bridge approach sidewalks will be reinstalled for pedestrian safety with soil retaining structures and associated pavement.
- The traffic circle at Piedmont and Channing is a roundabout with one of the most extended crosswalk lengths in Berkeley. With funding from the UC Long Range Development Plan Settlement, this project will integrate pedestrian safety measures like curbed medians and island passageways, and upgraded signage and striping.
- A staircase will be installed at the lower end of an Upper Columbia Path, on an undeveloped 10' wide Public right-of-way, adding to our extensive Berkeley path network. Our partners, the Berkeley Path Wanderers Association, will work to complete the upper end of the path, building it with their standard wooden railroad tie path. The path will connect existing paths at Columbia Walk and Lower Columbia Path, further facilitating ease of evacuation in the hills in case of emergency.
- The makeshift traffic circle at Woolsey and Eton is not functioning efficiently as a traffic calming device and receives significant cut-through traffic to/from College and Claremont. The request for a redesigned traffic circle originated as a community traffic calming request in 2012. Improvements will include a larger traffic circle and median channelizers on all three legs of the intersection, designed via analyses of vehicle turn movements.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

Enhancements at the Piedmont and Channing traffic circle, including pedestrian-friendly features like curbed medians, island passageways, and the Upper Columbia Path staircase, promote walkability and environmental sustainability. These improvements encourage reduced vehicle use and emissions and support a healthier, more eco-friendly urban community.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The only bid received is approximately 40% higher than the Engineer's estimate for the project. Staff reviewed bids with similarly scoped projects, and recommends that this bid be rejected and the project be re-advertised.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Staff considered recommending the project be awarded to Redgwick Construction Company and determined it would be in the City's best interest to re-advertise the project.

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Attachments:

- 1: Resolution
- 2: Abstract of Bids

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

REJECT BIDS AND DIRECT STAFF TO RE-ADVERTISE THE FY 2023 RETAINING WALL AND STORM DRAIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the FY 2023 Retaining Wall and Storm Drain Improvement Project is intended to address both maintenance and capital improvement needs at various locations throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has neither the labor nor the equipment necessary to undertake this FY 2023 Retaining Wall and Storm Drain Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, an invitation for bids was duly advertised (Specification Nos. 23-11616-C & 23-11614-C), and one bid in the amount of \$2,010,117 was received on November 7, 2023, and this bid amount is approximately 40% over the project engineer's estimate; and

WHEREAS, staff have evaluated the bid received and determined it to be in the City's best interest to re-advertise the project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the bid from Redgwick Construction Company is rejected and the City Manager is authorized to re-advertise the FY 2023 Retaining Wall and Storm Drain Improvement Project, Specification Nos. 23-11616-C & 23-11614-C.



City of Berkeley
Abstract of Bid Worksheet

Finance Department
General Services Division

FOR: [Ret. Wall / Storm Drain](#)

[23-11616-C](#)

Bid Date: 11.7.2023

		required w/ bid								
	Bidders	A + B	Bid Bond	Addenda (2)	Experience - Fin. Qual.	Taxpayer ID	Opp. States	Nuclear Free	Sanctuary City	EBO
1	Redgwick Construction Co.	\$ 2,010,117.00	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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Bid Recorder: **Roopreet Soorma**
 Bid Opener: Josh Roben
 Project Manager: Wai Kong

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JR
 Josh Roben (Nov 16, 2023 14:55 PST)

Wai Kong
 Wai Kong (Nov 8, 2023 12:41 PST)

Date Nov 16, 2023

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Date Nov 8, 2023

