

## REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

**DATE: FEBRUARY 28, 2024**

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**FROM: NATHAN HAMBURGER, CITY MANAGER**

**BY: JESSICA FORTE, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS/CITY ENGINEER**

**SUBJECT: REJECT ALL BIDS FOR LADYFACE GREENWAY PROJECT; NIB NO. 24-02; AND REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO SEEK BIDS FOR A REVISED BID PACKAGE**

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On November 8, 2023, the City Council authorized staff to seek bids for the Ladyface Greenway Project; NIB No. 24-02. The scope of work consists of constructing a new greenway, approximately 1.3 acres in size, over an existing rectangular concrete-lined runoff channel that is owned and maintained by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD). The project lies between the City's most used commercial center, the Whizin Market Square, to the north and Agoura Road to the south, between Cornell Road and approximately 700 feet to the east of Cornell Road. Additionally, the Project includes construction work within adjacent roadways of Agoura Road, Cornell Road, and the intersection of Agoura Road/Cornell Road for utility undergrounding and drainage improvements. The Notice Inviting Bids (NIB) was advertised for two weeks, as required by California Law, in the Acorn newspaper on January 5 and 12, 2024.

On February 6, 2024, the City of Agoura Hills received four (4) bids as follows:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Total Bid Amount</b>
Zusser Company Inc.	\$14,188,150
GMZ Engineering, Inc.	\$15,246,355
Stacy and Witbeck, Inc.	\$15,675,764
C. A. Rasmussen, Inc.	\$21,590,357

The lowest apparent bidder was Zusser Company, Inc. The Engineer's Estimate for the project was \$14,500,000. The comparison between the lowest apparent bidder and the Engineer's Estimate is only a 2.1% difference, leaving little room for any contingencies during construction. Because all the bids came in higher than estimated, staff recommends all bids be rejected.

Staff intends to review the scope of work and provide additive and/or deductive bid items for a new revised bid package. The tentative schedule to re-bid the project would be as follows:

- Advertise Bids – March 2024

- Open Bids – May 2024
- Award Contract – May/June 2024
- Start Construction – July/August 2024

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The Project is fully funded through a combination of State Specified Grant and Metro Measure R and M Funds. There is no fiscal impact associated with rejection of bids and the authorization to re-bid the project.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff respectfully recommends the City Council:

1. Reject all bids received for the Ladyface Greenway Project; NIB No. 24-02; and
2. Authorize staff to seek bids for a revised bid package for the Ladyface Greenway Project.