

Council Meeting of
April 17, 2007

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Public Works – Approval of a Change Order to Public Works Agreement C2006-148 with Hardy & Harper, Inc. for the Citywide Sidewalk Grinding and Ramping Project, Phase IX, I-55. Expenditure: \$150,000

RECOMMENDATION

The Public Works Director recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager and Public Works Director to execute a change order in the amount of \$150,000 to Public Works Agreement C2006-148 with Hardy and Harper, Inc. for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$445,510 in conjunction with the Citywide Sidewalk Grinding and Ramping Project, Phase IX, I-55.

Funding

Funding is available from I-55 Gas Tax funds.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

The Citywide Sidewalk Ramping and Grinding Program (I-55 Program) was established to temporarily repair displacements (“uplifting”) of city sidewalks. The goal of the I-55 Program is to temporarily maintain continuous walking surfaces until permanent repairs can be performed either by City crews or by another Capital project.

On July 18, 2006, Council awarded Public Works Agreement C2006-148 to Hardy and Harper, Inc. (“Harper”) for an amount of \$295,510 and authorized a 5% contingency for an amount of \$14,775.00. The contract expires on September 18, 2007 with a provision to allow up to four (4) extensions. The existing Agreement is for Phase IX of the I-55 Program, which is the third cycle of ramping and grinding throughout the City. Attachment A shows Areas 1, 2 and 3 covered by the current contract.

In previous fiscal years of the I-55 Program Harper completed the work in one year and with one grinding crew and one ramping crew. However, in fiscal year 2006-07 staff requested that Harper provide an additional grinding crew (a total of two grinding crews) and one ramping crew because of the availability of additional construction funds and the anticipation that the needed work in Areas 1, 2 and 3 may exceed expectations. Still, the Agreement awarded to Harper was for only \$295,510

(less than the available construction budget) because of the option to award a Change Order at a later date, if needed.

As expected, Harper completed the work in a shorter timeframe than in previous fiscal years. Consequently, the remaining balance of the Agreement will be fully expended upon payment of the next invoice. However, our ongoing inspection of Areas 1, 2 and 3 has revealed additional ramping and grinding is needed. Rather than discontinue the ramping and grinding work until July 1, 2007 (fiscal year 2007-08), staff recommends approval of a Change Order in the amount of \$150,000 so that the work may continue through June 30, 2007. There are sufficient funds available from the I-55 Program to cover the recommended Change Order amount of \$150,000. No additional contingency is requested.

In July 2007, the fiscal year 2007-08 funding for the I-55 Program will be available and staff will determine whether or not to extend the contract with Harper. If extended, the amount of the Agreement can be awarded based on the combined amount of remaining fiscal year 2006-07 funds and fiscal year 2007-08 funding. Alternatively, the remaining balance of fiscal year 2006-07 funds for the I-55 Program could be transferred to another Capital project if so needed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Public Works Director



By Craig Bilezerian
Project Manager

CONCUR:



Robert J. Beste
Public Works Director



LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager

Attachment: A. Map - Sidewalk Maintenance Areas 1-5

CITY OF TORRANCE SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE AREAS 1 THROUGH 5



PHASE IX AREAS



NOT TO SCALE

