

STAFF REPORT

Date: August 14, 2024

To: Mayor and City Council

Through: Jackie Bryant, Interim City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Award of Contract to Sierra Nevada Construction, Inc. (SNC) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2024 Pedestrian Ramp Improvement Project in an amount not to exceed \$154,007. (Community Development Block Grant)

From: Jonathan Smith, Senior Civil Engineer

Department: Public Works

Summary:

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires state and local governments to create ADA Transition Plans to identify and remove barriers to accessibility for people with disabilities. The goal of these plans is to ensure that people with disabilities can equally access public and private spaces and get around their communities. In the City's Right of Way Action Plan, curb ramps are addressed in roadway alteration and ADA-specific projects. The 2024 Pedestrian Ramp Improvement Project is an ADA-specific project. It includes the installation of new compliant pedestrian ramps at four locations: Stratford Drive and Winston Drive, Yori Avenue and Plumb Lane, Wrondel Way and Plumb Lane, and Orange Lane and Apple Street. These locations are confirmed as priority locations by the Reno Access Advisory Committee (RAAC). Staff conducted a public bid and received and opened two bids on July 18, 2024. Sierra Nevada Construction, Inc. (SNC) submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid pursuant to the requirements established in Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 338. The project is approved in the 2024 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), and funding was allocated through a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Staff recommends Council award the contract to SNC in an amount not to exceed \$154,007 for the base bid, bid alternate, and project contingency. The project is anticipated to be completed in fall 2024.

| Consent Review | Yes | No |
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| 1. Is this item an annual or standard item that comes before Council for regular approval? | | X |
| 2. Is this item an agreement required based on an item previously approved by Council? | X | |
| 3. Is this item included in the current budget approved and adopted by Council? | X | |
| Other Considerations | | |
| What percent of the total City budget does this item represent? | 0.015% | |

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Infrastructure, Climate Change, and Environmental Sustainability

Previous Council Action:

May 10, 2023 – Council approved the 2023-24 Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Annual Action Plan for allocating grants from the federal CDBG program in the amount of \$2,010,659, which included funding recommendations from the CDBG Subcommittee for this scope of work.

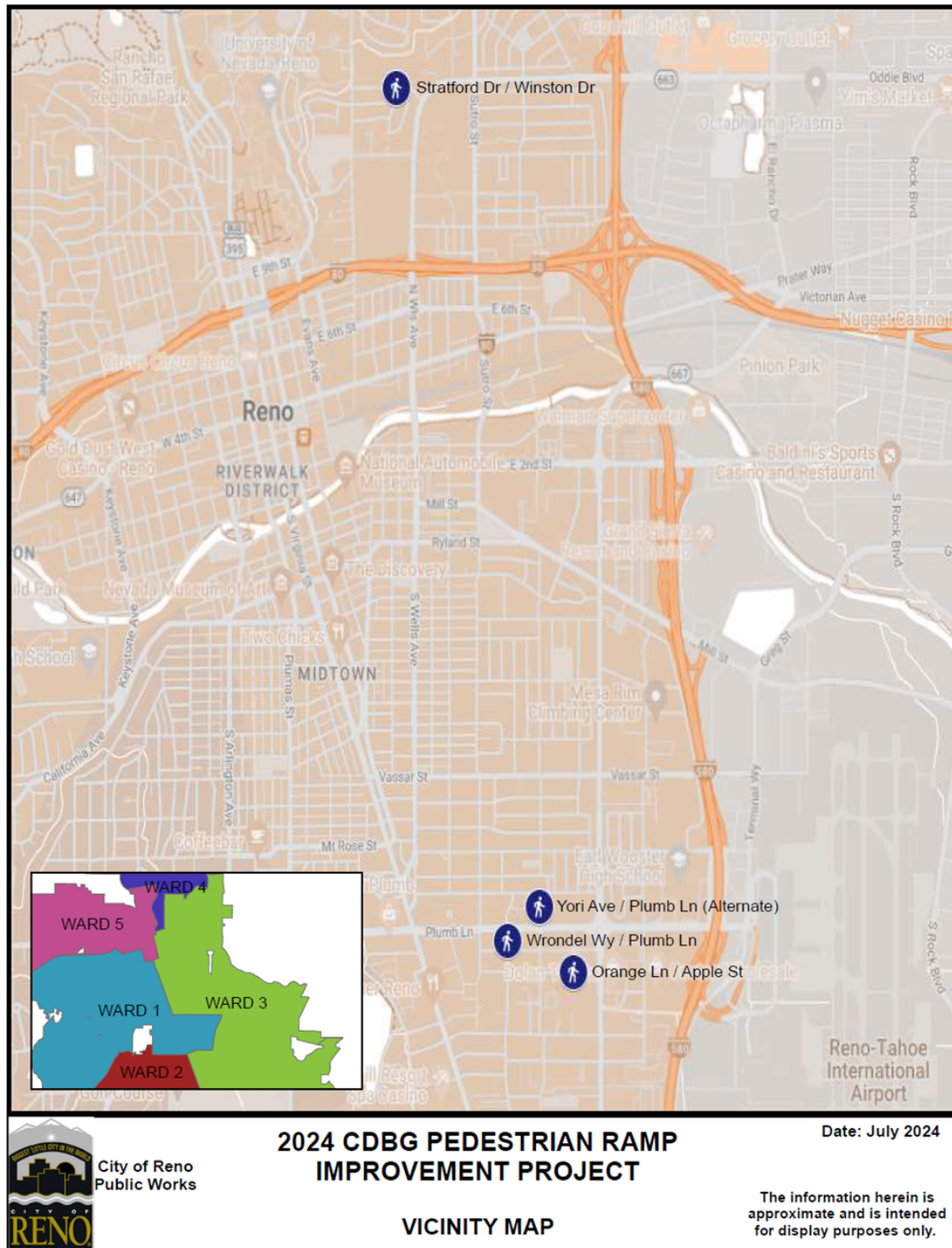
Background:

There are pedestrian crossing locations throughout the City of Reno where the sidewalk does not meet ADA requirements for pedestrian ramps. City staff has inventoried these locations and prioritized them based on proximity to essential facilities such as schools, medical centers, senior centers, and areas with high pedestrian traffic. CDBG funds were allocated to this project to install pedestrian ramps in conjunction with the street rehabilitation projects in the Yori and East University neighborhoods. Five locations are in the Yori Neighborhood near Echo Loder Elementary School and two locations are near the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) and Sterling Village Park.

Discussion:

This project includes the installation of seven ADA-compliant pedestrian ramps at four locations throughout the City of Reno. These locations are Stratford Drive and Winston Drive, Yori Avenue and Plumb Lane, Wrondel Way and Plumb Lane, and Orange Lane and Apple Street. The vicinity map below shows the locations. Pending Council approval, this project is tentatively scheduled to start in September 2024 and be complete by October 2024.

Vicinity Map



Staff received and opened two bids on July 18, 2024. SNC submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid pursuant to requirements established in NRS Chapter 338. SNC is a local general contractor licensed in Nevada, and they have completed multiple projects for the City within the past five years. Table 1 below shows the bid results.

Table 1 – Bid Summary

| CDBG 2024 Pedestrian Ramp Improvement Project | Base Bid | Bid Alternative | Total Bid | Engineer's Estimate |
|--|-----------------|------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| Sierra Nevada Construction | \$ 122,756 | \$ 16,251 | \$ 139,007 | \$ 185,000 |
| Spanish Springs Construction | \$ 160,739 | \$ 17,909 | \$ 178,648 | |

Staff recommends awarding the contract to SNC for the 2024 CDBG Pedestrian Ramp Improvement Project for an amount not to exceed \$154,007, which includes a bid alternate for \$16,251 and a \$15,000 contingency for unforeseen items encountered during construction as shown in Table 2 below.

Table 2 – Recommended Bid Award

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| Base Bid | \$ 122,756 |
| Bid Alternative | \$ 16,251 |
| Contingency | \$ 15,000 |
| Bid Award | \$ 154,007 |

The consequences of not awarding this bid today will result in a delay in making these pedestrian accessibility improvements.

Financial Implications:

This project is included in the fiscal year (FY) 23/24 CIP and funds are available through the CDBG.

Legal Implications:

This contract was competitively bid in accordance with NRS Chapter 338.147 which establishes award of contracts for local government public works project. SNC maintains the proper license to perform the project and submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid pursuant to state law.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Council award the construction contract to Sierra Nevada Construction, Inc. for the CDBG 2024 Pedestrian Ramp Improvement Project in an amount not to exceed \$154,007 and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract.

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve staff recommendation.

Attachments:

SNC Construction Contract SR