



County of Santa Cruz

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AGENDA: SEPTEMBER 12, 2000

SEPTEMBER 5, 2000

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, California 95060

SUBJECT: 30TH, 32ND, AND 33RD AVENUE STORM DRAIN, SANITARY SEWER, AND
SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS - DEFERRAL OF BID AWARD

Members of the Board:

On August 22, 2000 your Board directed the Department of Public Works to send a letter to Reber Construction Co., Inc., the low bidder for the subject project, detailing the current status of the project and requesting a written response about Reber Construction's interest in maintaining its bid, possibly until April 2001. Copies of Public Works' letter and Reber's response are attached for your information.

Reber Construction is willing to maintain its bid until construction can start, even if that is not until April of next year. Reber's letter expresses a desire to sign a contract with the County as soon as possible, so that they can finalize agreements with suppliers and subcontractors, though they are aware that the contract cannot be signed until after the Coastal Commission has acted on the appeal. The letter also expresses concerns about the cost and timing of providing bonds if construction will not begin until April, and staff is working with County Counsel to address these concerns.

The County has requested that the Coastal Commission defer the appeal hearing until its October meeting, to allow a neighborhood meeting to be held to discuss the proposed permit conditions with the residents of the project area.

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors accept and file this report on the delay of start of construction of the 30th, 32nd, and 33rd Avenue Storm Drain, Sanitary Sewer, and Sidewalk Improvement Project until spring 2001, and direct Public Works to return to the Board with a further report regarding the Coastal Commission's action on or before November 7, 2000.

Yours truly,

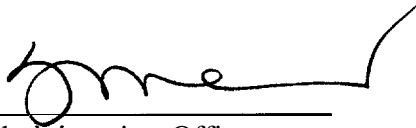


THOMAS L. BOLICH
Director of Public Works

CDR:cdr

Attachments

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:



County Administrative Officer

copy to: Redevelopment Department
 Public Works Department
 Reber Construction, Co., Inc.



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August 29, 2000

JIM REBER
REBER CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.
P.O. Box 273
Santa Cruz, CA 95061

SUBJECT: 30TH, 32ND, AND 33RD AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Dear Mr. Reber:

On August 22, 2000 the Board of Supervisors considered the attached letter from Public Works regarding the deferral of the award of contract until after the September Coastal Commission meeting (to be held the week of September 11). The letter was removed from the consent agenda for further discussion, and Public Works was directed to send you this letter detailing the current status of the project.

County staff has met with Coastal Commission staff regarding the Commission's concerns about the project. As a result of those discussions, the concerns which would have most impacted the construction of the project appear to have been alleviated: the curb and sidewalk alignments will remain as they were designed, and the storm drain system will remain as designed except that the silt and grease traps shown on the plans will be replaced by a different filtration system.

Other issues under discussion have minor impacts on the actual construction of the project, but could have major neighborhood impacts: beach area access signage, notification of property owners in the project area who have encroachments in the County right-of-way, removal of encroachments which prevent public parking, and future maintenance and monitoring of the quality of storm drain runoff and the efficiency of the filtration system. The proposed conditions require that most of these issues be resolved prior to the start of construction of the project.

In addition, the Board has directed Public Works not to allow construction on this project during the winter months, due to concerns about winter operations on the neighborhood. After the Coastal Commission approves the project, County staff would have to comply with the new conditions prior to the issuance of the coastal permit and the award of the contract for the project. The County has also asked the Coastal Commission to continue this item to its October meeting in order to have time for a neighborhood meeting on these new issues,

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As a result, the most optimistic scenario would be that the contract could be awarded in late October, 2000. If the winter rains have not begun, you would be able to start construction upon award of the contract. However, the Board's direction is that construction stop after the first rain and be suspended until April 15, 2001, so it is probably not in your best interests to order materials and begin construction at that time. Consequently, it appears most likely that the construction of this project will not begin until April 15, 2001.

In addition, the City of Santa Cruz Water Department has asked that the water main, hydrant, and service replacement portion of the contract be deleted. Because of the extended delay, the Water Department will be proceeding with this work with its own crews.

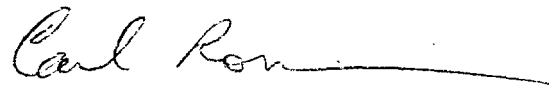
While we know from earlier discussions that you were willing to delay the award of contract and start of construction thus far, we are concerned that this additional delay will make it impossible for you to further postpone a definitive answer regarding the award. Please advise Public Works in writing as soon as possible whether you are still interested in maintaining your bid and waiting for a definitive resolution of the issues which have to occur before the contract can be awarded.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation throughout this process, and regret any impacts these delays have had on the scheduling of your construction activities. If you have any questions or would like any additional information about the potential scheduling of the project, please call the undersigned at 454-2806.

Yours truly,

THOMAS L. BOLICH
Acting Director of Public Works

By:



Carl Rom
Senior Civil Engineer

CDR:cdr

Attachment

copy to: Redevelopment Department
 Board of Supervisors

**REBER
CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.
Engineering Contractor**

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September 5, 2000

Mr. Karl Rom
County of Santa Cruz
Redevelopment Department
701 Ocean Street, Room 510
Santa Cruz Ca 95060

Facsimile # (831) 454-2385

RE: 30th, 32nd, & 33rd Avenue Storm Drain, Sanitary sewer and
Sidewalk Improvements.

Dear Mr. Rom:

We are in receipt of your letter, dated August 29, 2000 regarding additional delays for the above captioned project.

Our firm is agreeable to remain flexible regarding the start date for this project. We, can accommodate the County of Santa Cruz either with a start date in October of this year or after the winter rains in April 2001. However, everyone involved would benefit if a contract could be issued to us prior to the end of December. This would give our firm the ability to lock in quotes from both our sub-contractors and suppliers. Typical, we are notified from many vendors with price increases in January of any given year.

The only other concern we have is the bond. If the County would require the bond at the time of the executed contract, we would ask that the dollar amount for the bond be forwarded to our firm. The second scenario would be the County of Santa Cruz to require the bond at the time our firm receives the "Notice to Proceed". In this case, the payment for the bond would be invoiced to the County of Santa Cruz within the first draw.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

We look forward to working with the County of Santa Cruz on this project.

Sincerely,
REBER CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.

James A. Reber

James A. Reber
President

cc: Mr. Phil Sousa, County of Santa Cruz,
Department of Public Works.
Mr. Mark Munekawa, Great American Insurance Company

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