



# County of Santa Cruz

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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**AGENDA: FEBRUARY 6, 2001**

JANUARY 24, 2001

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**

Members of the Board:

On November 7, 2000 your Board accepted a report on the subject project and directed the Department of Public Works to report back to the Board on today's agenda with a report on the status of the appeals of the project to the Coastal Commission.

The Board of Supervisors received four bids for the subject project on May 23, 2000. The low bid was submitted by Reber Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$1,472,506.42. The engineer's estimate was \$1,405,279.00.

Subsequent to the opening of the bids, staff was notified by the Coastal Commission that two appeals of the project's permit had been received. A public hearing to consider those appeals was originally set for the Coastal Commission's July 2000 meeting, but was deferred numerous times, as County staff met with Commission staff to attempt to resolve issues related to the appeals.

The Coastal Commission held a hearing on the appeals on January 10, 2001, and approved the project subject to the addition of several conditions recommended by Commission staff. These conditions are in addition to those placed on the project by the County Planning Department, which remain in effect. The Coastal Commission's conditions are intended to preserve and enhance public access to the coast and beach, as summarized here:

- the County is to insure that onstreet parking is preserved for public use by removing encroachments into the right-of-way that preclude parking at three locations within the project, posting signs which state that parking is allowed to the right of the shoulder stripe, removing several signs posted by private property owners which prohibit public parking in the right-of-way, and preventing future encroachments which eliminate existing public parking.

- the County is to send a letter to all property owners and residents within the project area informing them of the extent of the public right-of-way for each street, the need to keep the shoulder area adjacent to the roadway available for public parking, and the need to keep such shoulder areas free of privately posted signs that restrict public parking.
- the County is to install two commercially manufactured stormwater filtration units on the new storm drains in lieu of the standard County silt and grease trap design, establish an inspection and maintenance schedule for the filtration units, establish a water quality monitoring program to assess the effectiveness of the new units relative to the standard County design, and submit annual reports to the Commission for the next five years.

The conditions regarding parking and encroachments in the public right-of-way require the removal of one fence and several low planters, and can be done as part of the project. Removal of the signs and notification of property owners and residents can be done through the encroachment permit process. The stormwater filtration units can be installed as part of the project upon approval of a change order substituting them for the standard traps included in the original bid. The water quality monitoring program will provide information which will prove valuable as the County becomes subject to more stringent water quality controls under state and federal laws over the next several years.

It is therefore recommended that the Board of Supervisors take the following action:

1. Direct staff to comply with the conditions the Coastal Commission placed on the 30th, 32nd, and 33rd Avenue Storm Drain, Sanitary Sewer, and Sidewalk Improvement Project.
2. Direct the Public Works Department to report back to the Board on or before February 27, 2001 with a recommendation on the award of the bid for this project.

Yours truly,



THOMAS L. BOLICH  
Director of Public Works

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RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:



County Administrative Officer

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