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To: Recreation and Park Commission
Capital Committee

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Subject: Bernal Heights Park Trail Improvements – Contract Award

Agenda Wording

Discussion and possible action to award a construction contract in the amount not to exceed \$694,500 to Yerba Buena Engineering for the Trail Improvements at Bernal Heights Park (CON19-081).

Strategic Plan Reference

Strategy 1: Inspire Public Space: Keep today's parks safe, clean, and fun; promote our parks' historic and cultural heritage; and build the great parks of tomorrow

Objective: 1.2.: Strengthen the quality of existing parks and facilities

Strategy 4: Inspire Stewardship: Protect and enhance San Francisco's precious natural resources through conservation, education, and sustainable land/facility management practices

Objective 4.2 Increase biodiversity and interconnectivity on City parkland

Objective 4.3 Increase eco-literacy of park users and park maintenance staff

Background

Bernal Heights provides visitors with stunning 360-degree views of the city and surrounding Bay Area. A network of trails winds around the hill through the native grasslands and provides access to the top. The Bernal Heights trail is in poor condition with poorly defined entries, eroded stairways, redundant social trails that contribute to erosion and loss of sensitive habitat, and the trail system lacks trail identification and wayfinding signage.



The Bernal Heights Trail Restoration project will improve and repair existing trails and steps, eliminate social trails, provide erosion control measures, restore native plants and provide trail identification and wayfinding signage. These measures will improve public safety, reduce erosion, and help preserve adjacent habitat.

The concept design for the project was approved by the Recreation and Park Commission in May 2012. The project was put on hold so that other trail improvement projects funded by the 2008 Bond (Glen Canyon Park, Twin Peaks, Oak Woodlands) could be completed. Project stakeholders have been kept apprised of updates via emails and updates to the project page of the Rec and Park website. This contract will address a first phase of the improvements presented in the concept design, focusing on improving the access to the hillside paths from the two primary perimeter entrances on the east and west sides.

The Bernal Heights Trail Improvements include:

- Addition of wood framed natural surface box steps
- Addition of stringer steps and handrails
- Stabilization of trail surface
- Decommissioning and realignment of selected trails
- Erosion control measures
- Interpretive and wayfinding signage

Bid Information

The Recreation and Park Department advertised the bid for the project on April 9, 2019. Bids were opened on May 7, 2019, and a total of one bid was received. A summary of the bids is attached for reference.

Yerba Buena Engineering & Construction, Inc. was the low bidder with a bid value of \$683,000 for base bid and \$11,500 for Alternate 1.

Sources & Uses of Funding

Sources: 2008 Neighborhood Parks Bond: Trails \$1,185,937

TOTAL FUNDING		\$1,185,937
Uses:	Construction Contract (Base Bid + Alt 1)	\$694,500
	Construction Contingency	\$104,175
	Soft Costs	\$167,373
	Reserve	\$219,889
Total Uses		\$1,185,937

Project Schedule

Upon review and certification of bid, approval by the Full Commission and contract award, construction activities will commence on site. Target for construction start is mid-July. Construction duration is 6 months, so trail improvements should be completed by early 2020.

Environmental Review

The project has been reviewed by the Planning Department and was issued a Categorical Exemption under Class 4 – Minor Alterations to Land.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Commission award a construction contract in the amount not to exceed \$694,500 to Yerba Buena Engineering for the trail improvements at Bernal Heights Park (CON19-081). Approval of this proposed action by the Commission is the Approval Action as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.

Supported By

San Francisco Parks Alliance

Opposed By

None known

Attachments

Attachment A: Tabulation of Bids

Attachment B: CEQA Categorical Exemption Determination