



# REPORT TO COUNCIL City of Sacramento

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CONSENT  
January 5, 2006

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

**Subject:** Reject Bids: 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Improvements Project (PN: TZ86)

**Location/Council District:** 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and 42<sup>nd</sup> Street. Location map - Exhibit A of Resolution. (District 5)

**Recommendation:**

Adopt a Resolution rejecting bids received on September 7, 2005 for 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Improvements Project (PN: TZ86)

**Contact:** Cecilyn Foote, Associate Engineer, (916) 808-6843; Tim Mar, Supervising Engineer, (916) 808-7531

**Presenters:** None

**Department:** Department of Transportation

**Division:** Engineering Services

**Organization No:** 3434

**Summary:**

This project will construct improvements on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and 42<sup>nd</sup> Street to enhance pedestrian safety and reduce speeding in the neighborhood. The improvements include constructing monolithic bulb-outs, replacing substandard curb ramps, installing stamped asphalt crosswalks, relocating drain inlets and leads, relocating street lighting, replacing striping and markings, and installing landscaping and irrigation.

It is recommended that bids received on September 7, 2005 be rejected and the project re-advertised. Both bidders are considered non-responsive for either failing to submit all required bid documents or failing to meet ESBD requirements. In addition, both bids were 12% higher than the engineer's estimate. By re-advertising in mid-January 2006 when contractors are eager to bid for work and contacting potential bidders, staff believes more competitive bids will be received.



**Committee/Commission Action:** None.

**Background Information:**

This project was advertised and two bids were received on September 7, 2005. The bids are summarized below:

Contractor	Bid Amount	ESBE Participation Goal 20%
Vanguard Construction	\$336,078	22.5%
C & C Construction, Inc.	\$401,923	17.3%

The engineer's estimate is \$300,000.

Vanguard Construction met the minimum ESBE goal participation of 20% but was not responsive to the unit cost breakdown for lump sum items requirement in the Special Provisions (p. 44, Item 37) of the Contract Specifications. The bid from C & C Construction was not responsive to the minimum ESBE goal participation of 20%. Neither bid was fully responsive to the project bid requirements.

With Council's approval to reject bids, staff will re-advertise the project in mid-January 2006. It is anticipated that construction will begin in May 2006 and be completed in July 2006.

**Financial Considerations:**

The current approved project budget is \$430,000, of which only the design funding is reflected in the revenue and expenditure budgets. Upon execution of the Individual Project Agreement (IPA) with the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) of \$326,900, the revenue and expenditure budgets will be adjusted to reflect the total approved budget. The construction funding will be added to the project prior to contract award.

**Environmental Considerations:**

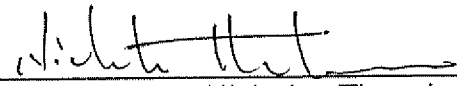
The Development Services Department, Environmental Planning Services has reviewed the project and determined that the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under State Class 1 and 2 and Sections 15301(c) and 15311(a). Projects exempted under Class 1, Section 15301(c) consist of the operation, repair, maintenance, and minor alteration of existing highways, streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use.

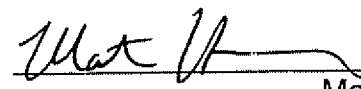
**Policy Considerations:**

City code requires City Council approval to reject bids on projects greater than \$100,000. (SCC.3.60.140 and SCC.3.60.170(c))

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):**

To encourage small and emerging business participation, specifications were sent to 14 plan rooms and construction service organizations for publication. All are directly involved with Emerging Small Business Enterprise (ESBE) construction firms. Staff actively recruited available ESBE firms to participate in the bid process. The project was advertised on the City's Internet site at [www.cityofsacramento.org/bids](http://www.cityofsacramento.org/bids).

Respectfully Submitted by:   
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Engineering Services Manager

Approved by:   
Marty Hanneman  
Director, Department of Transportation

Recommendation Approved:

  
Ray Kerridge  
Interim City Manager

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**RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**REJECTING BIDS FOR THE 8<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (PN: TZ86)**

**BACKGROUND**

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**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL  
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

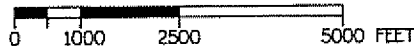
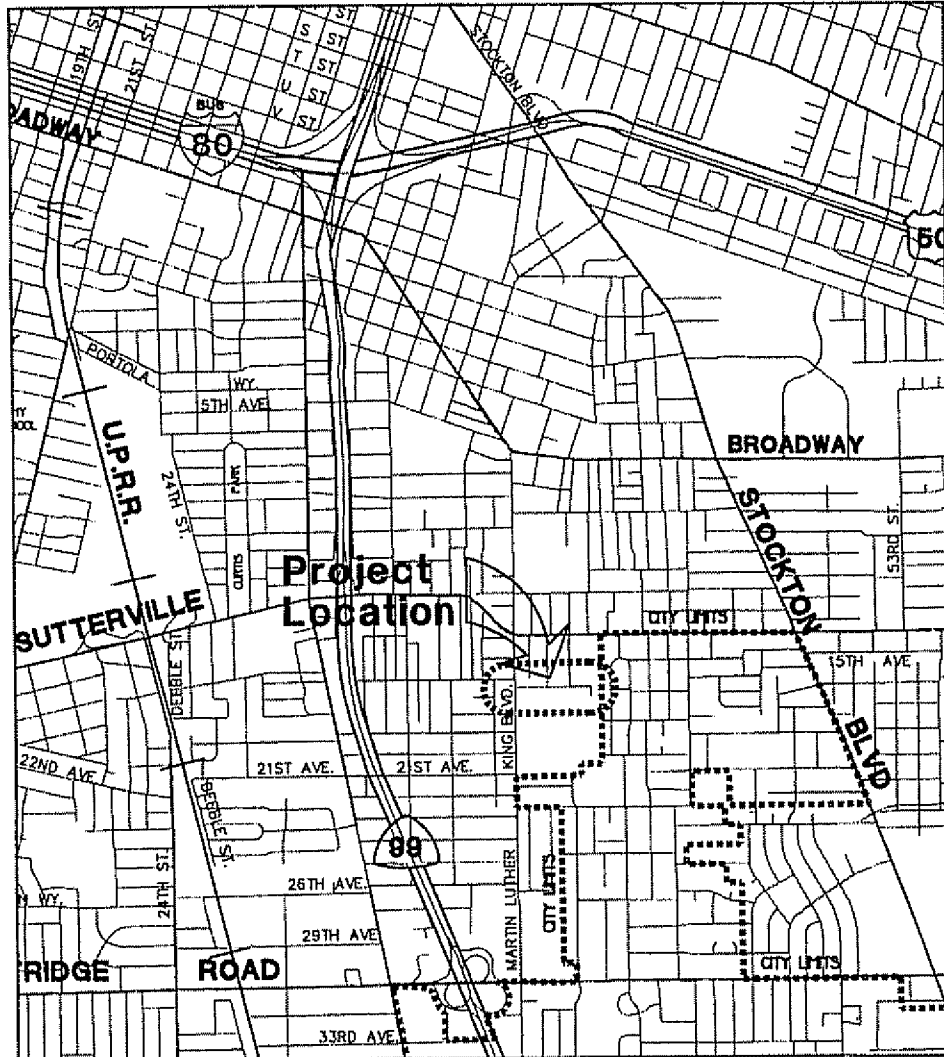
Section 1. Bids received on September 7, 2005 for the 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Improvements Project (PN: TZ86) are rejected and the project should be re-advertised.

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Exhibit A: Map of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and 42<sup>nd</sup> Street  
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**EXHIBIT A**

**8TH AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS**



**PN: TZ86  
LOCATION MAP**

MAP CONTACT: B. CAMERON  
DATE: 12/06/05