



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
March 24, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager

Submitted by: Wahid Amiri, Interim Director, Department of Public Works

Subject: Contracts: Pavement and Safety Improvement/Program Management
Consulting Services for Measure FF-funded Projects

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt six Resolutions authorizing the City Manager to execute contracts and any amendments with NCE, Pavement Engineering, Inc., Kittleson & Associates, Sanbell, Cordoba Corporation and Mark Thomas for on-call professional services for Measure FF-funded projects for the amounts listed below, each for a period not to exceed three years:

1. NCE for an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000
2. Pavement Engineering, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000
3. Kittleson & Associates for an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000
4. Sanbell for an amount not to exceed \$1,800,000
5. Cordoba Corporation for an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000
6. Mark Thomas for an amount not to exceed \$600,000

SUMMARY

In November 2024, Berkeley voters approved Measure FF, a parcel tax to fund sidewalk and street repairs and improvements. The measure provides dedicated infrastructure funding over a 14-year duration, beginning in Fiscal Year 2026 (July 1, 2025). Measure FF revenues are projected to generate \$15 million per year and can be adjusted by the Council each year for inflation. Based on responses to the request for qualifications released in October 2025, staff recommend executing contracts, not to exceed three years, with six consulting firms that are best qualified to provide services related to delivering Measure FF-funded projects.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Initial funding for these contracts in the amount of \$550,000 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 budget in Fund 166 (Measure FF Sidewalk and Street Repairs Parcel Tax). Ongoing funding for these services in FY 2027 and FY 2028 is subject to future budget appropriations of Measure FF revenues.

The not-to-exceed amount for each contract does not correlate to any one existing project. The amounts are intended to reflect potential need within the contract period that would be directly associated with an approved budgeted scope of work. Work performed under these agreements would be managed through City purchase and task order processes, which provides for detailed accounting on a project basis.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was issued October 30, 2025 (Specification No. 26-11765-C), seeking qualified firms or individuals to provide on-call civil engineering planning, design and construction management services for various infrastructure programs and projects related to the Measure FF parcel tax. The work may include design services, pavement rehabilitation, pavement plan public input, accountability reporting, commission meeting support, and Complete Streets and green infrastructure related services that support the implementation of Measure FF funded projects citywide.

On December 2, 2025, the City received nine Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) from firms, which were evaluated by one or more review panels for each specialized service area. In each service area, the following firms (in alphabetical order) received the highest rankings of those evaluated, and after completing reference checks, were determined to be the best qualified to meet the City's needs:

Infrastructure/Streets

- Cordoba Corporation
- Mark Thomas
- NCE
- Pavement Engineering, Inc.

Traffic/Transportation

- Cordoba Corporation
- Kittleson & Associates
- Mark Thomas
- Sanbell

Existing City staff lack the capacity and expertise in the specialized service areas above; therefore vendor support is necessary. This bench of consultants will allow the City to make timely progress on existing work plans and support the acceleration of Measure FF project delivery. Multiple contractor selections in each category ensure that the City will be able to secure competitive pricing among the best qualified contractors for each scope of work.

The services provided support the Strategic Plan goal to provide state-of-the-art, well-maintained infrastructure, amenities, and facilities.

Effective January 1, 2026, local agencies are required to satisfy noticing requirements for certain contracts for services that meet the criteria outlined in Government Code Section 3504.1 as amended by AB 339. This project does not meet the criteria in Government Code Section 3504.1 and is exempt from the noticing requirement.

BACKGROUND

Over the next fourteen years, the Public Works Department is expecting to significantly increase its capital projects output with the implementation projects funded by the voter-approved Measure FF. The Measure is projected to generate approximately \$15 million per year in new funding for street repair, sidewalks and pedestrian path repair, safety improvements for streets, sidewalks, bicycle facilities and pedestrian paths, and other environmental enhancements,

Public Works utilizes civil engineering and transportation consultants to design and manage projects. Particularly in situations where the nature of the work is highly specialized, such as assessment districts, paving, drainage, sanitary sewer, transportation engineering and planning, traffic engineering, green infrastructure design and permitting, construction administration and inspections. On-call contracts provide professional planning, design, engineering, and construction management services on as needed basis, reducing the City's structural overhead.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

These contracts will help ensure successful completion of capital improvement and other projects that advance the City's sustainability goals, including stormwater improvements to reduce flood potential and green infrastructure projects, sanitary sewer projects to minimize risk of Sanitary Sewer Overflows, as well as Complete Streets projects that promote walking, biking and transit use. There are no negative environmental effects of this action.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

These firms received the highest rankings of the firms evaluated and are the best qualified to meet the City's needs. City staff recommend awarding contracts to these consultants to get the best value for the City, distribute the anticipated workload, and create an alternative source for services. NCE, Pavement Engineering, Inc., Kittleson & Associates, Sanbell, Mark Thomas and Cordoba Corporation have expertise in one or more areas of civil engineering & planning; transportation & safety; and infrastructure.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Council could choose not to move forward with these contracts; however, the progress of implementing Measure FF and its funded improvement projects would be significantly delayed. Existing staff do not have capacity to deliver the anticipated workload associated with these on-call contracts. The City has insufficient staffing and resources to design, manage and inspect construction of the number of projects in this program. If these contracts are not awarded, the City will have constrained technical professional services capacity and funder staff's ability to deliver Measure FF improvement projects.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1. Resolution – Contract with NCE
2. Resolution – Contract with Pavement Engineering, Inc.
3. Resolution – Contract with Kittleson & Associates
4. Resolution – Contract with Sanbell
5. Resolution – Contract with Mark Thomas
6. Resolution – Contract with Cordoba Corporation
7. Bid Abstract

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RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

CONTRACT: NCE CORPORATION FOR ON-CALL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, Public Works requires on-call professional services for the implementation of Measure FF-funded projects and programs, and

WHEREAS, initial funding in the amount of \$100,000 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 budget in Fund 166 (Measure FF Sidewalk and Street Repairs Parcel Tax). Additional funding for FY 2027 and FY 2028 of each contract is subject to appropriation in the future fiscal years' budget based on the department's needs for professional services, and

WHEREAS, this contract is exempt from the noticing requirements set forth in Government Code Section 3504.1; and

WHEREAS, on October 30, 2025, the City issued a Request For Qualifications for Pavement and Safety Improvement/Program Management Consulting Services (Specification No. 26-11765-C) soliciting proposals from qualified firms; and

WHEREAS, on December 2, 2025, nine Statements of Qualifications were received from firms specializing in a variety of professional services necessary to provide on-call civil engineering planning, design and construction management services for various infrastructure programs and projects related to the Measure FF parcel tax; and

WHEREAS, staff reviewed the proposals and determined that NCE is highly qualified to provide infrastructure/streets services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute a contract and any amendments with NCE for on-call professional services for a total contract period of three years in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000. A record signature copy of said contracts and any amendments to be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

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RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

CONTRACT: PAVEMENT ENGINEERING, INC. FOR ON-CALL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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WHEREAS, on October 30, 2025, the City issued a Request For Qualifications for Pavement and Safety Improvement/Program Management Consulting Services (Specification No. 26-11765-C) soliciting proposals from qualified firms; and

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WHEREAS, staff reviewed the proposals and determined that Pavement Engineering, Inc. is highly qualified to provide infrastructure/streets services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute a contract and any amendments with Pavement Engineering, Inc. for on-call professional services for a total contract period of three years in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000. A record signature copy of said contracts and any amendments to be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

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RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

CONTRACT: KITTLESON & ASSOCIATES FOR ON-CALL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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WHEREAS, this contract is exempt from the noticing requirements set forth in Government Code Section 3504.1; and

WHEREAS, on October 30, 2025, the City issued a Request For Qualifications for Pavement and Safety Improvement/Program Management Consulting Services (Specification No. 26-11765-C) soliciting proposals from qualified firms; and

WHEREAS, on December 2, 2025, nine Statements of Qualifications were received from firms specializing in a variety of professional services necessary to provide on-call civil engineering planning, design and construction management services for various infrastructure programs and projects related to the Measure FF parcel tax; and

WHEREAS, staff reviewed the proposals and determined that Kittleson & Associates is highly qualified to provide traffic/transportation services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute a contract and any amendments with Kittleson & Associates for on-call professional services for a total contract period of three years in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000. A record signature copy of said contracts and any amendments to be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

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RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

CONTRACT: SANBELL FOR ON-CALL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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WHEREAS, this contract is exempt from the noticing requirements set forth in Government Code Section 3504.1; and

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WHEREAS, staff reviewed the proposals and determined that Sanbell is highly qualified to provide traffic/transportation services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute a contract and any amendments with Sanbell for on-call professional services for a total contract period of three years in an amount not to exceed \$1,800,000. A record signature copy of said contracts and any amendments to be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

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RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

CONTRACT: CORDOBA CORPORATION FOR ON-CALL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, Public Works requires on-call professional services for the implementation of Measure FF-funded projects and programs, and

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WHEREAS, this contract is exempt from the noticing requirements set forth in Government Code Section 3504.1; and

WHEREAS, on October 30, 2025, the City issued a Request For Qualifications for Pavement and Safety Improvement/Program Management Consulting Services (Specification No. 26-11765-C) soliciting proposals from qualified firms; and

WHEREAS, on December 2, 2025, nine Statements of Qualifications were received from firms specializing in a variety of professional services necessary to provide on-call civil engineering planning, design and construction management services for various infrastructure programs and projects related to the Measure FF parcel tax; and

WHEREAS, staff reviewed the proposals and determined that Cordoba Corporation is highly qualified to provide infrastructure/streets and traffic/transportation services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute a contract and any amendments with Cordoba Corporation for on-call professional services for a total contract period of three years in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000. A record signature copy of said contracts and any amendments to be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

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RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

CONTRACT: MARK THOMAS FOR ON-CALL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, Public Works requires on-call professional services for the implementation of Measure FF-funded projects and programs, and

WHEREAS, initial funding in the amount of \$50,000 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 budget in Fund 166 (Measure FF Sidewalk and Street Repairs Parcel Tax). Additional funding for FY 2027 and FY 2028 of each contract is subject to appropriation in the future fiscal years' budget based on the department's needs for professional services, and

WHEREAS, this contract is exempt from the noticing requirements set forth in Government Code Section 3504.1; and

WHEREAS, on October 30, 2025, the City issued a Request For Qualifications for Pavement and Safety Improvement/Program Management Consulting Services (Specification No. 26-11765-C) soliciting proposals from qualified firms; and

WHEREAS, on December 2, 2025, nine Statements of Qualifications were received from firms specializing in a variety of professional services necessary to provide on-call civil engineering planning, design and construction management services for various infrastructure programs and projects related to the Measure FF parcel tax; and

WHEREAS, staff reviewed the proposals and determined that Mark Thomas is highly qualified to provide infrastructure/streets and traffic/transportation services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute a contract and any amendments with Mark Thomas for on-call professional services for a total contract period of three years in an amount not to exceed \$600,000. A record signature copy of said contracts and any amendments to be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.



**City of Berkeley
Abstract of Bid Worksheet**

Finance Department
General Services Division

For: Pavement and Safety Improvement/Program Management Consulting Service

Spec. 26-11765-C

DATE: 12/02/2025

	Bidders	Local Vendor	WC	NF	OS	SC	LW	EBO
1	Bureau Veritas		X	X	X	X	X	X
2	Kittelson		X	X	X	X	X	
3	Pavement Engineering, INC.		X	X	X	X	X	X
4	NCE		X	X	X	X	X	X
5	Sanbell		X	X	X	X	X	X
6	Willdan Engineering		X	X	X	X	X	X
7	Cordoba Corporation		X	X	X	X	X	X
8	Mark Thomas		X	X	X	X	X	X
9	Shields Sowko		X	X	X	X	X	X
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Bid Recorder:

Tanisha Gainer

Signed by:
Tanisha Gainer

DATE 12/3/2025

Bid Opener:

Sherri Degnan

Signed by:
Sherri Degnan

DATE 12/3/2025

Project Manager:

Wahid Amiri

Signed by:
Wahid Amiri

DATE 12/3/2025

