



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR  
December 3, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager  
Submitted by: Phillip L. Harrington, Director, Department of Public Works  
Subject: Contract: Trip Stop Sidewalk Repair, Inc. for FY2020 Sidewalk Inspection and Shaving Services

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments, extensions or other change orders with Trip Stop Sidewalk Repair, Inc. for FY2020 Sidewalk Inspection and Shaving Services, Specification No. 20-11345-C; for an amount not to exceed \$450,000.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Initial funding for the contract is available from the annual sidewalk program budget in fiscal year 2020. No other funding is required, and no other projects will be delayed due to this expenditure.

FY 2019 & 2020 Funding:

State Transportation Fund (127-54-623-674-0000-000-431-665110) .....	\$225,000
Capital Improvement Fund (501-54-623-674-0000-000-431-665110) _____	\$225,000
<b>Total cost</b>	<b>\$450,000</b>

This contract has been assigned CMS No. CMPEB.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) were issued on August 22, 2019 (Specification No. 20-11345-C) seeking qualified firms or individuals to provide citywide sidewalk inspection and concrete shaving services for the City’s Sidewalk Program to address uplifted sidewalks that pose trip hazards to the public throughout the city.

On September 19, 2019, the City received proposals from three firms, which were evaluated by a review panel. Based on the evaluations and references checks, Trip Stop Sidewalk Repair, Inc. was determined to be the best qualified to meet the City’s needs.

BACKGROUND

The City proactively and responsively inspects sidewalks in the public right of way (including curbs, gutters, and curb ramps) for the purpose of identifying unsafe sidewalks or ramps that pose trip hazards. Areas in need of immediate repair or replacement are

identified by Public Works staff for scheduled work, or repaired and/or replaced through contracts administered by Public Works.

In October 2011, the City established a sidewalk repair and replacement program to improve the quality of Berkeley's sidewalks. There are approximately 300 total miles of concrete sidewalk within the city limits and approximately twenty miles (7%) of that total is sufficiently damaged to justify permanent replacement at an estimated cost of \$7 million dollars. The City currently shares sidewalk replacement costs with property owners on a 50-50 basis, irrespective of the cause of the deterioration. Concrete sidewalk replacement, however, may only occur on a "funds-available" basis, which has resulted in a ten year backlog of customers awaiting replacement. As an alternative, the Department of Public Works has evaluated the concrete cutting or shaving process and determined it is a lasting and cost effective means of repairing displaced and/or uplifted sidewalks that pose urgent trip hazards to the public.

The work to be performed under this contract is to evaluate and document the backlog of approximately 3,500 sidewalk locations on the 50-50 program waiting list. Locations that are identified as being suitable for shaving will be repaired. Locations that are identified as requiring removal and replacement to repair, will be included in the FY2020 Sidewalk Repair Project as funding allows.

The FY2020 Sidewalk Inspection and Shaving Services is a Strategic Plan Priority Project, advancing our goal to provide state-of-the art, well-maintained infrastructure, amenities, and facilities.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

The City's sidewalk repair program is a component of the City's climate action plan, as well maintained sidewalks help to facilitate safe walking, which is a healthy and clean form of transportation. In addition, there are environmental benefits to be realized from concrete grinding and shaving versus full sidewalk replacement, which creates significant amounts of waste delivered to landfills. Further, concrete grinding and shaving necessitates production of far less cement and lowers total fuel costs compared with full sidewalk replacement.

#### RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

This sidewalk repair project is part of the City's ongoing annual program to rehabilitate deteriorated sidewalks throughout the City. The work requires contracted services, as the City does not possess the in-house labor or equipment resources necessary to complete the project.

#### ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

#### CONTACT PERSON

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**Attachments:**

1. Resolution

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

CONTRACT: TRIP STOP SIDEWALK REPAIR, INC. FOR FY2020 SIDEWALK  
INSPECTION AND SHAVING SERVICES

WHEREAS, FY2020 Sidewalk Inspection and Shaving Services, Specification No. 20-11345-C is part of the City's ongoing Sidewalk Capital Improvement Program to address uplifted city sidewalks that pose trip hazards to the public throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, on August 26, 2019 the City released a Request for Qualifications for FY2020 Sidewalk Inspection and Shaving Services, Specification No. 20-11345-C seeking firms to provide inspection, analysis, and concrete shaving services; and

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2019, the City received three submissions, which were reviewed and rated by a panel; and

WHEREAS, the submission from Trip Stop Sidewalk Repair, Inc. has been found by City staff to be the highest rated firm responsive to the City's request; and

WHEREAS, the City has neither the labor nor the equipment necessary to undertake these FY2020 Sidewalk Inspection and Shaving Services; and

WHEREAS, funding is available in the current year budget in the Capital Improvement Fund (Fund 501) and State Transportation Fund (Fund 127); and the contract has been entered into the citywide contract database with CMS No. CMPEB.

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, extensions or change orders, until completion of the project in accordance with the approved plans and specifications with Trip Stop Sidewalk Repair, Inc. for FY2020 Sidewalk Inspection and Shaving Services, in an amount not to exceed \$450,000. A record signature copy of said agreement and any amendments to be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.