



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR  
September 9, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager

Submitted by: Scott Ferris, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront

Subject: Reject All Bids Associated with Cesar Chavez Park Perimeter Pathway Improvement Project

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution rejecting all bids for the work associated with the Cesar Chavez Park Perimeter Pathway Improvement Project (Bid Specification No. 25-11702-C) in order to return bidder proposal guarantees.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

None

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The City conducted a competitive Invitation For Bid (IFB) process in March, 2025, and opened bids on April 17, 2025. The City received 5 bids from a low bid of \$742,980.79 to a high bid \$1,143,708.00 for the base bid work. Bay Cities Paving & Grading was the apparent low bidder.

An Off-Agenda Memo to Council was issued on June 5, 2025<sup>1</sup> related to the environmental compliance updates at former landfill at Cesar Chavez Park. As a result, the construction phase of the Cesar Chavez Park Perimeter Pathway Improvement Project is paused.

BACKGROUND

In FY2022, the State of California allocated a one-time distribution of surplus state funds to cities and counties throughout California. Berkeley received a one-time allocation of \$15 million for Berkeley Waterfront improvement projects and the State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) was selected to administer these funds. On December 13, 2022, the City Council approved the execution of five grant contracts with SCC for five

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<sup>1</sup> See Off Agenda Memo to Council on June 5, 2025:

<https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2025-06-05%20%20%20Environmental%20Compliance%20Updates%20at%20former%20Landfill%20at%20C%3%A9sar%20Ch%3%A1vez%20Park.pdf>

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improvement projects at the Berkeley Waterfront and began the design and construction phases (Resolution No. 70,629-N.S.). The Cesar Chavez Park Perimeter Pathway improvement project was one of the five projects.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no identifiable environmental effects, climate impacts, or sustainability opportunities associated with the subject of this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Due to ongoing environmental monitoring and compliance activities at Cesar Chavez Park, the Project is paused at the design phase.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

REJECT ALL BIDS FOR WORK ASSOCIATED WITH THE CESAR CHAVEZ PARK  
PERIMETER PATHWAY PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Cesar Chavez Perimeter Pathway is a popular recreational trail for the Berkeley Waterfront, serving the general public, and the amenities at Cesar Chavez Park; and

WHEREAS, the pavement condition at the perimeter has deteriorated over recent years, causing undesirable trail surface for users; and

WHEREAS, the City conducted a competitive Invitation For Bid (IFB) process in March, 2025, and opened bids on April 17, 2025. The City received five bids, the lowest being from Bay Cities Paving and Grading; and

WHEREAS, due to ongoing environmental monitoring and compliance activities at Cesar Chavez Park, the Project is paused at the design phase.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that all bids are rejected for the work associated with the Cesar Chavez Park Perimeter Pathway Improvement Project (Bid Specification No. 25-11702-C) in order to return bidder proposal guarantees.

