



Edwin M. Lee, Mayor
Philip A. Ginsburg, General Manager

DATE: September 4, 2013

TO: Capital Committee
Recreation and Park Commission

THRU: Philip A. Ginsburg, General Manager
Dawn Kamalanathan, Capital Program Manager

FROM: Melinda Stockmann, Project Manager

RE: Glen Canyon Park Trails Project

Agenda Item Wording:

Discussion and possible action to award a contract (Contract no. CON 13-008 (3066V)) for Glen Canyon Park Trails Contract no. CON 13-008 (3066V), in the amount of \$945, 074, to Yerba Buena Engineering & Construction for the Glen Canyon Park Trails Project, as part of the Trails Improvement Program/2008 Clean & Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond.

Background / Description:

The project is part of the citywide Trails Improvement Program, which includes \$5 million funded by the 2008 Clean and Safe Neighborhood Park Bond. It is the largest and most comprehensive of the trails projects included in the citywide Trails Improvement Program.

The Glen Canyon Trails Project will repair existing trails and steps, provide fencing for public safety and to protect sensitive habitat areas, provide erosion control measures, restore native plants and provide way finding signage. The existing trails are in poor condition and in need of restoration. The proposed trail restoration will improve safety, repair retaining edges, address seeps and wet areas to improve pedestrian access, address invasive plant and hazardous tree removal, and enhance the trail experience in Glen Canyon Park by retaining the rustic quality of the trail. Trail improvements include restoring 22,200 feet of existing trail, decommissioning 640 feet of social trails that are unsafe and contribute to soil erosion and loss of habitat. Please see Attachment: Glen Canyon Park Trails Contract Specification 01010: Summary of Work for more details.

Staff developed a set of construction documents which included map of numbered trail segments, a log with itemized improvements with location and quantity, and a package of details and specifications prepared by DPW Landscape Architect. The bid package also included an assessment of hazardous trees completed by independent arborist consultant HortScience, and a map of trees to be pruned and removed. These construction documents were advertised on June 3,



2013 for bid to the 3 contractors in the pre-qualified pool that was established by RFQ process. Pre-qualified firms were also required to meet additional project-specific qualifications due to the sensitive habitat area and waterway features of Glen Canyon Park. Bids were due on July 2, 2013. One bid was submitted. The apparent low bidder was Yerba Buena Engineering & Construction, which is on the list of pre-qualified firms. However, because the bid received was substantially higher than the City's cost estimate, it was rejected. A memo of rejection was sent to Yerba Buena Engineering & Construction on July 8, 2013. Yerba Buena Engineering & Construction and Department staff carefully reviewed the scope of work and pricing. Yerba Buena Engineering & Construction submitted a revised bid on August 7, 2013.

Staff recommends awarding approval of the award of contract for the Glen Canyon Trails Project. Upon Recreation and Park Commission approval, staff will initiate notice to proceed.

Community Outreach:

The Recreation and Park Department and The Trust for Public Lands (TPL) hosted a series of community meetings throughout the planning phase to discuss proposed improvements and the concept plan received support at those meetings. TPL was instrumental in organizing the meetings, facilitating the discussion and identifying the trail improvements and priorities with the community.

Meeting flyers were mailed to residents within a ¼-mile radius of the park, e-mailed to trail stakeholders, and posted on the Recreation and Park Department website. The community meetings were well attended and held:

- Community Meeting # 1 - January 20, 2011
- Site Walk - February 5, 2011
- Community Meeting #2 - February 17, 2011
- Community Meeting #3- March 24, 2011

The trails were also discussed at two other community meetings for the overall Glen Canyon Park Improvement Plan to coordinate both plans. Those meetings were held:

- Kick-off Meeting - December 16, 2010
- Final Community Meeting - June 9, 2011

More recently, the Trails project plans have been shared at a Rec Center planning meeting. Heads of the Glen Park Association and the Diamond Heights Neighborhood Association were contacted by phone and e-mail, as was Supervisor Weiner's office. Staff started a notification list including these folks and those who attended community meetings for any of the Glen Canyon Park projects and asked to be noticed of goings on. Hazardous trees slated for removal pending award of contract were individually posted with courtesy notices of planned removal on August 16, 2013. [The Glen Canyon Park Trails Improvement Project page of the Rec and Park website](#) has also been updated, and includes a short video created by staff to document grant-funded trail improvements that were completed earlier this year in Glen Canyon Park. Staff will continue to provide updates via the notification list and the project page of the website.

Cost and Source of Funding:

Total Project Budget (Trails Improvement Program, including other sites): \$5 million
Engineer's Estimate: \$750,000
Construction: \$945,074 for primary contract
\$47,254 contingency (5%)

Source of Funds:

2008 Clean & Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond

2010 “Creekside Loop Trail” Habitat Conservation Fund grant: \$163,587

2013 “Creeks to Peaks” Habitat Conservation Fund grant: \$130,000

(part of this funding is for trail improvements at Twin Peaks)

Environmental and Historical Review: Environmental and Historical Review:

The Planning Department’s Office of Environmental Review has completed its review and the project received categorical exemption under CEQA State Guidelines

(Case no. 2010.0870E, 9/29/10, after which time conceptual design for this project was approved by the Rec and Park Commission in August 2011).

Support:

Glen Park Association

The Trust for Public Land

San Francisco Parks Alliance

Opposition:

To date, staff has received 1 e-mail expressing opposition to hazardous tree removal work.

Recommendation:

RESOLVED, that this Commission does approve the award of contract, in the amount of \$945, 074, to Yerba Buena Engineering & Construction for the Glen Canyon Trails project.

Attachments:

Glen Canyon Park Trails Contract Specification 01010: Summary of Work