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Board of Supervisors
330 Fair Lane
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Title: DOT 07/01/08 Award of Contract for Green Valley Road Sidewalk from Pleasant Grove Middle School to Bass Lake Road, Project 73113.

Meeting Date: July 1, 2008

Dear Members of the Board:

Recommendations:

Transportation Department recommending the following pertaining to the Green Valley Road Sidewalk from Pleasant Grove Middle School to Bass Lake Road, Project 73113:

1. Award the Construction Contract to the lowest responsible, responsive bidder Doug Veerkamp General Engineering, Inc. for the amount of \$317,290.00 for Schedules A and B.
2. Authorize the Chairman to sign the contract with Doug Veerkamp General Engineering, Inc. subject to review and approval of final contract documents by County Counsel and Risk Management.
3. Authorize the Director of Transportation to sign an Escrow Agreement, if needed.

Reason for Recommendation:

On June 3, 2008, the Board approved the Green Valley Road Sidewalk from Pleasant Grove Middle School to Bass Lake Road Project's Plans and Contract Documents and authorized the Department to advertise for construction bids. The Green Valley Road Sidewalk from Pleasant Grove Middle School to Bass Lake Road Project is a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) federally funded project. The Department worked with the Rescue Union School District to compete for these grant funds in order to improve the safety of the children walking along Green Valley Road to access the school. This project will complete the pedestrian access improvements and compliment the bike lanes that were added last construction season.

On June 26, 2008, the Department received six (6) bid proposals for this project. The bids are as follows:

	<u>Schedule A</u>	<u>Schedule B</u>	<u>Total of A & B</u>
• Doug Veerkamp Engineering	\$286,110.00	\$31,280.00	\$317,290.00
• Teichert Construction	\$295,540.75	\$24,890.00	\$320,430.75
• Western Engineering	\$316,999.00	\$34,000.00	\$350,999.00
• Martin General Engineering	\$320,135.50	\$40,000.00	\$360,135.50
• Granite Construction	\$347,347.00	\$38,000.00	\$385,347.00
• C & C Construction	\$350,422.00	\$55,000.00	\$405,422.00
• Gold Valley Construction	\$362,190.40	\$26,500.00	\$388,690.40
• Beebe Corporation	\$429,354.40	\$32,000.00	\$461,354.40
• AC General Engineering	\$524,296.80	\$25,605.00	\$549,901.80

The final Engineer's Estimate for the bid work for the total of Schedules A and B was \$290,000. The low bid by Doug Veerkamp Engineering is within 10% of this estimate.

As provided in the Contract Documents, the selection is to be based on the low bid for Schedule A. Staff has reviewed the bid proposals and finds Doug Veerkamp General Engineering, Inc.'s proposal to be both responsible and responsive. Given that finding and their low responsible, responsive bid for Schedule A, the Department recommends the contract be awarded to Doug Veerkamp General Engineering, Inc., 2585 Cold Springs Road, Placerville, CA 95667.

The total bid received for the combined Schedules (A and B) is within both the grant funds available and the budgeted funds within the Department's adopted 2008 Capital Improvement Program. Therefore, the Department recommends the contract be awarded for both Schedules A and B as a single contract.

Request for the Director of Transportation Authority to Sign Escrow Documents:

Pursuant to Special Provisions Section 5-1.18, "Payments," of the Contract Documents and the State of California Standard Specifications Section 9-1.06, "Partial Payments," the County shall retain ten percent (10%) of the value of work done from each Contractor payment as security for the fulfillment of the contract. Alternatively, pursuant to the State of California Standard Specifications Section 9-1.065, "Payments of Withheld Funds," and pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22300, the Contractor may request that payment of retentions earned be made directly to an Escrow Agent. The Contractor shall receive the interest earned on the investment.

In accordance with these provisions, the Contractor may request in writing that the County make payment of retention funds directly into an escrow account, which would necessitate an Escrow Agreement. To help expedite this process if requested by the Contractor, the Department requests that the Board authorize the Director of Transportation to execute the Escrow Agreement. Upon satisfactory completion of the contract and upon written notification from the Director of Transportation, the Contractor shall receive from the Escrow Agent all retention paid into the account and any interest earned thereon.

Fiscal Impact:

The project is funded by a federal grant from the Safe Routes to School program.

Budget Summary:

Total Estimated Cost		\$407,290.00
Funding		
Budgeted *	\$417,000.00	
New Funding	\$	
Savings	\$ 9,710.00	
Other	\$	
Total Funding Available	\$407,290.00	
Change to Net County Cost		\$ 0.00

* Based on adopted 2008 CIP.

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost:


The cost associated with the construction phase of this project was estimated at and is programmed in the Department's Capital Improvement Program at \$417,000. Given the bid results, as detailed below, the cost associated with the construction phase of the project is estimated at 407,290. The budget will provide for the following: bid price for Schedules A and B of \$317,290, supplemental items at \$35,000, construction management, materials testing, design support, and survey costs of \$40,000, and a contingency budget of \$15,000.

There is no net cost to the County General Fund associated with this agenda item.

Action to be taken following Board approval:

1. The Department will forward the construction contract to Doug Veerkamp General Engineering, Inc, for their signature.
2. The Department will return the signed construction contract, together with the required bonds, insurance, and County Counsel and Risk Management approval, to the Clerk of the Board for the Board Chairman's signature of the contract.
3. Upon receipt of fully executed Construction Contract, the Department will issue a Notice to Proceed to Doug Veerkamp General Engineering, Inc.
4. The Director of Transportation will sign an Escrow Agreement, if needed. The Department will make retention payments to the Escrow Agent. After satisfactory completion of the contract, the Director of Transportation will make written notification to the Escrow.

Sincerely,



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Director of Transportation