



# TOWN OF FAIRFAX

## STAFF REPORT

### December 31, 2018

**TO:** Mayor and Town Council

**FROM:** Garrett Toy, Town Manager

**SUBJECT:** Discuss/consider the adoption of a resolution awarding a bid for the Parkade Improvement Project which consists of the reconstruction of the parking lot, tree wells, sidewalks, driveways, and various ADA improvements such as curb ramp construction.

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*Note: This is a “placeholder” report as the bid opening is at 11:00am on December 31, 2018 prior to the Special Town Council meeting. Staff will provide the resolution and make an oral report on the bids received at the meeting.*

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 1) Adopt resolution awarding bid to the lowest responsible bidder, or
- 2) Continue item to January Town Council meeting.

#### **BACKGROUND**

At its December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Council received an update on the preliminary design of the Parkade which includes the following improvements:

- Replace curb ramps at five (5) crosswalk locations around the Parkade to make them ADA compliant
- Replace curb ramps at the crosswalks across from the Parkade at the corners of Bolinas and Broadway (i.e., in front of Coffee Roastery and Grilly’s)
- Remove and construct new Parkade stairway across from the theater
- Create path from Taylor/Sir Francis Drake to remaining crosswalk stairs (i.e., Siam Lotus) and install flashing light system for the crosswalk
- Reconstruct the existing ADA ramp in the same location
- Reconstruct walkway between Sir Francis Drake and Broadway on the western edge of the Parkade
- Install three ADA compliant parking stalls
- Reconstruct the parking lot
- Add treatments for storm water runoff (e.g., rain gardens)
- Expand tree wells and save as many of the trees as possible

#### **DISCUSSION**

The project was advertised on December 17<sup>th</sup> with bids due at 11:00am on December 31, 2018. Staff reported at the Council’s November and December meeting that the California Transportation Commission (CTC) approved funds in July 2018 with a December 31, 2018 deadline to award a construction contract. At its December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Council agreed to

hold a special meeting on December 31<sup>st</sup> to consider bids for the Project. If the bid(s) come in at or near the engineer's estimate, the Council could consider awarding a bid. If the bids are significantly higher than the engineer's estimate, then staff would recommend continuing the item to the next Council meeting where we would have enough time to discuss the options.

Concurrent with bidding out the project, staff did request an extension from the CTC based on the rationale that the Town would not receive competitive bids due to the holidays and current local bidding environment. We'll know from the bids received whether this is true or not. However, the CTC does not meet until the end of January, so we would not know until then if our extension request was granted.

Staff reported that the initial preliminary construction cost estimate for the proposed ADA and parking lot improvements was approximately \$475,000. This assumed the parking lot could be grinded and repaved. However, the geotechnical reports confirmed that the parking lot needs to be reconstructed because it currently is only asphalt laid on top of the former railroad embankment and lacks any base rock. The revised engineer's estimate is approximately \$670,000. Most of the added cost is for the reconstruction of the parking lot and other added project costs such as a flashing beacon system. Staff will report at the meeting the breakdown of the costs and other project details.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The Town received a grant for \$300,000 with a \$100,000 match (25% match requirement of the total cost) in 2013. Staff will report at the meeting the funding options for Council consideration.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Plans

Resolution to be distributed at the meeting