

City of Calistoga

Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Dan Takasugi, Public Works Director/City Engineer
DATE: October 18, 2011
SUBJECT: Consideration of a Resolution Awarding a Construction Contract to Precision Concrete Cutting for the Sidewalk Trip Hazard Removal Project for FY 11-12 and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Contract

APPROVAL FOR FORWARDING:



Richard D. Spittler, City Manager

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2 **ISSUE:** Consideration of a Resolution awarding a construction contract to Precision
3 Concrete Cutting for the Sidewalk Trip Hazard Removal Project for FY 11-12 and
4 authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract.
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6 **RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the Resolution.
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8 **BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**
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10 A discussion was held at the September 6, 2011 City Council meeting related to a
11 phased approach to inspection and repair of sidewalk trip hazards throughout the City
12 (see attached staff report). At that meeting Council directed the Public Works
13 Department to move forward on the proposed phased approach for the inspection and
14 sawcut repair of the sidewalk trip hazards throughout the City.
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16 A sidewalk trip hazard removal policy is being brought before the Council tonight under a
17 separate agenda item.
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19 After thorough research, staff has determined that a "saw cut" trip hazard repair method
20 is preferable to a "grinding" method. Concrete grinding contractors have a wide variance
21 in quality of performance. It would be very difficult for staff to specify and monitor the
22 quality of trip hazard grinding. Furthermore, concrete grinding leaves a less aesthetic
23 repair, and in certain cases may leave a trip hazard in place. On the other hand saw

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24 cutting leaves a cleaner repair, has a reliable standard of quality, and can be more
25 accurately sloped to meet ADA standards.

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27 A contracting company, Precision Concrete Cutting (PCC), performs this saw cut repair
28 method for over 30 Bay Area cities, including Santa Rosa, Rohnert Park, and American
29 Canyon. Under the Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Procedures, and because of
30 PCC's patented methods, the City can legally sole source their services up to \$35,000
31 annually. Staff has determined that the cost per linear foot of trip hazard repair for PCC
32 saw cutting (\$30 per inch-foot) is approximately the same, or possibly lower than the
33 less-aesthetic grinding repair method cost. An "inch-foot" is equivalent to repairing a 1-
34 inch high and 1-foot long trip hazard, or for example, a 0.5-inch high and 2-foot long trip
35 hazard. Therefore, Staff proposes using PCC to perform the inspection and repair of
36 smaller trip hazards.

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38 Staff proposes to issue a \$25,000 contract to PCC to perform inspection and saw cutting
39 repair of trip hazards in "Sector A" during the fall of 2011.

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41 **FISCAL IMPACT:**

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43 The sidewalk trip hazard inspection and repair program is budgeted for \$60,000 in
44 FY11/12. Of that amount, \$8,000 is anticipated to be provided in a grant from the City's
45 insurance provider, PARSAC.

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47 **ATTACHMENT:**

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- 49 A. Resolution
50 B. Contract with Precision Concrete Cutting

RESOLUTION NO. 2011- ___

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALISTOGA, COUNTY OF
NAPA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AWARDING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO
PRECISION CONCRETE CUTTING FOR THE SIDEWALK TRIP HAZARD REMOVAL
PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000 AND AUTHORIZING
THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT

Authorizing Agreement No. ___

1 **WHEREAS**, the City's self-insurance authority PARSAC has notified the City that it needs to take
2 immediate steps to put a program in place for sidewalk inspection to reduce the City's liability; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Council has directed the Public Works Department to proceed with a policy for a
4 phased approach to inspection and repair of sidewalk trip hazards throughout the City; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the City desires to attain quality inspection and concurrent repair for the smaller trip
6 hazards under 1.75-inches in height and has determined that a "saw cut" trip hazard repair method is
7 preferred; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Precision Concrete Cutting (PCC) performs this saw cut repair method for over 30 Bay
9 Area cities; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in conformance with the Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Procedures and
11 because of PCC's patented methods, the City wishes to sole source their services up to \$25,000 for FY
12 11-12; and

13 **WHEREAS**, funds for the Sidewalk Trip Hazard Removal Project are budgeted at \$60,000 in Fiscal
14 Year 2011-12; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Staff recommends that a contract be awarded to Precision Concrete Cutting in an
16 amount not to exceed \$25,000 for FY 11-12.

17 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Calistoga as follows:

18 1. A contract is hereby awarded to Precision Concrete Cutting an amount not to exceed \$25,000
19 for FY 11-12 for the Sidewalk Trip Hazard Removal Project.

20 2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the Contract, contingent upon approval by
21 the City Attorney.

22 **PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Calistoga at a regular
23 meeting held this 18th day of October 2011, by the following vote:

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25 **AYES:**

26 **NOES:**

27 **ABSTAIN/ABSENT:**
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30 JACK GINGLES, Mayor

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32 **ATTEST:**
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35 SUSAN SNEDDON, City Clerk
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