



Agenda Item

Orange City Council

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TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THRU: Jarad Hildenbrand, City Manager

FROM: Christopher Cash, Public Works Director

1. SUBJECT

Approval of plans and specifications for Almond Avenue and Collins Avenue Street Improvements and authorization to advertise for bids; and finding of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption

2. SUMMARY

Plans and specifications have been completed, and the project is ready to be advertised for bids. The total estimated construction cost, including contingencies and construction engineering is \$1,997,732.

3. RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Approve the plans and specifications and authorize advertising for Bid No. 25-26.13 (SP-4327), Almond Avenue and Collins Avenue Street Improvements.
2. Find that the proposed project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per State CEQA Guidelines 15301 (Class 1(c) - Existing Facilities).

4. FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact with this action. Construction funding will be requested at award.

5. STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Goal 5: Improve infrastructure, mobility, and technology.

6. DISCUSSION AND BACKGROUND

Almond Avenue from Main Street to Cypress Street, and Collins Avenue from Tustin Street to Handy Street Improvements project is part of the City's Pavement Management Program activities and is designed to prolong pavement life of city streets. This portion of the annual pavement project is being advanced separately to allow construction to begin in July and be completed prior to the start of the upcoming school year.

The pavement rehabilitation methods vary depending on the sustained damage, but in general, consist of asphalt concrete overlays with localized areas of pavement reconstruction, replacement of damaged curb and gutter, cross gutter, sidewalk, and access ramps within the project limits to conform to federal guidelines, and construction of new curb and gutter at locations that are missing or in need of replacement. The rehabilitated pavement will have a longer service life and will provide a

safe and smooth ride for the public.

The streets selected for maintenance are in accordance with the City's pavement management plan and generally fall into the "poor to fair" category, requiring work at this time to prevent total pavement failure and avoid the significantly higher cost of complete reconstruction in the future. Advancing this segment of the annual project separately allows the City to minimize impacts to school traffic circulation and improves the effectiveness of the traffic control plan by scheduling construction during the summer recess.

The total cost is estimated at \$1,997,732, including construction engineering and a 15% contingency. Upon receipt of public bids, staff will return to the City Council and recommend award of contract and any necessary funding adjustments based on the outcome of the public bid.

Construction is anticipated to begin in July 2026 and is expected to be completed prior to the start of the new school year.

Specifications and cost estimates are available for review in the Public Works Department.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The proposed project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per state CEQA guidelines 15301 (Class 1(c) - Existing Facilities) in that it involves pavement maintenance and rehabilitation of existing streets and does not create additional roadway capacity. No public review is required.

8. ATTACHMENTS

- Location Maps