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**SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The project provides for the removal and replacement of damaged concrete sidewalks, driveway approaches, curbs and gutters, and the installation of sidewalk curb ramps throughout the city.

Staff recommends approval of the plans and specifications and call for bids for the subject project.

**BACKGROUND**

Property owners are required by the San Leandro Municipal Code to maintain the sidewalks along their frontage. The City completes sidewalk maintenance through the Sidewalk Repair Program, described in Title 8 of the San Leandro Administrative Code, which provides for the repair of damaged sidewalks. When the City is made aware of damaged public sidewalks, staff examines the area to determine whether repairs or replacement would be best. Minor defects to sidewalks adjacent to private residences are ground or patched at no (direct) charge to property owners. Larger defects that require removal and replacement of either the sidewalks or driveway approaches are also repaired under the Program, but the property owner adjacent to such a defect must reimburse the City for the full costs unless a City street tree is the cause. If a City street tree is the cause, property owners are required to pay only half of the costs.

In addition to the repair of sidewalks, this project will install handicap curb ramps to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. As part of the City’s ADA curb ramp transition plan, several sidewalk curb ramps are installed or improved each year. These ramps are installed adjacent to new street work and at resident requested locations. Staff hopes to eventually install updated ramps at all City intersections. The City pays the cost for the installation of the ramps, repair

of sidewalks along the frontage of City facilities, and the sidewalk within curb returns.

### **Analysis**

One of the ways the City has kept up with the maintenance of its aging infrastructures is by awarding yearly construction contracts for the Sidewalk Repair Program. This year's contract is estimated to be \$400,000 and should construct about 1,200 linear feet of curb and gutter, 8,000 square feet of sidewalk, 85 handicap curb ramps and 35 driveway approaches. The actual quantities will be determined by the number of requests for work the City receives from residents.

### **Applicable General Plan Policies**

Policy No. 14.07 - Pedestrian Environment; strive to achieve a more comfortable environment for pedestrians in all areas of San Leandro.

### **Environmental Review**

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to subsection (c) of section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines.

### **Fiscal Impacts**

This project is estimated to cost about \$447,000, including staff time, and will be funded from the approved 2012-13 CIP budget for the 2012-13 Annual Sidewalk Repair Program.

### **Budget Authority**

Measure B Bike and Pedestrian Funds, Account No. 144-36-006 (\$125,089); Measure B Streets and Roads Funds, Account No. 144-38-006 (\$225,180); TDA Grant Funds, Account No. 150-36-332 (\$52,208); CDBG Funds, Account No. 165-43-233 (\$31,139).

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