



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

# R-18

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January 8, 2008

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

## RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Suncal Precision Concrete, Inc., without advertising for bids, for sidewalk trip hazard repair.

Adopt Plans and Specifications No. R-6744 and authorize the City Manager to enter into a one-year contract with Suncal Precision Concrete, Inc. for Sidewalk Trip Hazard Removal by Zero-Clearance Concrete Cutting in an amount not to exceed \$200,000. (Citywide)

## DISCUSSION

The City recently conducted a pilot program to saw cut and remove the elevated edge of displaced concrete sidewalk panels in lieu of temporary asphalt patches typically installed by City crews. The pilot program, conducted in Council District 5, was performed by Suncal Precision Concrete, Inc. ("SPC") using a patented system. Instead of a "grinding" process, they have developed a horizontal saw cutting system that is fully compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. The process allows cuts to be tapered at a 1:8 slope and is unique in its capability to make cuts at any angle and to remove the concrete completely at all edges of the walk (competitors are unable to cut against fences or other obstacles, leaving potential liability hazards). This system is also unique in its ability to do all saw cutting to the zero point of differential settlement and to leave a much smoother, uniform appearance and texture.

Following the pilot program, a blanket purchase order was issued to SPC for \$85,000 to perform additional work in Council Districts 3, 5, and 8 but is now exhausted due to the program's popularity. Attached for City Council's consideration is a resolution authorizing the City Manager to forego the bidding process and to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with SPC for an amount not to exceed \$200,000 allowing for an extension of the current pilot program. To ensure the City benefits from

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the best pricing for the services provided, staff will conduct a competitive bid process to replace this interim contract later this year.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Lori A. Conway on December 26, 2007, and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on December 26, 2007.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

Because staff anticipates that work orders will be issued starting February 2008. City Council action on this matter is requested on January 8, 2008 to continue the current pilot program until a more formal contract can be bid later this year.

FISCAL IMPACT

The contract award is for an estimated amount of \$200,000. Sufficient funds to cover the contract are budgeted in Capital Improvement Project PW5250 in the General Capital Projects Fund (CP) in the Department of Public Works (PW). No appropriation increase is required.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

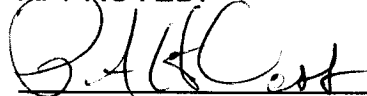


MICHAEL P. CONWAY  
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Attachment

APPROVED:



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CITY MANAGER

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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH SUNCAL PRECISION CONCRETE, INC., WITHOUT ADVERTISING FOR BIDS, FOR SIDEWALK TRIP HAZARD REPAIR IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000

WHEREAS, the City recently conducted a pilot program to saw cut and remove the elevated edge of displaced concrete sidewalk panels in lieu of temporary asphalt patches typically installed by City crews; and

WHEREAS, the pilot program, conducted in District 5, was performed by Suncal Precision Concrete, Inc. ("SPC") using a patented system that is unique with no equivalent on the market today; and

WHEREAS, following the pilot program, a blanket purchase order was issued to SPC for \$85,000 to perform additional work in Districts 3, 5 and 8 but is now exhausted due to the program's popularity; and

WHEREAS, because SPC is the only company capable of providing the unique saw cutting process, a competitive bid process is not possible; and

WHEREAS, as a result, no useful purpose would be served by advertising for bids and to do so would constitute an idle and useless act and an unnecessary expenditure of public funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as follows:

Section 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter a contract with Suncal Precision Concrete, Inc. for sidewalk trip hazard repair in a sum not to exceed \$200,000.

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Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately on its adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this Resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting on \_\_\_\_\_, 2008, by the following vote:

Ayes:	Councilmembers:	_____
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Noes:	Councilmembers:	_____
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Absent:	Councilmembers:	_____
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City Clerk