TO:       HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL
FROM:     CITY MANAGER
DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS
DATE:     MARCH 20, 2006
SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH BELLECCI & ASSOCIATES INC.
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $172,590 FOR CIVIL ENGINEERING AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE SAN ANTONIO MEDIANS AND STREET IMPROVEMENTS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT PE-00104

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends that the City Council approve and authorize the City Manager to execute the attached contract with Bellecci and Associates Inc. (Attachment A) in a not to exceed amount of $172,590 for civil engineering and landscape architectural design services for the San Antonio Medians and Street Improvements Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Project (PE-00104), including $156,900 for basic services and $15,690 for additional services.

BACKGROUND
San Antonio Road between Alma Street and Highway 101 contains center and frontage medians and is badly in need of repair and upgrading. The medians are currently planted with Stone Pine trees that have grown too large for the medians and the root systems have reached outside the medians and under San Antonio Road. The root systems have caused extensive damage to the median, sidewalk and curb in many locations. The tree roots have caused uplifted roadway and many costly base failure repairs over the years. The uplifted roadway and curb also interferes with drainage and can cause increased vehicle noise. Many of the trees have already been removed due to structural problems associated with their size and age. Trenching for irrigation in the median islands with the existing Stone Pines is unfeasible as it would destabilize the trees. Other methods of boring and pulling irrigation tubing would be too expensive. The remainder of the landscaping is currently in decline or nonexistent due to broken irrigation systems, damage from cars and gophers.

DISCUSSION
The scope of work for this project, as identified in CIP PE-00104 San Antonio medians, involves the reconstruction of the medians including replacing trees, irrigation systems, landscaping and curbs as necessary. Professional engineering, landscape and environmental consultant services are needed to:
- develop a concept plan for renovating the San Antonio Road medians from Alma to Highway 101;
• perform an environmental review, including fulfilling California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements and public outreach;
• prepare construction plans and specifications for the first phase from Alma to Middlefield;
• provide construction administration services for the first phase of construction of San Antonio Road medians from Alma Street to Middlefield Road.

Associated street maintenance repair and resurfacing work will be done as part of the Annual Street Maintenance Program as it is a priority in the City’s Pavement Maintenance and Management System. Similarly, the second phase of construction on San Antonio Road from Middlefield Road to Highway 101 would be a jointly coordinated project over the next few years, pending available funds.

The project design will include “green” elements such as incorporating water conserving landscaping and sustainable irrigation technology. Replacement of the tree canopy with selections which can better adapt to the existing soil and improvements to the existing planting conditions within the medians are essential to the success of the project and will be addressed during design. Exhibit A includes the complete Scope of Services for the project.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) for the project was posted at City Hall, on the City website and mailed to 16 firms on September 20, 2005. The table summarizes the results of the RFP solicitation.

### Summary of RFP Process

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<td><strong>RFP Name/Number</strong></td>
<td>San Antonio Road Median &amp; Street Improvements #113845</td>
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<td><strong>Proposed Length of Project</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Number of RFPs Mailed to Contractors</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Pre-Proposal Meeting</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Number of Company Attendees at Pre-Proposal Meeting</strong></td>
<td>12</td>
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<td><strong>Number of Proposals Received: Selected for Interviews</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Proposal Price Range</strong></td>
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An evaluation committee consisting of staff members from the Public Works Engineering Division, Public Works Operations, and Planning Department reviewed the five proposals received. Four firms were invited to participate in oral interviews on October 6, 2005. The committee carefully reviewed each firm’s qualifications and submittal in response to the selection criteria identified in the RFP.
The selection criteria included experience in streetscapes in the Bay Area, project management strengths and qualifications, civil engineering and landscape architecture design capabilities, arborist credentials, environmental assessment and public outreach experience. Bellecci & Associates Inc. was selected because they had the strongest team in all areas, specialized in streetscapes and had superlative references.

RESOURCE IMPACT
Funding for this contract is available in Capital Improvement Project PE-00104 and the Street Maintenance Capital Improvement Program PE-86070.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS
This recommendation does not represent any change to existing City policies.

TIMELINE
The timeline for this project is included in Exhibit B of the Contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW
This project is essentially infrastructure replacement of the medians, and road repair and will not include redesign of roadway alignment. Trees to be removed and visual and other impacts will be identified as part of an environmental assessment, including an arborist report and a construction management plan. Appropriate CEQA review will be performed following selection of a preferred conceptual plan for the project.

ATTACHMENTS
Attachment A: Contract

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