TO:       HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL
FROM:     CITY MANAGER         DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS
DATE:     MARCH 4, 2002        CMR:162:02

SUBJECT:  AWARD OF CONTRACT WITH VANGUARD CONSTRUCTION IN
THE AMOUNT OF $543,420 FOR FY 2001-2002 PHASE 2
SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends that Council:

1. Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the attached contract with Vanguard
   Construction in the amount of $543,420 for FY 2001-2002 Phase 2 Sidewalk
   Replacement Project.

2. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to negotiate and execute one or more
   change orders to the contract with Vanguard Construction for related, additional
   but unforeseen work which may develop during the project, the total value of
   which shall not exceed $54,500.

DISCUSSION
Project Description
The work to be performed under the contract is for sidewalk, curb, gutter, asphalt
pavement and catch basin replacement, tree well grate installations, and asphalt concrete
and Portland cement concrete recycling. The sidewalk replacement locations are in the
areas bounded by Waverley Street, Loma Verde Avenue, Cowper Street and El Dorado
Avenue; east side of Waverley Avenue from Colorado Avenue to East Meadow Drive;
and west side of Waverley Street from El Verano Avenue to East Meadow Drive.
Intensive-use sidewalk replacement is at the west side of the 400 block of Ramona
Avenue in downtown University Avenue as shown on the Location Maps 1 and 2
(Attachment B). The tree well grate installation locations are in the 400 block of High
Street and 225 Hamilton Avenue in downtown University Avenue as shown on Location
Map 2 (Attachment B). The project also includes the construction of seven curb ramps in
compliance with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Bid Process
A notice inviting formal bids for the FY 2001-2002 Phase 2 Sidewalk Replacement
Project was sent out on January 9, 2002 to seven builder’s exchanges and eight
contractors. The bidding period was twenty-seven days. Bids were received from five qualified contractors on February 5, 2002, as listed on the attached bid summary (Attachment C). Bids ranged from a high of $693,561 to a low bid of $543,420. Contractors not responding indicated that they did not submit a bid because they are busy with current projects.

Staff has reviewed all bids submitted and recommends that the bid of $543,420 submitted by Vanguard Construction be accepted and that Vanguard Construction be declared the lowest responsible bidder. The bid is 17 percent below the engineer's estimate of $654,893. The change order amount of $54,500, which equals ten percent of the total contract, is requested because of additional, related but unforeseen work which may develop during the construction.

Staff checked references supplied by the contractor for previous work performed and found no significant complaints. Staff also checked with the Contractor's State License Board and found that the contractor has an active license on file.

RESOURCE IMPACT
Funds for this project are included in the FY 2001-2002 Capital Improvement Program Sidewalk Replacement Project, CIP Project #18903.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW
This project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15301C of the CEQA and no further environmental review is necessary.

ATTACHMENTS
Attachment A: Contract
Attachment B: Location Maps 1 and 2
Attachment C: Bid Summary

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