

From: David  
 To: City Council  
 Subject: Magical Bridge on City Council Agenda  
 Date: Friday, June 23, 2023 1:11:46 AM  
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Bid Summary

Invitation for Bids No. PW20-02 Fair Oaks Park Renovations & Enhancement and Magical Bridge Playground PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. PR-16-04				Robert A Bothman Construction 2690 Scott Blvd. Santa Clara, CA 95050 James C Moore		McGuire and Hest 2810 Harbor Bay Parkway Alameda, CA 94502 Bruce W. Daseking	
BASE BID	QTY	UOM	Unit Cost	Extended Cost	Unit Cost	Extended Cost	
1 Magical Bridge Playground improvements	1	LS*		\$ 4,000,000.00		\$ 5,332,000.00	
2 Fair Oaks Park Site Improvements	1	LS*		\$ 10,226,500.00		\$ 10,600,000.00	
3 Synthetic Turf Playing Field - Base Bid FieldTurf	1	LS*		\$ 1,997,000.00		\$ 1,850,000.00	
4 Soil Offhaul and Disposal (Revocable Bid Item)	300	CY	\$ 80.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 53.00	\$ 15,900.00	
5 Additive Cost for Containment Soil Offhaul and Disposal (Revocable Bid Item)	300	CY	\$ 175.00	\$ 52,500.00	\$ 260.00	\$ 78,000.00	
<b>BID TOTAL</b>				<b>\$ 16,300,000.00</b>		<b>\$ 17,880,000.00</b>	
Bid Alternate #1	QTY	UOM	Unit Cost	Extended Cost	Unit Cost	Extended Cost	
6 Bid Alternate 1 - Synthetic Turf, AstroTurf Infilled Turf System	1	LS*		\$ 1,999,495.00		\$ 1,770,000.00	
Deduct Item No. 3: Synthetic Turf Playing Field - Base Bid: Field Turf	1	LS*		\$ (1,997,000.00)		\$ (1,850,000.00)	
<b>Bid Alternate #1 Total</b>				<b>\$ 2,495.00</b>		<b>\$ (70,000.00)</b>	
Bid Alternate #2	QTY	UOM	Unit Cost	Extended Cost	Unit Cost	Extended Cost	
7 Bid Alternate 2 - Synthetic Turf, Shaw Sports Turf Infilled Turf System	1	LS*		\$ 2,023,139.00		\$ 1,790,000.00	
Deduct Item No. 3: Synthetic Turf Playing Field - Base Bid: Field Turf	1	LS*		\$ (1,997,000.00)		\$ (1,850,000.00)	
<b>Bid Alternate #2 Total</b>				<b>\$ 26,139.00</b>		<b>\$ (60,000.00)</b>	
<b>Total Base Bid + Bid Alternate #1, if applicable</b>				\$ 16,302,495.00		\$ 17,800,000.00	
<b>Total Base Bid + Bid Alternate #2, if applicable</b>				\$ 16,326,139.00		\$ 17,820,000.00	
Surety				10% bond		10% bond	

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# Redwood City Council Awards Magical Bridge Playground

# Magical Bridge Playground Construction Contract

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**T**he Redwood City Council on Monday unanimously approved a construction contract for the Magical Bridge Playground at Red Morton Park to Robert A. Bothman Construction of Santa Clara.

Bothman's bid to build the playground, at \$5.6 million, was one of three that the city received.

The Magical Bridge Playground will replace the aging playground at Red Morton Park and will be the city's largest play space, with a variety of slides, swings, spin and sway equipment for people of all ages and abilities.

The City has appropriated Park Impact Fees of \$2 million, and \$554,000 in Capital Improvement Funds to support the project.

The Magical Bridge Foundation has now raised \$3 million for the project after an additional gift of \$1 million from the Jay Paul Company – which enabled to project to reach the required funding level to begin

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As a followup and reference point, Bothman bid \$7.5 million to build a very similar park in Santa Clara...just 6 months ago.

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## City of Santa Clara

### Attachment No. 1 Bid Summary

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#### REPORT TO COUNCIL

##### SUBJECT

Action on Award of Contract for the Central Park Magical Bridge All-Inclusive Playground Project to Robert A Bothman Construction, Related Budget Amendments, and Adopting a Class 1 CEQA Categorical Exemption

BID SUMMARY		Bid Opening Date: January 19, 2023	
ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE:		\$ 5,980,000	
Contractor	Total Bid (\$)	Percentage above/below Engineer's Estimate	
S&H Construction	\$5,647,315.00	-6%	
Robert A Bothman Construction	\$7,595,000.00	27%	
Suarez and Munoz Construction	\$7,724,852.00	29%	

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