

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

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DATE: August 26, 2025

TO: Edward Arango, Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer

FROM: Hoa Nguyen, Associate Civil Engineer, Civil Infrastructure
 Joseph Cervantes, Senior Civil Engineer, Civil Infrastructure
 Robert Gonzales, Principal Civil Engineer, Civil Infrastructure

SUBJECT: **Miramonte Avenue Improvements, Project 20-01 - Bid Relief Request and Documentation per California Public Contract Code 5101 (b).**

On July 30, 2025, the City held a bid opening for the subject project and received nine (9) bids ranging from \$3,879,979.15 to \$5,229,229.00 (see Table 1). The low bid was submitted by Interstate Grading and Paving, Inc., of South San Francisco, California.

Table 1: Bid Results

RANK	CONTRACTOR	TOTAL BID	% ABOVE/BELOW
	ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE	\$5,000,000	
1	Interstate Grading and Paving	\$3,879,979.15	-22%
2	Radius Earthwork	\$3,883,802.67	-22%
3	O'Grady Paving	\$4,399,936.80	-12%
4	McKim Corporation	\$4,449,016.78	-11%
5	Granite Rock	\$4,580,816.36	-8%
6	Redgwick Construction	\$4,821,882.55	-4%
7	Ghilotti Construction	\$4,946,952.36	-1%
8	McGuire and Hester	\$4,939,112.00	-1%
9	DeSilva Gates Construction	\$5,229,229.00	5%

Interstate Grading & Paving, Inc., (Interstate), submitted the bid showing a total bid amount of \$4,707,153.85. However, after staff's review and confirmation of the submitted bid, staff computed Interstate's total bid to be \$3,879,979.15 based on the unit prices included in the bid. As indicated in Section II, Proposal Forms, of the Contract Documents and Specifications, in case

of a discrepancy between the product of the unit price times the quantity, and the total price or extension of an item, the unit price times the quantity of the item shall govern. Staff deemed Interstate's bid to be the low bid and informed Interstate of the result which caused its total bid to be approximately \$827,000 below what was intended.

On August 6, 2025, Interstate submitted a request to withdraw their bid due to a clerical mistake in their bid (Attachment A). Sections 5101 through 5103 of the California Public Contract Code (CPC) allows a bidder to request their bid be relieved without forfeiture of their bid security when a clerical error is made when filling out the bid. Specifically, Section 5103 entitles a bidder to relief when the bidder demonstrates the following: (a) a mistake was made; (b) written notice provided within five working days after the bid opening, specifying in detail how the mistake occurred; (c) the mistake made the bid materially different than intended; and (d) the mistake was made in filling out the bid and not due to error in judgment or to carelessness in inspecting the site of the work, or in reading the plans or specifications.

Interstate erroneously recorded unit prices of \$1.65/ton and \$1.35/ton for Type A Hot Mixed Asphalt (6" Full Depth) bid item and Type A Hot Mixed Asphalt (2" thick) bid item respectively. The intended unit prices for these bid items should have been \$165/ton and \$135/ton which are consistent with the total bid amount and typical market price ranges for Hot Mixed Asphalt. Staff agrees this was a clerical error that made the bid materially different than intended due to transcription rather than an error in judgement, and that the bidder should be allowed to withdraw its bid. Interstate demonstrated a good faith effort to comply with the timeliness provisions of Section 5103. Given this good faith effort, the magnitude of the error, and demonstrating compliance with Section 5103, staff recommends Interstate's request for bid withdrawal be granted.

Staff will forward a recommendation to Council to grant Interstate's request to be relieved of its bid without penalty.

Exhibit A - Relief of Bid Request Letter

Approved: _____



Edward Arango, Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer

8-27-2025

Date

cc: APWD-Arango, PCE-Gonzales, PCE- Shah, SCE-Cervantes, USM, ACE—Nguyen, SMA—
Goedicke, F/c (20-01)



Contractor's License No. 366020

August 6, 2025

Hoa Nguyen
Associate Civil Engineer
City of Mountain View

Good Afternoon,

Due to a clerical error in the bid we submitted; Interstate Grading & Paving, Inc. would like to withdraw our bid for the Miramonte Ave Improvement Project 20-01 which bid on 7/30/25.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 650-952-7333.

Thank you,

Tina-Marie Mason
Ast. Project Manager

Correct Unit Price should be \$165.00
which equals an extension of \$483,450.00

<u>ITEM NO.</u>	<u>ITEM DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>QTY.</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>UNIT PRICE</u>	<u>EXTENSION</u>
17	Protection of Nesting Birds (Revocable)	14	DAY	\$ 1400.-	19600.-
18	Remove Concrete Curb, Curb and Gutter, and Base	2,135	LF	\$ 12.-	25620.-
19	Remove Concrete Median, Median Curb, and Base	42	SF	\$ 12.-	504.-
20	Remove AC Berm	65	LF	\$ 55.-	3575.-
21	Remove Concrete/Asphalt Sidewalk, Driveway, Curb Ramp, Detectable Domes, and Base	3,581	SF	\$ 6.-	21486.-
22	Remove Median Island Rubber Curb and Markers	22	LF	\$ 22.-	484.-
23	Remove and Salvage Bike Lane Rubber Curb and Reflectors	133	LF	\$ 29.-	3857.-
24	Clearing, Grubbing, Earthwork, and Grading	1	LS	\$ 50000.-	50000.-
25R	Import Fill	15	CY	\$ 300.-	4500.-
26	Sawcut and Remove AC Paving and Base	2,210	CY	\$ 220.-	486200.-
27	Conform Grind	9,984	SF	\$ 1.-	9984.-
28	Profile Grind (Miramonte Ave)	102,592	SF	\$ 1.-	102592.-
29	Type A HMA (6" Full Depth)	2,930	TN	\$ 1.65	483450.-
30	Type A HMA (2" Thick)	2,608	TN	\$ 1.35	352080.-
31	Pavement Interlayer Fabric	20,109	SY	\$ 4.-	80436.-
32	Lower and Raise Existing Water Valve Box	60	EA	\$ 1000.-	60000.-
33	Adjust to Grade Existing Water Meter Box	2	EA	\$ 200	400.-
34	Adjust to Grade Existing Sanitary Sewer Cleanout	1	EA	\$ 1500.-	1500.-
35	Adjust to Grade Existing Storm Drain Inlet	3	EA	\$ 2000.-	6000.-
36	Adjust to Grade Existing Traffic Signal Box	10	EA	\$ 2000	20000.-

Correct Unit Price should be \$135.00,
which equals an extension of \$352,080.