



COUNCIL REPORT

DATE: December 10, 2024

CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: Public Works

TITLE: **SB-1 Streets Project (Castro Street Curb Ramp Improvements), Project 20-30— Various Actions**

RECOMMENDATION

1. Find that, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements, SB-1 Streets Project (Castro Street Curb Ramp Improvements), Project 20-30, is categorically exempt as Class 1, Maintenance and Minor Alteration of Existing Public Facilities, under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301.
2. Approve plans and specifications for SB-1 Streets Project (Castro Street Curb Ramp Improvements), Project 20-30, and authorize staff to advertise the project for bidding.
3. Authorize the City Manager or designee to award a construction contract to the lowest responsive responsible bidder if the bid is within the available project budget of \$1,600,000.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

The City's annual curb ramp replacement program reconstructs curb ramps at locations where ramps do not exist or do not meet the current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements, including areas within median pedestrian refuge islands. The program also replaces sidewalks that are damaged, uplifted, and deteriorated (end-of-life) where less-costly measures, such as ramping or grinding, are not effective. To address and maintain the curb ramps and sidewalks, the City utilizes several funding sources, including state gas tax funding received from the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA), created by Senate Bill 1 (SB-1).

While evaluating the needs of the downtown, including concerns raised by residents and property/business owners, this project was identified to focus on pedestrian improvements on the Castro Street corridor, outside of the pedestrian mall. The project limits are from Fairmont

Avenue (south limits) to California Street (north limits) and will include the following (see Figure 1):

- Replace 16 curb ramps and 12 midblock crossings/median refuge islands; and
- Install high visibility crosswalks at: Fairmont Avenue, High School Way, Yosemite Avenue, Mercy Street, California Street, and at the midblock crossing between Yosemite Avenue and Church Street.

Other curb ramp and crosswalk locations within the project limits, but not included with this project, were either currently compliant or already included within a separate CIP project.

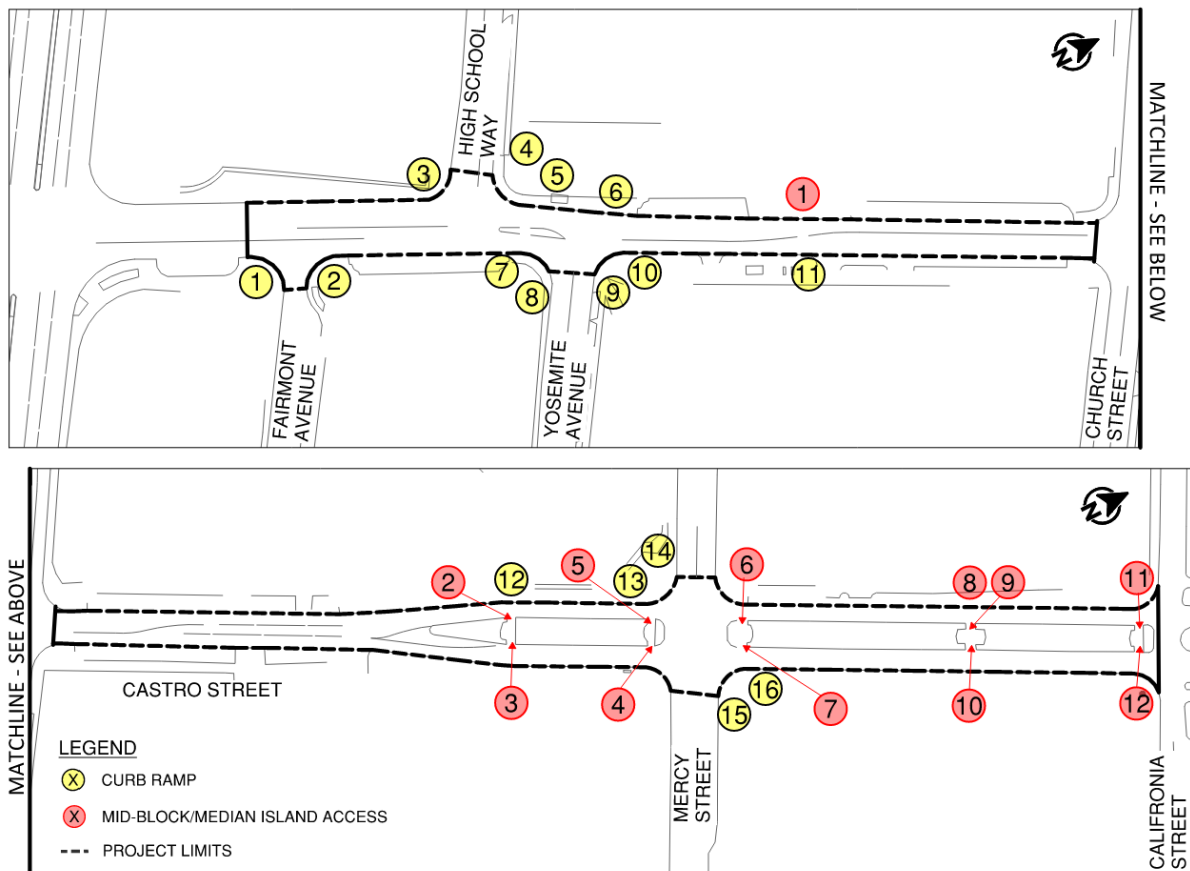


Figure 1: Project Location Map

The plans and specifications City staff developed for the project are complete. If Council approves the recommended actions and a responsive bid within the project budget is received, construction is anticipated to begin in early spring 2025 and be completed in the end of summer 2025. Public noticing will occur prior to and during construction.

Environmental Clearance

In accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), staff has reviewed the scope of this project and determined that it meets the classification for categorically exempt as Class 1, Existing Facilities, pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(c), as it consists of the maintenance of existing sidewalks, curb ramps, and pavement striping. Staff recommends that Council make findings that, in accordance with the CEQA requirements, the project is categorically exempt as Class 1, Existing Facilities, under CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Article 19 of the California Code of Regulations) Section 15301(c).

FISCAL IMPACT

SB-1 Streets Project (Castro Street Curb Ramp Improvements), Project 20-30, is funded with \$1,600,000 from SB-1 RMRA funding.

The estimated project costs are as follows:

Construction (including Contingency)	\$1,000,000
Consultant Survey Services	\$100,000
City Design/Project Management	\$225,000
Construction Inspection and Testing	\$80,000
Project Contingency	<u>\$97,000</u>
Subtotal	\$1,502,000
City Administration	<u>\$98,000</u>
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST:	<u>\$1,600,000</u>

If Council approves the recommended actions, there is sufficient funding in the project budget for the project. No additional appropriation is requested at this time.

LEVINE ACT

California Government Code Section 84308 (also known as the Levine Act) prohibits city officials from participating in any proceeding involving a “license, permit, or other entitlement for use” if the official has received a campaign contribution exceeding \$250 from a party, participant, or agent of a party or participant in the proceeding within the last 12 months. A city official is similarly prohibited from accepting, soliciting, or directing a campaign contribution exceeding \$250 from a party, participant, or agent of a party or participant to any proceeding involving a

license, permit, or other entitlement for use for 12 months after a final decision is rendered in said proceeding.

Please refer to the “X” in the checklist below for information about whether the recommended action for this agenda item is subject to or exempt from the Levine Act.

SUBJECT TO THE LEVINE ACT

- Land development entitlements
- Other permit, license, or entitlement for use
- Contract or franchise

EXEMPT FROM THE LEVINE ACT

- Competitively bid contract
- Labor or personal employment contract
- General policy and legislative actions

For more information about the Levine Act, please see the Fair Political Practices Commission website: www.fppc.ca.gov/learn/pay-to-play-limits-and-prohibitions.html.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Do not make environmental findings, do not approve the plans and specifications, and defer the project.
2. Provide other direction.

PUBLIC NOTICING—Agenda posting.

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