



**Meeting Date:** July 24, 2025

**To:** Public Works Commission

**Through:** Carla Short, Public Works Director  
Scott Anderson, Public Works Deputy Director

**From:** Trent Tieger, Project Manager

**Subject:** Transbay Howard Streetscape Project, Sourcing Event ID No. 0000003295 - Contract Award

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**Director's Recommendation:** Award Transbay Howard Streetscape Project, Sourcing Event ID No. 0000003295, to Esquivel Grading & Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$19,501,403.08 with \$1,950,140.31 for contingency and a contract duration of 1190 consecutive calendar days with 119 consecutive calendar days for contingency, contingent on Esquivel Grading & Paving, Inc. satisfactorily completing the safety evaluation prequalification. The work includes a protected two-way bike lane, curb ramps, bulb-outs, paving, drainage, landscaping, irrigation, street lighting, a traffic signal, an overhead contract system, traction power, and all other related work on Howard Street between 4th Street and the Embarcadero.

**Contract Background:** The Transbay Howard Streetscape Project ("Project") includes multi-modal safety along with placemaking and landscaping improvements. The work to be done under this contract consists of a new protected two-way bike lane, pavement renovation, curb ramps, bulb-outs, drainage, landscaping and irrigation, street lighting, traffic signal, sidewalk enhancements, street furniture, overhead contact system, traction power, and other associated works on Howard Street, between 4th Street and the Embarcadero.

Proposed improvements fall into the following categories:

1. Bicycle – New parking and median islands to establish a protected, two-way bike lane, along with parking and traffic modifications to improve bicyclist safety while connecting to the City's bicycle network.
2. Pedestrian – Sidewalk modifications including new bulb-outs, curb ramps, as well as traffic signal modifications creating safer crossings along with street light upgrades.
3. Transit – Upgrades to the MUNI overhead contact system and traction power.
4. Traffic – Traffic, parking, and loading configuration changes along with traffic signal modifications to create safer streets for multi-modal transportation.
5. Utility Work – New catch basins and culverts construction as required for roadway improvements, replacing existing laterals as needed. Some water facilities, such as fire

hydrants, water valves, water meters, and water mains, will be upgraded/modified to accommodate sidewalk and new median changes.

6. Streetscape – New street trees and landscaping with an irrigation system, along with pedestrian lighting, bike racks, benches, and other street furniture, will be installed.

**Solicitation Process:** The Department advertised the project on March 10, 2025, and on May 28, 2025, the Department received five bids. Staff evaluated the bids received and determined that Esquivel Grading & Paving, Inc. was the responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid.

**Contract Details:**

<b>Contract Title:</b>	Transbay Howard Streetscape Project
<b>Contract Award Amount:</b>	\$19,501,403.08
<b>Cost Estimate:</b>	\$22,400,000.00
<b>Contract Funding Sources:</b>	CFD Transit Center Funds Affordable Housing & Sustainable Communities Grant
<b>Anticipated Project Schedule:</b>	Notice-To-Proceed: 10/15/2025 Construction Start: 10/15/2025 Construction End: 1/17/2029
<b>Contract Duration:</b>	1,190 Calendar Days
<b>Contractor Name:</b>	Esquivel Grading & Paving, Inc.
<b>Compliance with Chapter 14B Local Business Enterprise Ordinance:</b>	The Contract Monitoring Division (CMD) established Micro Local Business Enterprise (LBE) and Small LBE subcontracting requirements of 5% and 15% respectively for this contract. The contractor committed to Micro LBE participation of 26.78% in its bid submittal, and San Francisco Public Works received CMD's recommendation to award.
<b>Environmental Determination (if applicable):</b>	CEQA Exemption Determination, Case No. 2023-007606ENV, issued on July 16, 2025.
<b>Other Compliance:</b>	12B Equal Benefits Ordinance Compliant
<b>Additional Information:</b>	This request is being made with the contingent clause that the contractor satisfactorily completes the safety evaluation

	prequalification, this is being requested in order to meet timeliness requirements associated with funding on this project.
<b>Attachments:</b>	Attachment 1: Resolution Attachment 2: Bid Tabulations Attachment 3: CMD Memorandum Attachment 4: CEQA Exemption Determination Attachment 5: PM Recommendation Form

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION  
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

WHEREAS, The work performed under the Transbay Howard Streetscape Project (Sourcing Event ID No. 0000003295) consists of protected two-way bike lane, curb ramps, bulb-outs, paving, drainage, landscaping and irrigation, street lighting, traffic signal, overhead contract system, traction power, and all other related work on Howard Street between 4th Street and the Embarcadero, in San Francisco, California (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, On July 16, 2025, the San Francisco Planning Department issued a California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) Exemption Determination (Case No. 2023-007606ENV) determining that the project is exempt from CEQA as a Class 3 (new construction) exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15303, and no further environmental review is required; and

WHEREAS, The Project’s cost estimate was \$22,400,000.00, and the contract duration is 1,190 consecutive calendar days; and

WHEREAS, On March 10, 2025, San Francisco Public Works (“Public Works”) advertised the contract for bids, and on May 28, 2025, Public Works received five bids; and

WHEREAS, Public Works staff and the Contract Monitoring Division (“CMD”) staff reviewed the bids and application of bid preferences and determined that Esquivel Grading & Paving, Inc. is the responsive and responsible bidder that submitted the lowest bid; and

WHEREAS, CMD established Micro Local Business Enterprise (“LBE”) and Small LBE subcontracting requirements of 5% and 15% respectively for this contract and the contractor committed to Micro LBE participation of 26.78% in its bid submittal, and the Public Works Division of Contract Administration recommended that the contract be awarded to Esquivel Grading & Paving, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, The contract amount is \$19,501,403.08; and

WHEREAS, The contract duration is 1190 consecutive calendar days; and

WHEREAS, CEQA Exemption Determination is on file with the Public Works Commission Affairs Manager, and is incorporated herein by reference; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Commission hereby awards the Transbay Howard Streetscape Project (Sourcing Event ID No. 0000003295), to Esquivel Grading & Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$19,501,403.08 with \$1,950,140.31 for contingency and a contract duration of 1,190 consecutive calendar days with 119 consecutive calendar days for contingency to complete the Project, contingent on Esquivel Grading & Paving, Inc. satisfactorily completing the safety evaluation prequalification.

*I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Public Works Commission at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_.*

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Commission Affairs Manager  
Public Works Commission