

CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 22, 2024

PREPARED BY: Shawn Muir, Community Services Manager

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF BENCH AND WASTE BIN REPLACEMENTS FOR EL PASEO FROM OUTDOOR CREATIONS, INC.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Authorize the purchase of bench and waste bin replacements for El Paseo from Outdoor Creations, Inc., in the amount of \$212,095.10.
2. Authorize appropriation in the total amount of \$212,095.10 from Reallocated Capital Improvement Bond Proceed Funds to Account Number 4514679-5000102.
3. Authorize the City Attorney to make necessary nonmonetary changes to the agreement.
4. Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate this action.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

El Paseo is an integral part of the core commercial area in Palm Desert, providing shopping and dining experiences for residents and visitors. Public Works staff are responsible for maintaining the roads, sidewalks, medians, landscaping and outdoor equipment, including benches and waste bins.

The benches and waste bins on El Paseo were replaced in 2012 with a recycled concrete product, which has been found to have a shorter lifespan than new concrete products. The benches and waste bins are in poor condition and need replacement. Staff conducted research to attain a more durable alternative and discovered that products containing a nano-coating were more resistant to staining and graffiti, easier to clean, and are longer-lasting.

Staff contacted four concrete vendors to solicit quotes for the benches and waste bins. One vendor declined to provide the custom product requested. The three quotes obtained are as follows:

Vendor	Location	Cost
Seawright Custom Precast, Inc.	Coachella, California	\$177,340.34
Outdoor Creations, Inc.	Anderson, California	\$212,095.10
Wasau Tile, Inc.	Rothschild, Wisconsin	\$238,238.47

Although Seawright Custom Precast, Inc. provided the lowest proposal, staff have previously found this vendor to have long lead times for large orders. Staff intend to purchase the equipment and complete installation before the peak shopping season on El Paseo. Furthermore, the quote does not include the nano-coating which is desirable for maintaining the benches and waste bins

in the long term. Therefore, staff recommend awarding the Goods and Equipment Purchase Agreement to Outdoor Creations, Inc.

Legal Review:

This report has been reviewed by the City Attorney’s office.

Appointed Body Recommendation:

Staff attended two El Paseo Business Improvement District (EPBID) board meetings to present options for bench and waste bin replacement. EPBID members asked questions and provided input on the design and composition of the benches and waste bins. After receiving this input, staff recommend purchasing 35 new, permanent benches and 35 new, permanent waste bins to replace the existing outdoor equipment along El Paseo.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The purchase of the El Paseo equipment is not included in the approved Capital Improvement Project (CIP) List for Fiscal Year 2024-25, as the request was brought forward after the budget approval process. Given the longer-lifetime and sustainability of the new product, staff requests an appropriation of \$212,095.10 from reallocated capital improvement bond proceed funds to Account No. 4514679-5000102.

Description	2024-25 Budget	Project Cost	Requested Appropriation
Custom Dual Waste Bins	\$0	\$116,192.21	\$116,192.21
Custom Flat Benches	\$0	\$95,902.89	\$95,902.89
Totals	\$0	\$212,095.10	\$212,095.10

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Outdoor Creations – Quote and Design
2. City Goods and Equipment Purchase Agreement – Outdoor Creations, Inc.