CITY OF OAKLAND

AGENDA REPORT

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TO:

Oakland City Council

ATTN:

Jean Quan, Finance and Management Committee Chair

FROM:

Office of the City Administrator

DATE:

July 18, 2006

RE:

Supplemental Report to the Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator To Take Action on Procurement of Certain Supplies and Services Exceeding \$500,000 and Professional Services Contracts Exceeding \$300,000 During the Agency/Council 2006 Summer Recess

(Citywide Sidewalk Condition/ADA Survey Contract Increase)

SUMMARY

This supplemental report responds to a request for background information on the Citywide Sidewalk Condition/ADA Survey Project. The request was made at the Special Concurrent Meeting of the Redevelopment Agency and Finance and Management Committee on July 11. 2006.

BACKGROUND

In December 2004, City Council passed Resolution No. 78981 C.M.S., authorizing the City Administrator to enter into a professional services agreement with Concept Marine Associates (now TranSystems) for the Citywide Sidewalk Survey Project (SWS). The notice to proceed was issued in April 2005. The SWS, which includes over 1,200 miles of sidewalk, is approximately sixty percent (60%) complete.

The primary purpose of the SWS is to develop a sidewalk inventory database and Geographical Information System (GIS) for tracking and monitoring all City sidewalks in need of repair due to damage and/or non-compliance with disability regulations. In addition, an inventory and GIS for all street trees (location, type, and condition), tree wells, street and traffic signs, and curb markings will be created. The SWS database and GIS will be used for many planning activities.

The City will use the SWS data to rank all damaged locations based on several different factors, such as distress type, severity and pedestrian usage (i.e., hospitals, senior centers, schools, public transit routes and downtown and commercial districts). This ranking system, or Sidewalk Condition Index, will allow the City to direct its limited sidewalk repair resources to the highest priority areas in each Council District, i.e. locations with the highest severity damage and pedestrian usage.

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The City will draft an ADA Transition Plan for its sidewalk system, pursuant to a 2002 Ninth Circuit Court ruling and subsequent advisories from state and federal agencies overseeing City compliance with the ADA. The Plan will catalog and prioritize needed ADA public right of way improvements, such as curb ramps, barrier removal, and sidewalk repair.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Please accept this informational report requested by the Finance and Management Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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