

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

County of Placer

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DATE: MAY 5, 2015

FROM: KEN GREHM / KEVIN TABER

SUBJECT: ADA RAMP RETROFIT SERVICES, ANNUAL CONTRACT, BID NUMBER 10449,
CONTRACT NO. 0923

ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION

1. Approve project specifications for an annual contract for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Ramp Retrofit Services estimated to cost \$200,000 and authorize the Department of Public Works to advertise for bids. There is no net County cost.

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY

To comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, every public agency must have a Transition Plan. Placer County Department of Public Works prepared a transition plan for County maintained roadways that was adopted by the Board of Supervisors in February of 2009. Title II of the ADA requires that public entities, including state and local governments, ensure that persons with disabilities have access to the pedestrian routes in the public right of way.

An important part of the requirement is the obligation whenever roadways are *altered* to retrofit existing ramps to current standards. The definition of altered is currently being debated on a national level, but current interpretations are much broader than previously understood. There are approximately 1,040 existing ramps in on Placer County roadways. Placer County crews have retrofitted approximately 65 of those ramps over the past six years. With current and future resurfacing projects the number of curb ramps needing retrofitting will exceed our in-house capability which necessitates the procurement of outside forces to assist with our compliance efforts.

ENVIRONMENTAL

This project is Categorically Exempt from the provisions of CEQA as a Class I exemption, Section 15301 (c) "Maintenance of Existing Facilities".

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding is available in the FY14/15 Road Construction Budget for Project No. 2992 "ADA Ramp Project", and is funded by the Road Fund. There is no net county cost.

The Project Bid Books and Specifications are on file with Clerk of the Board's Office.

