



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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**Department Name:** Public Works  
**Department No.:** 054  
**For Agenda Of:** January 23, 2024  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Tme:** n/a  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director: Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director, 568-3010  
Contact Info: Chris Sneddon, Deputy Director, Transportation, 568-3064  
**SUBJECT:** **Modoc Road Multi-Use Trail Phase I Landscaping Contract with JAS Landscape LLC; Project No. 862436; Second Supervisorial District**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve the plans and specifications on file in the Public Works Department Office, for the Modoc Road Multi-Use Trail Phase I Landscaping Contract with JAS Landscape LLC; County Project No. 862436; Second Supervisorial District;
- b) Award the attached landscaping and irrigation contract County Project No. 862436 in the amount of \$ 277,971 to the second lowest responsible bidder, JAS Landscape LLC, 2225 River Ridge Road, Oxnard, CA 93036, subject to the provision of documents and certifications, as set forth in the specifications applicable to the project, as required under California Law;
- c) Authorize the Director of Public Works or designee to approve change orders for a contingency amount up to \$27,649 and supplemental items of \$25,000, for the construction of County Project 862436 for a total not to exceed authorization of \$330,620;
- d) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached landscaping and irrigation contract, which has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel, Auditor-Controller and Risk Manager, or their authorized representatives; and
- e) Determine the project to be exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to 14 CCR 15301(c) (as the proposed project(s) consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing, including but not limited to existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian

trails and similar facilities), On January 26, 2021, a Notice of Exemption was filed on that basis, and the proposed action is within the scope of that Notice of Exemption.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda to award a landscaping and irrigation contract for Phase 1 of the Modoc Multiuse Trail on Modoc Road. On November 3, 2023, five bids were opened for Modoc Road Multi-Use Trail Phase 1; Project No. 862436; Second Supervisorial District. Pursuant to Section 3-1.04 “Contract Award” in the Special Provisions, the Department is awarding the contract to the second lowest responsible bidder after the lowest bidder was determined to be non-responsive. JAS Landscape LLC submitted the second lowest responsible bid of \$277,971, which is 7.6% below the Engineer’s Estimate. The third lowest bid is 7.8% above the Engineer’s Estimate.

This project was bid in accordance with the Public Contract Code, which generally requires the award go to the lowest responsible bidder. However, the lowest bidder was determined to be non-responsive to requirements of the procurement. The Department analyzed the bids and determined the second lowest bid is both responsive and responsible and that it is in the County’s best interest to award the contract to the second lowest bidder.

**Background:**

This project is the first of two County phases that will complete a major segment of the last gap in a multi-use trail that will connect the City of Santa Barbara path to the Obern Trail. Completion of Phase 1 and 2 of this project, along with a City Project from Calle de Los Amigos to this path, will create a continuous, separated facility for bicycles and pedestrians extending from Isla Vista to Arroyo Burro Beach.

Phase I was approved by your Board for construction on May 24, 2022 and construction was complete August 04, 2023. With Board approval of this item, JAS Landscape LLC will provide landscaping and irrigation improvements to the newly constructed section of path from Via Senda to Santa Barbara City limits. Landscaping improvements include drought tolerant and native plants. This contract contains a nine-month plant establishment period where JAS will maintain the landscaping. The Public Works Transportation Maintenance section will maintain the landscaping after this nine-month period.

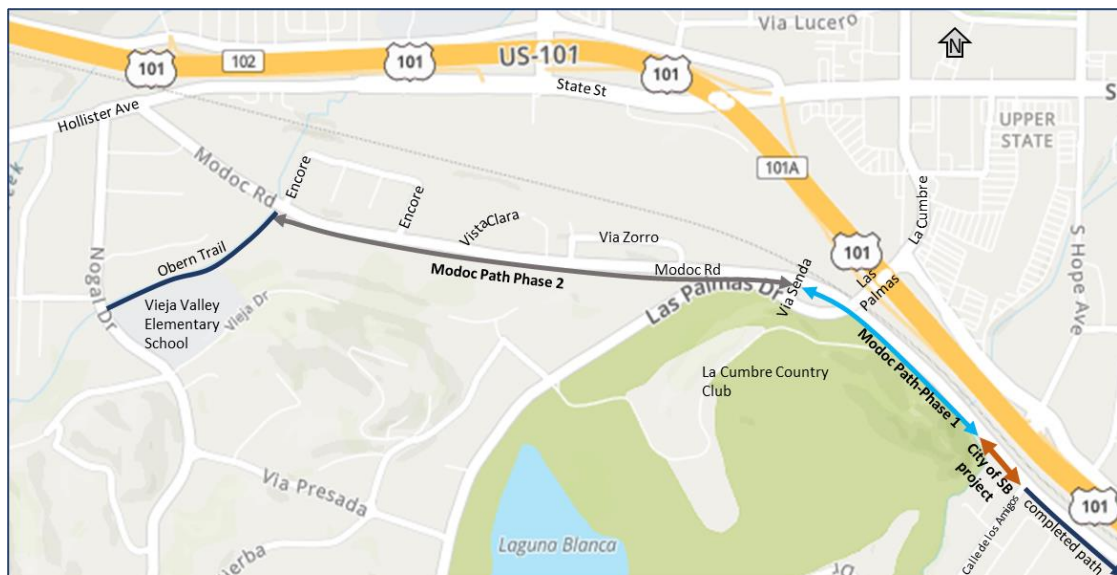


Figure 1: Phase 1(Blue) and 2(Grey) limits of the Modoc Multi-use Path

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>Current FY Cost:</u></b>
Measure A	\$ 330,700.00
Other:	
Total	\$ 330,700.00

**Narrative:**

The landscaping and irrigation improvements costs, including contingencies, amounts to \$330,620 funded by Measure A revenues. Funds for this project are budgeted in Dept. 054, Fund 0017, Org. 0600, Program 2830, Account 7510.

**Special Instructions:**

Please forward the following to Yanette Luna in the Public Works Department, Transportation Division, 123 E. Anapamu Street, extension 83094:

- A certified, stamped Minute Order approving these recommendations
- One duplicate original executed contract signature page for 862436. One original executed contract to be filed with the Clerk of the Board.
- Original, fully executed Special Provisions signature sheet for 862436. Please keep a copy for your records.
- Original, fully executed Title Sheet. Please keep a copy for your records.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: 862436 JAS Landscape LLC Contract (1 duplicate original)

Attachment B: Original signed Special Provision sheet; Project No. 862436 (and 1 duplicate original)

Attachment C: Original signed Title Sheet; Project 862436 (and 1 duplicate original)

Attachment D: Notice of Exemption dated January 26, 2021

**Authored by:**

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