



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: July 13, 2021
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

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: **Thomas Fire Debris Flow Repairs of Lilac Drive Bridge No. 51C-200, County Project No. 18109C; in the First Supervisorial District – Rejection of All Bids**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Reject the only construction bid received in response to the Thomas Fire Debris Flow Repairs of Lilac Drive Bridge No. 51C-200 solicitation for bids, opened on Friday, April 16, 2021; County Project No.18109C in the First Supervisorial District;
- b) Authorize the Director of Public Works to re-advertise construction bids for the Thomas Fire Debris Flow Repairs of Lilac Drive Bridge No. 51C-200; County Project No.18109C; First Supervisorial District; and
- c) Determine the project was found by the Board to be exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act and that the Director of Public Works or designee was authorized to advertise for bids to construct this project on November 6, 2018. A Notice of Exemption was filed on this basis on September 26, 2018, and the proposed action is within the scope of the above reference Notice of Exemption.

Summary Text:

On April 16, 2021, one (1) bid was received and opened for the Thomas Fire Debris Flow Repairs of Lilac Drive Bridge No. 51C-200 Project. The lone bid, submitted by Beador Construction Company, Inc., was for \$375,300 and is 127% above the engineer's estimate of \$166,000.

The one bid received significantly exceeds the engineer's estimate for the project, and because only one bid was received for the project, the Department cannot adequately determine if the engineer's estimates are too low. Receiving a single qualifying bid for a construction project is uncommon and by re-advertising the project at a later date, the Department may encounter a more competitive bidding environment that may result in more cost-effective bids. Approval of the requested actions will allow the County to reject all bids for the Thomas Fire Debris Flow Repairs of Lilac Drive Bridge No. 51C-200 and to re-advertise the project in the future.

On May 26, 2021, Beador Construction Company, Inc., the lone responsive bidder on the Thomas Fire Debris Flow Repairs of Lilac Drive Bridge No. 51C-200 Project, was notified of our intent to reject their submitted bid.

Background:

The Thomas Fire Debris Flow Repairs of Lilac Drive Bridge No. 51C-200 Project will repair the damages to the portions of existing concrete deck, concrete wingwalls, replace damaged bridge railing, and install approach railing. The Thomas Fire Debris Flow Incident caused significant damage to elements of this structure. Portions of the deck were broken off by large boulders and must be replaced. The bridge railing on both sides of the bridge was completely washed away and traffic has been protected with temporary k-railing elements. The temporary k-railing is also protected with temporary sand-filled crash cushions, which will be replaced with AASHTO and MASH compliant products per current design standards. The sum of these repairs will replace all damaged portions and bring the approach railing up to current design standards.

A Notice of Exemption (NOE) was filed on September 26, 2018 for the Thomas Fire Debris Flow, that included the repair of Lilac Drive Bridge No. 51C-200. At that time this project was determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the County's CEQA guidelines, and the Department of Public Works has determined that the proposed action is within the scope of that NOE.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Narrative:

This project is funded with 75% FEMA Funds. These funds are budgeted in Dept. 054, Fund 0016, Org. 0500, Program 2920, Account 7510.

Special Instructions:

Please provide a certified stamped Minute Order and one copy of the executed document to Gail Ocheltree Public Works, Transportation Division, x83064

Attachments:

Attachment A: Bid Summary Sheet for the Thomas Fire Debris Flow Repairs of Lilac Drive Bridge No. 51C-200 Project

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