



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER
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Agenda Number:

Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: April 20, 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 Department, 568-3010
Contact Info: Chris Sneddon, Deputy Director, Transportation, 568-3064
SUBJECT: **First Amendment to the Professional Environmental Services Agreement with Padre and Associates for Bonita School Road Bridge Replacement, County Project No. 862367; Fifth Supervisorial District**

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 and authorize the Chair to execute the attached First Amendment to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Padre and Associates Inc. for the Bonita School Road Bridge 51C-230 replacement project over the Santa Maria River to extend the term of the contract for an additional 2-years; and
- b) Approve and authorize the Director of Public Works, or designee, to increase the original contract amount of \$105,549 by \$10,555 for a total Agreement amount up to and not to exceed \$116,104 for additional biological field surveys and analysis and;
- c) Find that the proposed contract extension, does not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to 14 CCR 15378 (b)(5) (Organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.), therefore no environmental document is required.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to amend the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Padre and Associates and authorize the Director of Public Works, or designee to approve Agreement amendments within the scope of work. This amendment will extend the performance period term of the environmental documentation services contract. The attached First Amendment extends the time period

to April 30, 2023, which is two years from the Agreement’s original end date, with the additional approved time extension and amount.

The existing Bridge No. 51C-230 over the Santa Maria River is a two lane, 323’ long 9 span railroad flatcar bridge that is structurally deficient and needs to be replaced. The crossing also includes a 2,000’ long southerly approach fill roadway. An environmental services contract time extension is required to complete the environmental clearance process.

Background:

This contract, executed by your Board on April 19, 2016, is set to expire on April 30, 2021. Extending this contract will allow for continued environmental surveys, studies and analysis to complete the required environmental documents for the project. Work on parts of the contract was delayed while the project team worked to incorporate a design optimization plan to reduce the overall costs of the project. In addition, essential in-person meetings required to coordinate and conduct field studies were postponed due to Covid-19 until Santa Barbara County established protocol for in-person and field meetings.

Where Bonita School Road crosses the Santa Maria River, the river is roughly 2,300’ wide and is bounded by levees on each bank. The previous low water crossing was replaced with salvaged railroad flatcar bridge elements with a long approach fill roadway in the river channel, which would intentionally be breached during a high flow event. For most of the year, this crossing is dry and available to public traffic. However, it requires frequent maintenance and often becomes rutted and rough. Also, during high river flow events the road must be closed as a precaution, and could potentially be washed away and closed for a long duration. The detour route for either traffic direction is approximately 12 miles using Bonita School Road, State Highways 166 and 1.

The existing railcar bridge is fracture critical. Due to the deficiencies and structure type, it is not prudent to rehabilitate, thus replacement is the preferred alternative. In addition, replacement permitting requirements dictate the bridge must span the entire riverbed, making it over ½ mile long. The new structure will be funded through the Highway Bridge Program. Construction will require a High Cost Bridge Agreement with the HBP program, which requires a funding plan where the County pays costs up front and is reimbursed on an agreed-to schedule. The department will return to your Board with details on these requirements as the project advances to pre-construction stages.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>	
Federal (HBP)	\$	102,787
Local Match - Toll Credit	\$	13,317
	\$	116,104

Narrative:

There is no cost to the County associated with the time extension amendment for this project. The cost for the original contract scope is 100% funded by the Highway Bridge Program with toll credits. This

project will be reimbursed 88.53% through Federal HBP and 11.47% through Toll Credit funds. The total cost for the environmental services is estimated not to exceed \$116,104. Funds for this project are budgeted in Fund 0017, Org Unit 0600, Program 2830, Department 054, and Account 7460.

Special Instructions:

Please forward the following to the Public Works Department, Transportation Division, Engineering Section office, 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, Attn: Lisa Hamilton, ext. 83064:

- A certified, stamped Minute Order approving these recommendations.
- Two duplicate original executed Amendments (one original Amendment to remain on file with the Clerk of the Board).

Attachments:

Attachment A: First Amendment to Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor; with Padre and Associates, County Project No. 862367 (3 original)

Attachment B: Public Works Contract No. PW025

Attachment C: Original Contract Summary Form dated 03-30-2016

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