



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: July 21, 2015
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: Rincon Hill Road Bridge No. 51C-0039 Seismic Gate Project, Federal Project No. BRLOZE-5951 (118), County Project No. 830408 in the First Supervisorial District; and Betteravia Road Safety Improvement, Federal Project No. HRRRL-5951(150), County Project No. 862368 in the Third Supervisorial District

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 all bids from the Rincon Hill Road Bridge Seismic Gate bid opening on Thursday, May 28, 2015; County Project No. 830408 in the First Supervisorial District;
- B. Reject all bids from the Betteravia Road Safety Improvement bid opening on Tuesday, June 16, 2015; County Project No. 862638 in the Third Supervisorial District;
- C. Authorize the Director of Public Works to re-advertise construction bids for the Rincon Hill Road Bridge No. 51C-0039 Seismic Gate Project; County Project No. 830408; First Supervisorial District; and the Betteravia Road Safety Improvement in the Third Supervisorial District Project No. 862368; Federal Project No. HRRRL-5951(150);
- D. Determine that the Rincon Hill Road Bridge No. 51C-0039 Seismic Gate Project was found by your Board to be exempt from the provisions of California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15301 on May 20, 2014, and that a Notice of Exemption was filed on that basis, and that the proposed action is within the scope of the attached Notice of Exemption; and

Rincon Hill Road Bridge No. 51C-0039 Seismic Gate Project, Federal Project No. BRLOZE-5951 (118), County Project No. 830408 in the First Supervisorial District; and Betteravia Road Safety Improvement, Federal Project No. HRRRL-5951(150), County Project No. 862368 in the Third Supervisorial District

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- E. Determine that the Betteravia Road Safety Improvement was found by your Board to be exempt from the provisions of California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15301 on July 1, 2014, and that a Notice of Exemption was filed on that basis, and that the proposed action is within the scope of the attached Notice of Exemption.

Summary Text:

On May 28, 2015, one (1) bid was opened for the Rincon Hill Road Bridge No. 51C-0039 Seismic Gate Project. The lone bid, submitted by Shaw Contracting, Inc., was for \$455,725.00 and is 60% above the engineer's estimate of \$283,605.00.

On June 16, 2015, two (2) bids were submitted for the Betteravia Road Safety Improvement Project. The lone responsive bid, submitted by Souza Construction Inc., was for \$513,000.00 and is 39% above the engineer's estimate of \$312,167.50. A non-responsive bid was submitted by Pavement Coatings Co., for \$407,893.20 and is 20.5% above the engineer's estimate. A bid protest was lodged by Pavement Coatings Co. to waive the non-responsive bid status despite the fact that they failed to attach the addendum as required by bidding instructions. However, rejection and re-advertising the project obviates this protest.

In receiving only one or two bids for both projects, 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 capitalize on a more competitive bidding environment that may result in more responsible and more cost effective bids. Approval of the requested actions will allow the County to reject all bids for the Rincon Hill Road Bridge No. 51C-0039 Seismic Gate Project and Betteravia Road Safety Improvements and authorize the Public Works Department to re-advertise the project in the future.

On July 13, 2015, Shaw Contracting Inc., the lone responsive bidder on the Rincon Hill Seismic Gate Project, was notified of our intent to reject their submitted bid. This action is in compliance with Public Contract Code § 22038, which requires the Department to notify contractors at least two days prior to the Board hearing in which the bid will be rejected.

Again following Public Contract Code § 22038 requirements, Souza Construction Inc., the lone responsive bidder on Betteravia Safety Improvement Project, was notified on July 13, 2015, of the Department's intent to reject their submitted bid.

Background:

The Rincon Hill Road Bridge No. 51C-0039 Project will retrofit the existing Rincon Hill Road Bridge No. 51C-0039 with a seismic gate system, including the installation of two 22-foot long motorized gate arms, flashing beacons and illuminated warning signs at both approaches to the bridge. Control cabinets will be constructed near the bridge to house additional elements of the system, including back-up battery system and a telephone link to alert the County of Santa Barbara Public Works Department when the system has been activated. In addition to these items, some minor improvements will be constructed to protect the proposed installations and provide adequate turn-around width in advance of the seismic gate arms.

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The Rincon Hill Road Bridge No. 51C-0039 Project and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) findings were approved by your Board on May 20, 2014 and a Notice of Exemption (NOE) was filed on that basis. Pursuant to the County's CEQA guidelines, the Department of Public Works has determined that this proposed action is within the scope of that NOE.

The Betteravia Road Safety Improvements Project will consist of the installation of rumble strips along the edge line and the centerline of Betteravia Road/Simas Street and shoulder backing to increase the recovery zone. Additionally, flashing beacons will be installed at the intersection of Black Road and Betteravia Road. A portion of the project will be constructed within the City of Santa Maria at the intersection of Black Road and Betteravia Road.

The Betteravia Road Safety Improvement Project and CEQA findings were approved by your Board on July 1, 2014 and a NOE was filed on that basis. Pursuant to the County's CEQA guidelines, the Department of Public Works has determined that this project is within the scope of that NOE.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Narrative:

Federal Highway Bridge Program (HBP) will fund 88.53% of construction costs for the Rincon Hill Road Bridge No. 51C-0039 Project. State Proposition 1B Seismic funds will provide the remaining 11.47% matching funds. These funds are budgeted in Dept. 054, Fund 0017, Org. 0600, Program 2830, Account 7650.

The Highway Safety Improvement Program will fund 90% of the Betteravia Road Safety Improvement Project; the matching funds of 10% will be provided by Measure "A". Funds for this project have been budgeted in Department 054, Fund 0017, Org Unit 0600, Program 2810 and Account 7510

Special Instructions:

Please provide a certified stamped Minute Order and one copy of the executed document to Gena Valentine Felix, Public Works, Transportation Division, x3064

Attachments:

- A. Bid Summary Sheet for the Rincon Hill Road Bridge No. 51C-0039 Seismic Gate Project
- B. Notice of Exemption (previously approved May 20, 2014)
- C. Bid Summary Sheet for the Betteravia Road Safety Improvement Project
- D. Notice of Exemption (previously approved July 1, 2014)

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