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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA LETTER**

**Department Name:**

Public Works

**Department Number:**

O54

**Agenda Date:**

July 14, 2026

**Placement:**

Administrative Agenda

**Estimated Time:**

N/A

**Continued Item:**

No

**If Yes, date from:**

N/A

**Vote Required:**

Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Director(s): Chris Sneddon, Public Works Director

**CONTACT:** Mostafa Estaji, Deputy Director, Transportation

**SUBJECT: Award Contract to HDR Engineering, Inc. for Construction Support Services on 720864 Santa Claus Lane Streetscape and Coastal Access Improvements Project – Phase 2**

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**Concurrences:**

**County Counsel Concurrence:**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence:**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence: Risk Management**

As to form: Yes

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**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with HDR Engineering, Inc, to provide engineering services during construction for the Santa Claus Lane Streetscape and Coastal Access Improvements Project

- Phase 2, County Project 720864, for the period of July 14, 2026, through June 30, 2028, for an amount of \$99,672.00;
- b) Approve and authorize the Public Works Director, or designee, to make amendments to the Agreement for additional work in an amount not to exceed \$9,967.00 as set forth in Exhibit B of the Agreement, for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$109,639.00;
  - c) Approve and authorize the Public Works Director, or designee, to amend the Agreement to extend the Term of the Agreement by up to one year to complete the work within the scope of the Agreement;
  - d) Consider the environmental effects of the project as shown in the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (19NGD-00000-00005) dated September 16, 2019, adopted by the County of Santa Barbara on September 25, 2019, and find that pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines §15162, no substantial changes are proposed, and there are no substantial changes in circumstances or new information of substantial importance regarding significant impacts or feasibility of mitigation measures and alternative, and therefore approval of the Recommended Actions are within the scope of the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (19NGD-00000-00005). The Final Mitigated Negative Declaration can be found here: <https://cosantabarbara.app.box.com/s/q97rv82305oyfnbdjhcyxrrdhu3dkgqy/file/527282257113>.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda to approve the engineering service support contract (Attachment A) during construction for the Santa Claus Lane Streetscape and Coastal Access Improvements Project – Phase 2 with HDR Engineering Inc., for an amount of \$99,672.00 and contract contingency amount of \$9,967, for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$109,639.00.

**Discussion:**

HDR Engineering, Inc. is the consultant contracted with Community Services Department – Parks Division, for the engineering design of the pedestrian at-grade crossing of Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) facilities, and associated items, to provide coastal access to Santa Claus Lane Beach. This portion of proposed construction has been incorporated into the Santa Claus Lane Streetscape and Coastal Access Improvements Project – Phase 2, County Project 720864. HDR Engineering, Inc. will be responding to requests for information, preparing change order plan sheets, inspection of construction of the pedestrian at-grade crossing, the driven concrete pile-supported boardwalk, excavation and replacement of rock slope protection on the beach, and other related items as it pertains to construction within UPRR right of way.

Under the Agreement, HDR Engineering, Inc. will support the County's construction administration staff, to ensure that the pedestrian at-grade crossing and accessible boardwalk are constructed in compliance with the Construction and Maintenance Agreement executed by County and UPRR. Due to the complex nature of the construction installation and requirements for working within the UPRR right of way, County will benefit from having support during construction activities and closing out the project with UPRR.

**Background:**

The contract with Toro Enterprises, Inc. to construct the Santa Claus Lane Streetscape and Coastal Access Improvements Project – Phase 2, County Project 720864 was awarded by the Board on June 23, 2026, and construction is anticipated to begin in late summer 2026, continuing through summer 2027.

This Agreement is coming to the Board for approval and execution, due to the combined aggregate costs of ongoing contracts between County and HDR Engineering, Inc. that are in excess of \$200,000.

**Contract Renewals:**

HDR Engineering, Inc. is the Engineer of Record of this portion of the project and was previously under contract for design and coordination services with Community Services Department – Parks Division. As the Engineer of Record, the County will normally procure their services to provide engineering support and/or provide design clarification and revisions during construction. HDR Engineering, Inc. delivered final plans, specifications, and engineers’ estimate for that project, working with the Public Works Department staff to finalize these items to include in a combined bid project.

HDR Engineering, Inc. has previously performed construction support activities for the Public Works Department and was awarded an engineering support services contract by the Water Resources Division of Public Works Department on September 17, 2024, to support the Buena Vista Debris Basin project.

This HDR Engineering, Inc. contract was procured as a sole source, with a direct solicitation issued to the firm for a proposal. This is consistent with standard practice for major capital improvement projects. HDR served as the engineer of record for the pedestrian at-grade crossing of the UPRR facilities, which comprises approximately half of the overall project.

Given the complexity of the design and the requirement to maintain strict compliance with UPRR approved plans within the UPRR right of way, it is in the County’s best interest to retain HDR to support Construction Administration staff throughout the construction phase. HDR’s continued involvement is necessary to respond to requests for information, prepare change orders, develop final as-built drawings for UPRR records, and provide general reviews and evaluations to ensure adherence to all UPRR required design and construction standards.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes, costs associated with this project have been included in the FY 2026-27 budget. This project is budgeted in Fund FD-0017, Program PG-0542830, Cost Center CC-54210, Project PRJ-00782 (720864) and Spend Category SC-7460.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Funding Source	FY 26/27	FY 27/28	Total
State – Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) funds	\$85,000.00	\$24,639.00	\$109,639.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$109,639.00</b>

The total cost for the contract is \$109,639.00, which includes the base contract amount of \$99,672.00 and the 10% contingency amount of \$9,967.00.

**Special Instructions:**

Please email the following to Emily Ferguson at [ekferguson@countyofsb.org](mailto:ekferguson@countyofsb.org).

- A Minute Order approving these Board recommended actions.
- Executed contract.

**Attachments:**

**Attachment A** – 720864 – HDR Board Contract (Signature Required)

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