



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER
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Agenda Number:

Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: March 21, 2017
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: Woodmere Barrier Wall Project, County Project No. 862381; Fourth Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve the plans and specifications for the Construction of the Woodmere Barrier Wall Project; County Project No. 862381, Fourth Supervisorial District, on file in the Public Works Department;
- b) Award the attached construction contract in the amount of \$317,316 to the lowest responsible bidder, Souza Construction, Inc., P.O. BOX 3810, CA 93403 (A Tri-County Vendor), subject to the provision of documents and certifications, as set forth in the plans and specifications applicable to the project, as required under California Law;
- c) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached construction contract, which has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel, Auditor-Controller and Risk Manager, or their authorized representatives;
- d) Authorize the Public Works Director or designee to approve change orders for a contingency amount up to \$29,865.80, plus an additional amount of \$30,000 for supplemental work items for the Construction of Woodmere Barrier Wall Project; County Project No. 862381, Fourth Supervisorial District, for a total, not to exceed authorization of \$377,181.80; and
- e) Find that the proposed project 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 that the proposed project is therefore exempt from California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to 14 CCR 15301(c) and approve the filing of the attached Notice of Exemption on that basis.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to award the contract for the construction of Woodmere Barrier Wall Project, County Project No. 862381 (Project), in the Fourth Supervisorial District to the lowest responsible bidder, Souza Construction, Inc., P.O. Box 3810, San Luis Obispo, CA 93403.

On Tuesday, February 2, 2017, seven bids were opened for the Project. Souza Construction Inc. submitted the lowest responsible bid in the amount of \$317,316, which is 41% below the Engineer’s Estimate. The second lowest bid was 34% below the Engineer’s Estimate.

This Project was bid in accordance with the Public Contract Code, which requires the award go to the lowest responsible bidder. Public Works analyzed the bids and determined the low bid is responsive and responsible. Public Works recommends awarding this contract to Souza Construction, Inc.

Project Description

The Project consists of constructing the Woodmere Barrier Wall. The wall consists of three segmented barrier walls that will fill gaps in an existing berm system parallel to the U.S. 101. The barriers will be constructed between Woodmere Drive and U.S. 101, in between existing berms. The height of the Woodmere Barrier Wall is estimated to be between 5-7 feet tall. The cumulative length of the three barrier walls is approximately 600 feet.

Background:

On November 22, 2013 the Union Valley Parkway (UVP) Interchange project was officially opened for public use. Shortly after construction was complete, residents in the unincorporated neighborhoods of Creekside Homeowners Association (Association) expressed concerns about the increased traffic noise and visual impacts they were experiencing as a result of the interchange project opening. Their concerns were expressed to County staff, Caltrans, the North County Subregional Committee and SBCAG. On August 6, 2014, following discussion of these concerns, members of the North County Subregional Committee unanimously recommended that Measure A cost savings be used for project development and construction of barrier walls adjacent to the UVP Interchange. On November 20, 2014, the SBCAG Board approved this recommendation. Measure A cost savings to be used resulted from lower than anticipated construction costs on both the US 101 Santa Maria River Bridge and the UVP/US 101 Interchange projects. On September 22, 2015, the County Board of Supervisors took action to approve and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute a Project Cooperative Agreement with SBCAG to fully fund the project and to define responsibilities between SBCAG and the County. On August 30, 2016 the Board of Supervisors also approved a Project Cooperation Agreement with the Creekside Homeowners Association that established responsibilities associated with wall construction including financial responsibilities, maintenance and legal access needed for construction.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Estimated Revenue FY 15/16-17/18</u>
Regional Measure A - Woodmere barrier wall	\$377,181.80
Total	\$377,181.80

Narrative:

This construction project is fully funded by Regional Measure A, through SBCAG for a total amount of \$377,181.80. This funding is provided to the County for the construction of barrier walls. Funds for construction have been budgeted for FY 2016/17 and 2017/2018 in Dept. 054, Fund 0017, Org Unit 0600, Program 2830, and Account 7510. No county funding will be utilized.

Key Contract Risks:

This contract has been assigned a risk assessment of low. The project is fully funded in FY2016/17 and FY 2017/18.

Special Instructions:

Please forward the following to Public Works, Transportation, and Attention: Gena Valentine Felix, 568-3064:

- A certified, stamped Minute Order approving these Board actions.
- Two duplicate original contracts; keep one original for your file.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Contract for the Construction of the Woodmere Barrier Wall Project; County Project No. 862381, Fourth Supervisorial District (3 original)

Attachment B: Vicinity Map

Attachment C: Notice of Exemption

Authored by:

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cc: Project File