



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER
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Agenda Number:

Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: August 24, 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: **Amendment to the Professional Services Contract (BC 17239) for the Cultural Resource Studies for the Hollister Avenue/State Street Improvements Project, Federal Project No. HPLUL-5951(158); County Project No. 862382**

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 an amendment to the Professional Services Contract, BC 17239, for further implementation of the cultural resource reports related to the Phase II Cultural Resource Study with Rincon Consulting, Inc. (a local vendor), 1530 Monterey Street, Suite D, San Obispo, California 93401, in the amount of \$21,706, for a total contract amount of \$85,476.30, for the Hollister Avenue-State Street Improvements Project, Federal Project No. HPLUL-5951(158); County Project No. 862382;
- b) Find that the proposed contract amendment 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).

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to amend the professional services contract (BC 17239) for further implementation of the Cultural Resource Studies for the Hollister Avenue-State Street Improvements Project.

On September 21, 2016, the Public Works Department advertised a Notice for Request for Proposals (RFP) on the Public Works website seeking a consultant services firm to implement the Phase II Cultural Resource Study for the Hollister Avenue-State Street Improvements Project. Two firms submitted proposals. Both proposals were evaluated and ranked based on criteria described in the RFP. Rincon Consulting, Inc. was determined to be the most qualified firm based on their demonstrated competence and professional qualifications.

Background:

The Hollister Avenue-State Street Improvement Project, designed in part to address circulation and capacity issues, is currently identified in the Goleta Transportation Improvement Program as a mitigation measure for the 1993 Goleta Community Plan (Action CIRC-GV-2.13). Hollister Avenue and State Street are two and four lane arterials that provide the principal east/west circulation through the City of Goleta, the unincorporated area of Santa Barbara County, and the City of Santa Barbara. Hollister Avenue begins at the western end of the City of Goleta at the Winchester Canyon/Highway 101 interchange and merges into State Street near the Modoc Road intersection at the railroad undercrossing. At the railroad bridge, Hollister Avenue becomes State Street and continues until its termination at Cabrillo Boulevard in the City of Santa Barbara.

There is a known archaeological site located within the project limits. During the Phase I Cultural Resource Study, artifacts were found on the ground surface associated with the known archaeological site. Based on previous studies associated with the known archaeological site, there is the potential for intact subsurface deposits to exist within the project area. A Phase II Cultural Resource Study was required to determine if intact subsurface deposits exist and to evaluate those deposits for the National Register of Historic Places and California Register of Historical Resources eligibility.

During the execution of the Phase II Cultural Resource Study intact subsurface cultural deposits were discovered which required additional excavation to recover the deposits outside of the original footprint. To recover any additional cultural deposits Rincon expanded the area by adding testing locations. This additional effort was required by the Federal Highway Administration to determine whether the project would have an adverse effect on historic properties under the National Historic Preservation Act or a significant impact to historical resources under the California Environmental Quality Act.

With the completion of the Phase II Cultural Resource Study, related cultural reports, including the Historical Property Survey Report (HPSR), the Historical Resources Evaluation Report (HRER) and the Archeological Study Report need to be updated to reference the findings of this study and the overall project. In addition, the Finding of No Adverse Effect (FOE) and an Environmentally Sensitive Action Plan (ESA) will require updating with the same references as well as a monitoring plan. All reports require concurrence from the Caltrans Cultural Services Office (Caltrans administers the National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA) document) and the State Historic Preservation Office. Due to the sensitivities described above, concurrence by these agencies requires that the described reports and documents meet their content and formatting requirements.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

SAFETEA-LU	\$ 21,706.00
Total	\$21,706.00

Narrative:

The total professional services costs, including contingencies, amounts to \$21,706. Funds for this project are budgeted in Fund 0017, Org Unit 0600, Program 2830, Department 054, Account 7460. These services are fully funded in the current fiscal year budget.

Key Contract Risks:

This contract has been assigned a risk assessment of low. The remaining preliminary engineering work including the environmental document for this project are fully funded in the current fiscal year budget.

Special Instructions:

Please forward a certified, stamped Minute Order approving the amendment and two duplicate original signature sheets to the contracts to: Gail Ocheltree, Public Works, Transportation Engineering, 123 E. Anapamu Street, ext. 83094. One original executed contract amendment to be filed with the Clerk of the Board.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Second Amendment to Professional Services Contract (BC 17239) for updating Cultural Resource Reports for the Hollister Avenue/State Street Improvements Project. (1 original, 2 duplicate signature sheets).

Attachment B: Copy of original Professional Services Contract (BC 17239)

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