



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: June 20, 2017
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
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: **Purchasing Authorization for Procurement of Aggregates, Hot Mix Asphalts, and Concrete Used in the Construction and Maintenance of County Maintained Roads, All Supervisorial Districts**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Purchasing

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Authorize the Purchasing Agent to waive competitive bidding to procure aggregate materials, hot mix asphalts, and concrete used in the repair and construction of County infrastructure on an as-needed basis from the vendors listed in Table 1, effective through June 30, 2018; and
- b) Determine that the proposed actions are not a “project” under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15378, as they involve administrative and other general policy and procedure making activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment, and direct staff to file the attached Notice of Exemption on that basis.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to authorize the Purchasing Agent to waive competition for procuring materials due to limitations on the source and restrictions in specifications. The timely application of surface treatments and repairs is vital to preserving the County’s investment in our Transportation Infrastructure. For Public Works to respond quickly to compromised road conditions, the Department needs to be able to procure materials used in construction, maintenance, and emergency repair of the County’s Transportation Infrastructure.

There are several reasons for the recommended waiver. Trucking costs for materials outweigh any benefit gained by potential cost savings on materials if they have to come from a long distance away to the job site. Also, vendors typically set the rates for materials versus negotiating costs; and the rates can

vary throughout the year based on factors like the Asphalt Price Index. In addition, proximity to the job site determines which vendor the Department utilizes to supply the needed materials. Getting materials locally is critical when purchasing hot mix asphalt and concrete, as quality specifications dictate it be near the use area. Asphalt specifications require asphalt to arrive at the job at a high temperature that is challenging to maintain for long distances. Hot asphalt performs better, is easier to work with, and has a better finish when it is delivered to the job site at the temperature required by specification. Similarly, concrete should be placed with ninety minutes of leaving the plant. This requires sources to be near construction sites. In addition, trucking costs for materials outweigh any benefit gained by cost savings on materials if they have to come from a long distance away to the job site.

The Department needs to purchase mix from Vulcan Materials Company (located in Oxnard and Cuyama) when working in the southern and eastern portions of the County, as no suppliers exist in the Santa Barbara and Cuyama areas. Historically, portions of the County have been inaccessible during disasters such as storm events, fires, and chemical spills; therefore, the Department needs access to material suppliers that are located south of Gaviota. For these reasons, Public Works is requesting that your Board authorize the Purchasing Agent to procure aggregate materials, HMA, and concrete used in the repair and construction of County infrastructure.

County Code Section 2-39 authorizes the purchasing agent to waive competition where there are limitations on the source or supply, necessary restrictions in specifications, or other valid reasons after approval by the Board of Supervisors.

Your Board approved a similar action on May 20, 2014, which is set to expire on June 30, 2017. Public Works recommends your Board renew the authorization through June 30, 2018, for aggregate materials due to the cost of these items having exceeded the amount at which the Purchasing Agent can procure without additional Board authority. The authorization is not for sole source purchases, but allows the Public Works Department to expedite the purchase of material from vendors without the \$25,000 limit.

The Department requests that your Board renew the following limits for purchasing aggregates, HMA, and concrete for the following vendors:

Table 1

Vendor	Annual Limit	Location of Use
Granite Construction Company (Local Vendor)	\$500,000	Countywide
Cal Portland (Local Vendor)	\$500,000	North and Central County
Hanson Aggregates Inc. (Local Vendor)	\$500,000	North and Central County
Vulcan Materials Company (Tri-County Vendor)	\$500,000	North and South Coast

These are “not to be exceeded” dollar amounts that will allow the Department to purchase materials Countywide from these vendors, to maintain our Transportation Infrastructure.

Background:

This authorization will allow the Purchasing Agent to proceed legally, and without delays in the procurement of road repair materials, which will allow the Public Works Department to respond quickly to the needs of the Maintained System and better serve the traveling public.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: N/A

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative:

There are no direct fiscal impacts as a result of this action. All work and related expenditures for materials have been budgeted in Department 054 as part of operations and capital maintenance activities.

Special Instructions:

Please forward a certified, stamped Minute Order approving this item to Public Works, Transportation Admin, Attention: Gena Valentine Felix, x3064.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Notice of Exemption

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