



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:** May 5, 2020  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:** 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, 805-568-3010  
Contact Info: Chris Sneddon, Deputy Director, Transportation, 805-568-3064  
**SUBJECT:** **Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment Preparation Contract for Hollister Avenue-State Street Improvements Project; Public Works Project No. 862382, Federal Project HPLUL-5951(158), Second Supervisorial District**

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**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) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Rincon Consultants, Inc., 180 North Ashwood Ave, Ventura, CA 93003, for a contract amount of \$91,642.86 and a contingency of \$8,017.85 for a total project authorization of \$99,660.71 to complete the environmental document and cultural resource study for the Hollister Avenue-State Street Improvements Project, County Project 862382, Federal Project HPLUL-5951(158), in the Second Supervisorial District;
- b) Authorize the Director of Public Works or designee to approve amendments to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Rincon Consultants, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$8,017.85; and
- c) Determine the above actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5) because it consists of 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 award a professional Architectural and Engineering services contract to Rincon Consultants, Inc. for completing the environmental document and cultural resource study for the Hollister Ave/State Street Improvements Project.

On September 16, 2019, the Public Works Department solicited proposals from professional engineering firms to complete the Environmental Documents (ED) to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to meet the legal requirements of a complete, adequate, and objective report of the proposed project's environmental consequences. Based on the Special Studies completed, a combined CEQA-NEPA document, Environmental Impact Report (EIR)-Environmental Assessment (EA), will be prepared. Additionally, completion of the Historic Property Survey Report (HPSR) will be completed. On October 7, 2019, two (2) proposals were received. Public Works evaluated the proposals based on selection criteria defined in the request for proposal (RFP). Rincon Consultants, Inc. proposal was responsive, met the qualifications and experience required to perform the work, and was the top ranked proposer as defined by the RFP. Pursuant to the successful negotiations, Public Works recommends awarding the contract to Rincon Consultant, Inc., based on their demonstrated competence and professional qualifications. This is a base plus fixed fee contract, with a base contract of \$80,178.57 and a fixed fee of \$11,464.29. The \$8,017.85 contingency is calculated as 10 percent of the base contract.

**Background:**

The Hollister Avenue - State Street Improvements 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.

This corridor parallels US 101 on its south side from the City of Santa Barbara through the City of Goleta and the unincorporated areas of Goleta. It is a primary alternate route for US 101. Hollister Avenue and the State Street segment are Primary-2 (P-2) roadways in the Santa Barbara County's Circulation Element. Within the Circulation Element, a P-2 is defined as a roadway that serves a high proportion of non-residential development, with some residential lots and few or no driveway curb cuts.

Between San Antonio Road and State Route 154, Hollister Avenue and State Street currently have segments that narrow to two-lanes and create a bottleneck to east/west traffic movements. Within this two-lane section of Hollister Avenue and State Street, the road passes under the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) mainline. Corridor improvements include replacing this aging structure with one wide enough to accommodate the new roadway configuration.

The County's Long Range Planning Division of the Planning and Development Department has also been studying a streetscape plan to improve aesthetics, safety, accessibility, economic vitality, and functionality of the project area. The mixed-use commercial and residential areas along the Hollister-State corridor are expected to evolve over the next 10-20 years to include a cohesive mix of small-scale commercial and

residential uses serving a range of travel modes, including vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians, and transit riders. Preparation of an EIR-EA is the next step in the project development process.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u></b>
SAFETEA LU (80%)	\$ 79,728.57
Mitigation Reimbursements (20%)	\$ 19,932.14
Total	\$ 99,660.71

**Narrative:**

This project is federally funded by SAFETEA-LU funds at 80% and local mitigation reimbursement funds at 20%. The funds are budgeted in Dept. 054, Fund 0017, Org. Unit 0600, Program 2830, and LI Acct 7460 for Fiscal Years 2019/20 and 2020/21.

**Key Contract Risks:**

There is little to no risk associated with this Agreement. The Agreement allows the County to terminate the Agreement upon thirty days written notice for convenience, and costs are not incurred until work is performed by the Contractor.

**Special Instructions:**

Please forward the following items to Gail Ocheltree in the Public Works Department, Transportation Division, 123 E. Anapamu Street, extension 83094:

- A certified, stamped Minute Order approving these recommendations
- Two duplicate originals executed amendment signature pages

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor for the Hollister Ave-State Street Improvements Project, County Project No. 862382, Federal Project HPLUL-5951(158), (3 duplicate originals)

**Authored by:**

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