



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: March 19, 2024
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, 568-3010
Contact Info: Chris Sneddon, Deputy Director -Transportation, 568-3064

SUBJECT: Midwest Guardrail System; County Project No. 820745; First and Third Supervisorial Districts

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 the plans and specifications on file in the Public Works Department Office, for construction of Midwest Guardrail System; County Project No. 820745; First and Third Supervisorial Districts;
- b) Award the attached construction contract, County Project No. 820745 in the amount of \$348,226 to the lowest responsible bidder, The JF Will Company, Inc, 2640 Industrial Parkway Suite 100, Santa Maria, CA 93455, subject to the provision of documents and certifications, as set forth in the 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 Director of Public Works or designee to approve change orders for a contingency amount up to \$29,912 for the construction of Midwest Guardrail System; County Project No. 820745; First and Third Supervisorial Districts, for a total not to exceed authorization of \$378,138;
- e) Determine the project was found by your Board to be exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to 14 CCR 15301(c) (as the proposed project(s) 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), a Notice of Exemption was filed on that basis, and the proposed action is within the scope of that Notice of Exemption (Attachment E).

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to approve the plans and specifications, and award the construction contract for the Midwest Guardrail System to the lowest responsible bidder, The JF Will Company, Inc.

On Thursday, February 1, 2024, three (3) bids were opened for the project. The JF Will Company, Inc, Central Coast Fence, and C&W Construction Specialties, Inc, submitted bids. The JF Will Company, Inc, had the lowest responsible bid in the amount of \$348,226 which is 16.85% above the Engineer’s Estimate. The Project was bid in accordance with the Public Contract Code, which requires the award to go to the lowest responsible bidder. The Department analyzed the bid and determined the lowest bidder is responsible and responsive. Furthermore, the increase over the Engineer’s Estimate is largely a result of the increase in material and labor costs. This escalation is similar to what is being seen across the construction industry in the area. The Department recommends awarding this contract to The JF Will Company, Inc.

Background:

The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) is a core Federal-aid program with the purpose of achieving a significant reduction in traffic collisions and serious injuries on public roads by upgrading existing guardrail to current engineering standards, Midwest Guardrail System. A countywide study on roads with existing guardrail, analyzed traffic collisions, crash potential, and crash rate. The study determined the locations that qualified for the HSIP program. The unincorporated areas of Buellton, Goleta, Montecito, Summerland, and Carpinteria contain road sections with guardrail that is not up to current engineering standards and having a high collision rate. The proposed project would upgrade existing guardrail to current guardrail, Midwest Guardrail System. In addition, the project would reconstruct a portion of Calle Real and Avenue of Flags embankment, providing a strong foundation for the Midwest Guardrail System. The project will include the following:

1st District Locations:

- Whitney Avenue at Valencia Road (*Attachment B-1*)
- South Jameson Lane at Humphrey Road (*Attachment B-2*)
- Via Real 300’ southwest of Sentar Road (*Attachment B-3*)

3rd District Locations:

- Calle Real southeast of Farren Road (*Attachment B-4*)
- Avenue of Flags north of Santa Rosa Road (*Attachment B-5*)



Figure 1: Example of Midwest Guardrail System



Figure 2: Calle Real, Goleta, CA: southeast of Farren Rd, looking east

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

| <u>Funding Sources</u> | <u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u> |
|---|---|
| Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) | \$215,800 |
| SB1 | \$162,338 |
| Total | \$378,138 |

Narrative:

The total construction cost, including contingencies amounts to \$378,138. Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) will fund \$215,800 (57.07%) of the construction cost and Senate Bill 1 (SB1) will fund \$162,338 (42.93%) of the construction cost. Funds for this project are budgeted in Dept. 054, Fund 0016, Org Unit 0500, Program 2750, and Account 7510.

Special Instructions:

Please forward the following to Yanette Luna, Public Works, Transportation, 123 E. Anapamu Street, extension 83094:

- 1) Email a Minute Order approving these recommendations to yluna@countyofsb.org;
- 2) One duplicate original executed contract signature page for 820745;
- 3) one original, fully executed Special Provisions signature sheet for 820745;
- 4) One original, fully executed Title Sheet.

Please keep a copy of each for your records.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Contract for Project No. 820745 (and 1 duplicate original)

Attachment B: Vicinity Maps; Project No. 820745

Attachment C: Original signed Special Provision Sheet; Project No. 820745 (and 1 duplicate original)

Attachment D: Original signed Title Sheet; Project 820745 (and 1 duplicate original)

Attachment E: Notice of Exemption

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