

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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-Agenda Number:
Prepared on: 05/06/03
Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054/02/02
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Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Phillip M. Demery, Director
Public Works

STAFF CONTACT: Dace Morgan, 568-3047
Engineering Manager

SUBJECT: Construction of Bell Street Bridge No. 51C-157 Replacement and Approach Roadway at San Antonio Creek Near the Town of Los Alamos, California, Federal Project No. BRLSZD-5951 (070) in the Third Supervisorial District of Santa Barbara County, County Project No. 862042

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve plans and specifications for the Construction of Bell Street Bridge No. 51C-157 Replacement and Approach Roadway at San Antonio Creek Near the Town of Los Alamos, California, Federal Project No. BRLSZD-5951 (070) in the Third Supervisorial District of Santa Barbara County, County Project No. 862042;
- B. Award the construction contract in the amount of \$ 1,163,622.00 to the lowest responsible bidder, Whitaker Contractors, a California corporation (Not A Local Vendor), P.O. Box 910, Santa Margarita, California 93453, subject to the provisions of documents and certification, as set forth in the plans and specifications applicable to the project and as required by law;
- C. Authorize the chair to execute the construction contract upon return of the Contractor's executed contract documents and the review and approval of the County Counsel, Auditor Controller and Risk Manager or their authorized representatives;
- D. Approve a contingency fund in the amount of \$ 70,681.10 for the Construction of Bell Street Bridge No. 51C-157 Replacement and Approach Roadway at San Antonio Creek Near the Town of Los Alamos, California, Federal Project No. BRLSZD-5951 (070) in the Third Supervisorial District of Santa Barbara County, County Project No. 862042.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 1, An Efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

On Thursday, May 1, 2003, six (6) bids were opened for the Construction of Bell Street Bridge No. 51C-157 Replacement and Approach Roadway at San Antonio Creek Near the Town of Los Alamos, California, Federal Project No. BRLSZD-5951 (070) in the Third Supervisorial District of Santa Barbara County, County Project No. 862042. The lowest responsible bid was submitted by Whitaker Contractors, a California corporation, in the amount of \$ 1,163,622.00, which was 34% below the Engineer’s Estimate. Although the bid is lower than the Engineer’s Estimate, there are very few bridge replacement projects under construction this year in the local area. In addition, it appears that the local contractors may have a borrow site near the project for the earthwork that was not considered in the Engineer’s Estimate. It is Staff’s opinion that the local contractor’s bid this job accordingly and this is observed by the difference between the first and second low bids being only 10% apart. Staff has performed an analysis of the bids received and has determined that the low bid is responsible and reasonable. Staff has contacted Whitaker and they are satisfied with the bid presented. Therefore, Staff recommends awarding this contract to Whitaker Contractors.

The project consists of replacing the existing eight span, 97.6-meter (320-foot) long steel girder and concrete bridge originally built in 1932 over San Antonio Creek. The proposed 34.5-meter (113 feet) structure is a single-span bridge and has been designed to accommodate two 3.6-meter (11.81 feet) lanes and two 1.5-meter (4.92 feet) shoulder/bike lanes on each side of the bridge. The construction will begin in early June 2003 and will last for approximately one year. Bell Street will be closed from mid June until early January 2004 as part of the construction. A detour will be in place for through traffic prior to the closure. Staff is working with the community to provide information regarding the closure and detour route.



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Your Board approved the project as part of the 2002/2003 Capital Improvement Plan.

This project was bid in accordance with the Public Contract Code, which requires the award to the lowest responsible bidder.

Mandates and Service Levels:

No change in programs or service levels.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Funding for this project is 80% provided by the Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation (HBRR) program (\$987,442.48) and the remaining 20% (\$246,860.62) provided by Measure 'D' monies. Measure 'D' funding for the project is budgeted in Fund 0015, Org Unit 0002, Program 2900, Department 054 and Account 7511.

Special Instructions:

Please provide a certified stamped Minute Order approving these actions to the Engineering Section, Attention Sophia Rodriguez.

Concurrence:

County Counsel
Auditor Controller
Risk Manager

Attachments:

None