

## 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: August 29, 2023

Placement: Administrative

If Yes, date from:

Vote Required: Majority

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director, 805-568-3010

Director(s)

Contact Info: Chris Sneddon, Deputy Director, Transportation, 805-568-3064

**SUBJECT:** Agreement for Services of Independent Contract Hamner, Jewell, & Associates

for Modoc Multi-Use Path Phase II Right of Way Acquisition; County Project

No. 862416; Second Supervisorial District

#### **County Counsel Concurrence**

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence** 

As to form: Yes 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 Beacon Integrated Professional Resources Inc., DBA, Hamner, Jewell & Associates, for Modoc Multi-Use Path right of way acquisition for a total amount not to exceed \$25,500 with a term of August 29, 2023 to June 30, 2025; and
- b) Approve and authorize the Director of Public Works to, in accordance with the Agreement, extend the period of performance for up to a period of one year (§ 4.B); make immaterial amendments (§ 34); and, suspend performance (§ 44); 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 execute an Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Beacon Integrated Professional Resources Inc., DBA, Hamner, Jewell & Associates (HJA) not to exceed \$25,500 for right of way acquisition services for Phase II of the Modoc Multi-Use Path project.

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Although this contract is not in excess of the Purchasing Agent's \$200,000 delegated contracting authority, due to existing County contracts with Hamner, Jewell & Associates, Board approval is required to execute this contract.

#### **Background:**

This project will construct 1.1 miles of Class I (multi-use) path along Modoc Road for bicyclists, runners, and pedestrians of all ages and abilities. It will complete the last major gap in this regional network identified in the Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan and the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments Regional Active Transportation Plan. The alignment follows the south side of Modoc Road, transforming it into a multimodal corridor for commuter and recreational travel.

The westerly end of the alignment lies within the County right of way before it meanders outside the County right of way and into the Modoc Preserve for about 1,600 feet, running between Vista Clara on the west, and Via Zorro on the east, then it continues east through County right of way, ending at the intersection of Modoc Road and Via Senda. Santa Barbara County is seeking an easement over a portion of the Modoc Preserve owned by La Cumbre Mutual Water Company (LCMWC). The Modoc Preserve is encumbered by a conservation easement. Both LCMWC and the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County, the conservation easement holder, must authorize and approve the easement. The Agreement with HJA recommended for approval in this Board Letter will facilitate the County's acquisition of permanent easements over these properties so as to complete Phase II of the project.

Over the last several months, the County has received substantial feedback from a stakeholder group comprised of neighbors, bicyclists, pedestrians, equestrians, the property owner, the easement holder, and the Second District office.

The environmental document Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) that looks at potential project impacts and minimum mitigations required to address these impacts was approved by the Board of Supervisors on November 1, 2022. The County applied for State Active Transportation Program funding for the project and received \$5.35M. This, along with local matching funds, will be used to build the path in two phases. Phase I was approved by your Board for construction on May 24, 2022. Extending from the City of Santa Barbara on the east to Via Senda on the west, this phase is currently under construction and anticipated to be completed by the end of August 2023. Phase II of the Modoc Multi-Use Path is currently in the detailed engineering phase and transitioning into the right of way coordination and utility coordination phase.

#### **Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

## **Fiscal Analysis:**

Funding Sources	Total One-Time Project Cost	
General Fund	\$	25,500.00
Total	\$	25,500.00

#### Narrative:

Funding for this project is included in the FY 2023-24 Adopted Budget in Dept. 054, Fund 0017, Program 2830, Org Unit 0600 and uses General Fund as the local match for the State Alternative

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Transportation Program (ATP) Grant. General Fund is being used as a local match for the State grant for design and project development.

### **Special Instructions:**

Please forward the following to the Public Works Department, Transportation Division, Engineering Section office, 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, Attn: Yanette Luna, ext. 83094:

- A certified, stamped Minute Order approving these recommendations.
- One duplicate original executed Agreements (one original Agreement to remain on file with the Clerk of the Board).

#### **Attachments:**

Attachment A: Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Hamner Jewell and Associates, County Project No. 862418 (2 original)

## **Authored by:**

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