



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)

Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
Agenda Date: October 7, 2025
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director(s): Chris Sneddon, Public Works Director
Mostafa Estaji, Deputy Director, Transportation
SUBJECT: Award of Contract for the Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring for Foothill Road Low Water Crossing Bridge Replacement Over the Cuyama River, Bridge NO. 51C-0381, FEDERAL-AID NO. BRLO-5951(184), County Project No. 862438; First Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

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 the Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring for Foothill Road Low Water Crossing Bridge Replacement over the Cuyama River, Bridge NO. 51C-0381, FEDERAL-AID NO. BRLO-5951(184), County Project No. 862438 (Project) in the First Supervisorial District;
- b) Award the attached construction contract for County Project No. 862438 in the amount of \$693,670 to the lowest responsive and sole bidder, Quincon Inc.;
- c) Authorize the Director of Public Works, or designee, to approve change orders for the Project, for a contingency amount up to \$47,184 for a total not to exceed authorization of \$740,854;
- d) 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; and
- e) Find that pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15162, no substantial changes are proposed, and no new information of substantial importance has come to light regarding environmental effects of the project or of the sufficiency or feasibility of mitigation measures, and therefore the proposed actions are

within the scope of the Proposed Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (16NGD-00000-00008) and Mitigation Monitoring Program adopted by the Board upon approval of the project on December 13, 2016, and therefore no new environmental document is required. The MND (16NGD-00000-00008) can be found as Attachment A here: <https://santabarbara.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=2903287&GUID=99C13CF5-2288-4B8E-94F4-269026E1465E&Options=&Search=>

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to approve and award the contract to implement Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring for the Foothill Road Low Water Crossing Replacement, Bridge NO. 51C-0381, FEDERAL-AID NO. BRLO-5951(184), County Project No. 862438 and to award a construction contract to Quincon, Inc. in the amount of \$693,670.

This project was bid twice. It was advertised on March 27, 2025 and bids opened on April 17, 2025. Only one bid was received from Quincon Inc. and the bid was 59% higher than the Engineer's Estimate. After consultation with Caltrans, it was determined that the Project should be bid again to seek additional bidders. After a second advertisement on May 22, 2025, bids opened on June 17, 2025. Again, only one bid was received from Quincon Inc. and the bid amount was the same. County staff made proactive outreach efforts during both the initial and rebid processes to encourage competitive participation. This included direct contact with prospective bidders to notify them of the bid opportunities and follow-up inquiries to understand reasons for non-participation.

This project was bid in accordance with the Public Contract Code, which requires the award to go to the lowest responsible bidder. The Department conferred with Caltrans and reviewed the bid documents submitted by the lowest bidder, Quincon Inc. and found their bid to be both responsive and responsible. The Department recommends awarding this contract to Quincon Inc.

Discussion:

The Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring Plan for the Foothill Road Low Water Crossing Replacement, Bridge NO. 51C-0381, FEDERAL-AID NO. BRLO-5951(184), County Project No. 862438 is a regulatory permit requirement for the construction of the Foothill Road Low Water Crossing Replacement, Bridge No. 51C-0381 over the Cuyama River, Federal Project BRLO-NBIL(512), County Project No. 862339, which was completed in Fall 2023 under the Federal Highway Administration's Highway Bridge Program. The Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring Plan will be funded by the Highway Bridge Program (BRLO) in the amount of \$740,854.

This Project consists of approximately 2.02 acres of habitat restoration area. Habitat mitigation and restoration includes planting, invasive species management, maintenance, monitoring, and reporting.

This Project complies with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District Nationwide Permit Verification (SPL-2019-00504-EBR), Central Coast Water Quality Control Board, Water Quality Certification No. 34219WQ16, and California Department of Fish and Wildlife, 1602 Streambed Alteration Agreement, No. 1600-2017-0090-R5.

Background:

The County Board of Supervisors awarded the construction of the Foothill Road Low Water Crossing Replacement, Bridge No. 51C-0381 over the Cuyama River, Federal Project BRLO-NBIL(512), County Project No. 862339 in January 2022. The purpose of the low water crossing removal and bridge

replacement was to provide public safety improvements, including safe crossing of the Cuyama River during all weather events and to maintain a critical emergency access road.

Construction was completed in Fall 2023. The new bridge consists of a multi-span cast-in-place posttensioned concrete slab bridge with seat abutments founded on pile footings. The structure is 1,430' long and 39', 10" wide, including two 12-foot travel lanes, two 4-foot paved shoulders, and a 5-foot wide pedestrian walkway. The top of the bridge deck is a maximum of 20 feet above the river bed. The project also includes approach roadways and drainage improvements. Existing maintenance access roads along the river banks tie into the revised Foothill Road profile.

The County conducted a CEQA review of the project's potential environmental impacts pursuant to the requirements of CEQA and adopted the Proposed Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) (16NGD-00000-00008) and the Habitat Mitigation Monitoring Plan included in the MND. The Notice of Determination was filed on June 8, 2018. Subsequently, the Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring Plan for the Foothill Road Low Water Crossing Replacement, Bridge NO. 51C-0381, FEDERAL-AID NO. BRLO-5951(184), County Project No. 862438, was developed as a permit requirement.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

The total construction costs, including contingencies, amounts to \$740,854. The project is 100% reimbursable by the Highway Bridge Program. Total amounts by funding source are listed in the table below. Funds for this project are budgeted in Dept. 054, Fund 0017, Org. 0600, Program 2820, Line 7510 in FIN.

Funding Source	FY 2025-2026	FY 2026-2027	FY 2027-2028	FY 2028-2029	FY 2029-2030	Total
Federal-BRLO	\$414,176	\$83,669	\$81,003	\$81,003	\$81,003	\$740,854
Total	\$414,176	\$83,669	\$81,003	\$81,003	\$81,003	\$740,854

Special Instructions:

Please send to Public Works – Transportation, Ashley Kruzel, akruzel@countyofsb.org, the following documents:

- A Minute Order approving these Board actions
- Executed contract (County Project for Mitigation and Monitoring Plan for the Foothill Road Low Water Crossing Replacement, Bridge NO. 51C-0381, FEDERAL-AID NO. BRLO-5951(184), County Project No. 862438). Original copy to be filed with the Clerk of the Board
- Signed Plans Title Sheet. Original copy to be filed with the Clerk of the Board.
- Signed Special Provisions sheet. Original copy to be filed with the Clerk of the Board.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Original Construction Contract for Habitat Mitigation Monitoring Plan for the Foothill Road Low Water Crossing Removal and Construction of Bridge 51C-031 on the Cuyama River, Bridge NO. 51C-0381, FEDERAL-AID NO. BRLO-5951(184), County Project No. 862438

Attachment B – Original Habitat Mitigation Monitoring Plan for the Foothill Road Low Water Crossing Removal and Construction of Bridge 51C-031 on the Cuyama River

Attachment C – Original signed Restoration Plans for the Habitat Mitigation Monitoring Plan for the Foothill Road Low Water Crossing Removal and Construction of Bridge 51C-031 on the Cuyama River

Attachment D – Original signed Special Provisions Sheet

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