



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:** April 4, 2023  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director: Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works, 568-3010  
Contact Info: Chris Sneddon, Deputy Director, Transportation, 568-3064  
**SUBJECT:** Second Amendment to Bonita School Road Environmental Clearance Contract;  
Project No. 862367; Fifth Supervisorial District

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrences:** Risk Management

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Second Amendment to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Padre and Associates Inc. for the Bonita School Road Bridge 51C-230 Replacement Project No. 862367 over the Santa Maria River to extend the term of the contract to April 30, 2024 and to increase the original contract amount of \$116,104 by \$45,000 for a total Agreement amount up to and not to exceed \$161,104 for additional field surveys and 408 permit support and analysis; and
- b) Find that the proposed contract extension, does not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to 14 CCR 15378 (b)(5) (Organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.), therefore no environmental document is required.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda to amend the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Padre and Associates for the Bonita School Road Bridge 51C-230 Replacement Project. During the last year, it was determined that Section 408 permitting assistance was needed after reviewing the project permitting requirements from the United States Army Corps of Engineers. The Second Amendment to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor (Attachment A) addresses the proposed changes to increase the scope of work and cost to the existing contract.

In addition, a time extension is being requested to complete the environmental clearance process. This amendment will extend the performance period term of the environmental documentation services contract. The Second Amendment (Attachment A) extends the contract end date to April 30, 2024, which is one year from the Agreement’s first extension end date.

**Background:**

This contract, executed by your Board on April 19, 2016, was extended on April 30, 2021 and is set to expire on April 30, 2023. Extending this contract will allow for continued environmental analysis to complete the required environmental documents for the project. Work on parts of the contract was delayed while the project team worked to incorporate a design optimization plan to reduce the overall project costs. In addition, essential in-person meetings required to coordinate and conduct field studies were postponed due to COVID-19 until Santa Barbara County established protocol for in-person and field meetings.

Where Bonita School Road crosses the Santa Maria River, the river is roughly 2,300’ wide and is bounded by levees on each bank. The previous low water crossing was replaced with salvaged railroad flatcar bridge elements with a long approach fill roadway in the river channel, which would intentionally be breached during a high flow event. For most of the year, this crossing is dry and available to public traffic. However, it requires frequent maintenance and often becomes rutted and rough. Additionally, during high river flow events the road must be closed as a precaution because it has the potential to be washed away, causing the road to close for an extended duration of time. Since January 1, 2023, the road has been closed for extended periods due to damage to the embankment and scour behind the southern bridge abutment, resulting in hundreds of thousands of dollars in damages. The detour route is approximately 12 miles in either traffic direction using Bonita School Road, State Highways 166 and 1.

The existing railcar bridge is fracture critical. Due to the deficiencies and structure type, it is not prudent to rehabilitate, thus replacement is the preferred alternative. In addition, replacement permitting requirements dictate the bridge must span the entire riverbed, making it over a half mile long. The new structure will be funded through the Highway Bridge Program (HBP). Construction will require a High Cost Bridge Agreement with the HBP, which requires a funding plan where the County pays costs up front and is reimbursed on an agreed-to schedule. The Department will return to your Board with details of these requirements as the project advances to pre-construction stages.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>Total Project Cost</u></b>	<b><u>Increase</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
Federal (HBP)	\$ 102,787		
Toll Credit	\$ 13,317		
	\$ 116,104	\$45,000	\$161,104

**Narrative:**

The cost associated with the time extension amendment will be federally reimbursed through the Highway Bridge Program (HBP). The cost for the original contract scope is 100% funded by the Highway Bridge Program with toll credits. This project will be reimbursed 88.53% through Federal HBP and 11.47% through Toll Credit funds. The total cost for the environmental services is estimated not to exceed \$161,104. Funds for this project are budgeted in Fund 0017, Org Unit 0600, Program 2830, Department 054, and Account 7460.

**Special Instructions:**

Please forward the following items to Yanette Luna in the Public Works Department, Transportation Division, 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA Tel: 805-568-3094

- A certified, stamped Minute Order approving these recommendations.
- One duplicate original executed amendment, one complete original amendment to remain with Clerk of the Board

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Second Amendment scope increase and time extension to Board Contract PW025 (1 duplicate original signature page)

Attachment B: Executed Original Board Contract PW025

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