

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Phillip M. Demery, Director
Public Works

STAFF

CONTACT: Eric Pearson, Construction Section Manager, 681-5686

SUBJECT: Construction of Bell Street Bridge No. 51C-0157 Replacement and Approach Roadway at San Antonio Creek Near the Town of Los Alamos, California
Federal Project No. BRLSZD-5951 (070) County Project No. 862042.
(Third Supervisorial District.)

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve and authorize the execution of Contract Change Order No. 5 in the amount of \$92,500.00 for Construction of Bell Street Bridge No. 51C-0157 Replacement and Approach Roadway.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 1, An Efficient Government Able to Anticipate and Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

Your Board entered into a Contract on May 20, 2003, in the amount of \$1,163,622.00 to Whitaker Contractors, Inc., (not a local vendor) for construction of Bell Street Bridge No. 51C-0157 Replacement and Approach Roadway.

Contract Change Order No. 5 covers all costs associated with a differing site condition encountered during the removal of the original 320 foot long steel girder and concrete bridge constructed in 1932 over San Antonio Creek. Unforeseen costs were incurred from additional handling and disposal of lead paint contaminated material, and for the additional effort required for extraction of existing foundation piles that proved to be embedded deeper than indicated on the record drawings from 1932 when the structure was originally built.

County staff has discussed this matter with senior personnel at the Caltrans Headquarters in Sacramento, as well as their local District 5 office to confirm their support that a differing site condition existed. Caltrans has also committed to participate in these additional project costs and reimburse the County for 80% of the costs associated with this change. Contract Change Order No. 5 represents a payment of expenses due to the differing site conditions as an adjustment of compensation for two separate claims submitted by Whitaker Contractors Inc., filed with this Department on June 23, 2003, and September 19, 2003.

The project was completed and accepted by the County on March 11, 2004. Bell Street, which was closed for this construction, reopened to public traffic on February 9, 2004 with minimal delays due to this change.



Mandates and Service Levels:

No change in program or service level.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Funding for Contract Change Order No. 5 will be paid for from the original project amount of \$1,163,622.00, with the approved contingency fund amount of \$70,681.10, for a total approved project cost of \$1,234,303.10. With this change, the project contingency balance remaining is \$6,185.85. 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) is provided by Measure 'D' funding. Measure 'D' funding for this project is budgeted in Fund 0015, Org Unit 0002, Program 2900, Department 054 and Account 7511.

Special Instructions:

Retain one copy and return all others to this Department to the attention of Linda Thompson ext. 8780, Construction Division, at 2400 Professional Parkway Suite 150 Santa Maria, Calif.

Concurrence:

None required.

Attachments: #1 Change Order Memorandum
#2 Contract Change Order No. 5