



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: June 26, 2012  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme: 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 Department, 568-3010  
Contact Info: Eric Pearson, Interim Deputy Director, Transportation, 568-3064  
**SUBJECT:** Construction of El Embarcadero Enhancement Project – Phase 2, Third  
Supervisorial District, County Project No. 310312R

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve plans and specifications for Construction of El Embarcadero Enhancement Project – Phase 2, Third Supervisorial District of Santa Barbara County; County Project No. 310312R;
- B. Award the construction contract in the amount of \$640,952.60 to the lowest responsible bidder, JJ Fisher Construction Inc., 2250 Mahoney Rd., Suite B, Santa Maria, CA 93455 subject to the provision of documents and certifications, as set forth in the plans and specifications applicable to the project, as required under California Law;
- C. Approve and 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 \$44,547.63 for Construction of El Embarcadero Enhancement Project – Phase 2, Third Supervisorial District of Santa Barbara County; County Project No. 310312R;
- E. Find that the proposed actions are administrative activities that do not constitute a “Project” within the meaning of CEQA, pursuant to 14 CCR 15378(b)(2), that the proposed actions are therefore exempt from CEQA; and
- F. Approve the filing of Notice of Exemption and all further administrative activities, including the Statement of Final Quantities, on that basis.

**Summary Text:**

On Thursday, May 31, 2012, eight (8) bids were opened for the Construction of El Embarcadero Enhancement Project – Phase 2, in the Third District of Santa Barbara County; County Project No. 310312R. JJ Fisher Construction Inc. submitted the lowest responsible bid in the amount of \$640,952.60, which is 13.1% below the Engineer’s Estimate.

This project was bid in accordance with the Public Contract Code, which requires the award to the lowest responsible bidder. The Department analyzed bids and determined the low bidder is responsible. The difference between the first and second low bidder was 3.2 percent. The difference between the low bidder and third low bidder was 3.6 percent, which is common for projects of this scope. The low bid is attributed to a favorable bidding climate due to the current economy. Staff recommends awarding this contract to JJ Fisher Construction Inc.

The first phase included the removal of the existing curb, gutter and any existing sidewalks along the westerly side El Embarcadero narrowing the existing pavement by 4-feet to allow for 8-foot sidewalks, street lights and street trees. Street lights and street trees were left to be installed as part of this Phase 2 project. Phase 2 consists of reconstructing the curb, gutter and sidewalks along the east side of the El Embarcadero Road, narrowing the roadway to two, 11-foot paved traffic lanes with 5-foot bike lanes and 8-foot sidewalks.



*Infill, Remove and Reconstruct Concrete Sidewalk, Curb and Gutter and narrow roadway by 4-foot to allow for wider sidewalks, street trees (King Palm) and pedestrian scale street lights.*

The traffic control plan for this project includes closing El Embarcadero between El Nido and Del Playa to through traffic for the duration of the project. One way traffic will be allowed to El Nido and a detour will be implemented to route traffic around El Embarcadero. Short-term detours, lane closures and flaggers will be required temporarily for some construction operations. The Department will notify emergency response services, primary landowners and will use portable, changeable message signs to notify the traveling public.

Fifty (50) working days are allotted for this construction project (excluding plant establishment), with an additional Five hundred (500) working days for plant establishment. Construction is scheduled to begin on July 23, 2012, and finish in late September 2012, weather permitting. However, the Department will work with the contractor to begin sooner if possible.

**Background:**

Your Board approved the filing of the CEQA Exemption on February 16, 2010, in conformance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c).

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund	\$ 685,500.23		\$ 685,500.23

**Narrative:**

Construction cost, including contingency, totals \$685,500.23, and will come from the General Fund budgeted in Fund 0017, Organizational Unit 0600, Program 2830, Account Number 7510. This project is funded in FY 2012-2013.

**Special Instructions:**

Please forward a certified, stamped copy of the Minute Order approving these recommendations to Gena Valentine Felix in the Public Works Department, Transportation Admin, x3064.

**Attachments:**

Draft Contract - Construction of El Embarcadero Enhancement Project - Phase 2, County Project No. 310312R  
CEQA-Notice of Exemption

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