



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Agenda Number:

Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: November 3, 2015
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director: Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Department, 568-3010
Contact Info: Chris Sneddon, Deputy Director, Transportation, 568-3064
SUBJECT: Construction of Highway Safety Improvement on Betteravia Road in the Third Supervisorial District, County Project No. 862368, Third Supervisorial District

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 the Construction of Highway Safety Improvement on Betteravia Road; Federal Aid Project No. HRRRL-5951(150); County Project No. 862368, Third Supervisorial District, on file in the Public Works Department office;
- b) Award the construction contract in the amount of \$480,453.00 to the lowest responsible bidder, CalPortland Construction (a local vendor), 1625 E. Donovan Road, Santa Maria, CA 93454, 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 attached construction contract, which has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel, Auditor-Controller and Risk Manager, or their authorized representatives;
- d) Authorize the Public Works Director or designee to approve change orders for a contingency amount up to \$36,522.65, plus an additional amount of \$45,000.00 for supplemental work items for the Construction of Highway Safety Improvement on Betteravia Road; Federal Aid Project No. HRRRL-5951(150); County Project No. 862368, Third Supervisorial District, for a total project authorization of \$561,975.65; and
- e) Find the proposed actions are for existing facilities, which consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing,

including but not limited to existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities, and that the proposed actions are therefore exempt from California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to 14 CCR 15301(c) and approve and direct staff to file the attached Notice of Exemption on that basis.

Summary Text:

On Thursday, August 13, 2015, one bid was opened for the Construction of Highway Safety Improvement on Betteravia Road; Federal Aid Project No. HRRRL-5951(150); County Project No. 862368, Third Supervisorial District. CalPortland Construction submitted the lowest responsible bid in the amount of \$480,453, which is 31.6% above the Engineer’s Estimate. This project was previously advertised, and bids were opened on June 16, 2015. The lone responsive bid from Souza Construction was rejected, as it was 64% higher than the engineer’s estimate. This project consists of specialized work, and unique construction items, which can lead to fluctuations in bid prices. Evaluating the two bids and similar work by Caltrans in the District, Public Works confirmed that the Engineer’s Estimate is low and recommends awarding the contract at this time.

This project was bid in accordance with the Public Contract Code, which requires the award to the lowest responsible bidder. The Department analyzed the bids and determined the low bid is responsive and responsible. Public Works recommends awarding this contract to CalPortland Construction.

Background:

This project will improve safety on Betteravia Road between Main Street and Black Road in the Third Supervisorial District. Centerline and edge line rumble strips will be installed, as well as flashing beacons which act as advance warning at the intersection of Black Road. Locations are included as Attachment A. Construction is scheduled to begin in January and to be completed March 2016. Traffic control will be provided and delays are anticipated to be less than 15 minutes. The Department will notify emergency response services and will use construction area signs to notify the traveling public.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

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| HSIP | \$ | 505,778.00 |
| Measure A | \$ | 56,198.00 |
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| Total | \$ | 561,976.00 |

Narrative:

This project is funded by Federal HSIP and Local Measure A funds. The total construction costs, including contingencies, amounts to \$561,975.65. Funds for this project are budgeted in Fund 0017, Org Unit 0600, Program 2820, Department 054, Account 7510.

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Key Contract Risks:

The contract risk for this project is low. The project is fully funded in the current fiscal year budget, and the contractor has performed numerous similar projects for the County.

Special Instructions:

Please forward a certified, stamped Minute Order approving these recommendations, and two original executed contracts to Blair Gilbertson in the Public Works Department, Transportation Admin, 123 E. Anapamu Street, ext. 3094, one executed original contract to be filed with the Clerk of the Board.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Vicinity Map for the Construction of Highway Safety Improvement on Betteravia Road; Federal Aid Project No. HRRRL-5951(150); County Project No. 862368, Third Supervisorial District

Attachment B: Construction Contract of Highway Safety Improvement on Betteravia Road; Federal Aid Project No. HRRRL-5951(150); County Project No. 862368, Third Supervisorial District (3 original)

Attachment C: Notice of Exemption

Authored by:

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