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City Manager's Report
March 25, 2025 City Council Meeting
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Item #: 12.5

Subject: Consider advertising plans, specifications, and contract documents for bidding for Phase 1 of the construction of the Thompson Way Repaving Project (CIP #42206) and the Sherman Street Repaving Project (CIP #42208).

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing staff to advertise plans, specifications, and contract documents for bidding for Phase 1 of the construction of the Thompson Way Repaving Project (CIP #42206) and Sherman Street Repaving Project (CIP #42208).

Purpose: Plans and specifications have been finalized and are ready to be advertised for public bidding for the first phase of construction of the Thompson Way and Sherman Street Repaving Projects.

Strategic Plan Strategy: Infrastructure: Strategy 4. Update and Maintain City owned infrastructure.

Background: Thompson Way, which provides access to Sierra Elementary School, is currently in poor condition. The Public Works Department receives regular complaints about Thompson Way and they spend a significant amount of time cold patching the pavement. The City Council adopted the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Capital Improvement Program Budget which included the Thompson Way Repaving Project (CIP #42206) and the Sherman Street Repaving Project (CIP #42208). The City Council adopted the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Capital Improvement Program budget, which included the Sheridan Street Paving Project (CIP #42324). All three of these streets are contiguous from Cedar Ravine to Washington Street. The City's 2014 Pavement Management Program Report scored the Pavement Condition Index (PCI) for these roads as follows:

- Thompson Way: 15 (Very Poor/Failed)
- Sheridan Street: 12 (Very Poor/Failed)
- Sherman Street: 46 (Poor)

The projects will rehabilitate the roadway pavement through a variety pavement repair or replacement. The projects also include the repair and replacement of City sewer mains, water system maintenance/improvements, and storm drain system repair/replacement, all of which have been determined to be in poor condition.

The projects are locally funded with Measure L funds.

Discussion:

On May 28, 2024, the City Council approved a Consulting Services Agreement with Rick Engineering for engineering design services for all three projects (for CIP #42206 in an amount not to exceed \$120,500, for CIP #42208 in an amount not to exceed \$38,800, and for CIP #42324 in an amount not to exceed \$68,400).

During the design phase, Rick Engineering completed a comprehensive evaluation of the existing underground utilities (water, sewer and storm drain) within all three projects limits and has provided recommendations for repair, replacement, and maintenance of these City owned utilities. Given the location of Sierra Elementary School within the project limits, Staff has been coordinating with the Placerville Union School District and has agreed that construction activities may only take place during summer break, between the first week of June and the first week of August. Based on the number of working days associated with the construction of the projects, the City will not have enough time this year to complete the entire project. Staff made the decision to phase the project: the utility work will be completed under Phase 1 in the Summer of 2025, and all three roads will be paved under Phase 2 in the Summer of 2026. Sheridan Street has no proposed underground utility work and so this project will not be included in Phase 1.

Additionally, during the design phase, staff discovered that Sierra Elementary School sits on a very large parcel, and it does not contain public street right-of-way for Thompson Way. Staff evaluated this in detail and performed a thorough review of the mapping history. The parcel maps indicate the intent to maintain a public street through the parcel, but a formal easement was never established. For all intents and purposes, this road has always been used by the public as a public local street connecting between an arterial (Cedar Ravine Road) and a collector (Washington Street). Staff met with the School District and discussed this matter, and they agreed to grant a Road and Utility Easement for Thompson Way. This will be completed prior to performing the paving in the Summer of 2026. A small portion of the City's sewer main (within the pavement of Thompson Way) is located on the School parcel, so staff has obtained a signed Permit to Enter and Construct from the School District, allowing the City to perform the work on the sewer main.

The draft construction bid documents for Phase 1 of the Thompson Way Repaving Project and Sherman Street Repaving Project are complete, and staff is respectfully requesting authorization to release the final bid documents for public bidding. Staff intends to advertise the projects together and award one construction contract for both projects.

Since this is a smaller, locally funded project, Engineering staff plans to perform the construction management and inspection services in-house.

The construction cost of Phase 1 based on the Engineer's Estimate provided by Rick Engineering, Inc. is in the amount of \$630,000 for Thompson Way (including contingency) and \$210,000 for Sherman Street. Actual costs will be identified upon receipt of construction bids. At the time of the Council's award of the construction contract, budget appropriations for additional construction funds will be sought for the construction contract.

A tentative schedule of the project milestones are as follows:

Final bid documents are provided to City..... March 21, 2025

Advertise Bid Documents for Construction.....	March 26, 2025
Public Notification (Mt. Democrat and others)	March 26, 2025
Bid Opening.....	April 17, 2025
Award Construction Contract.....	May 13, 2025
Phase 1 Construction start.....	June 2025
Phase 1 Construction finish	August 2025

The design of Phase 2 of all three projects will proceed to prepare for construction in 2026. Staff will return to the Council to request approval of an Amendment to Consulting Services Agreement with Rick Engineering to prepare public Road and Utility Easement documents associated with Thompson Way.

Options:

1. Authorize advertisement for the construction of Phase 1 of the Thompson Way and Sherman Street Repaving Projects for public bidding.
2. Provide other direction to staff.

Environmental: Both projects were determined to be Categorically Exempt according to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 because the project involves the rehabilitation and replacement of existing facilities and negligible expansion of use of the public roadway. The Notices of Exemption were filed separately on the same day with the El Dorado County Recorder’s Office on November 3, 2021.

Cost: There is no cost associated with tonight’s action.

Budget Impact: There is no budget impact associated with tonight’s action.



 M. Cleve Morris, City Manager



 Melissa Savage, City Engineer

Attachments:

- A. Resolution
- B. Project Limits Exhibit