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City Manager's Report
April 8, 2025, City Council Meeting
Prepared by: Melissa Savage, City Engineer
Item #: 7.5

Subject: Consider authorizing the Engineering Department to prepare and release a Request for Proposals for Construction Management Services for the Placerville Drive Pedestrian Connectivity project (CIP #42337), and authorizing staff to advertise plans, specifications, and construction contract documents for bidding of the said project, following federal authorization of the construction phase funds.

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution:

1. Authorizing the Engineering Department to prepare and release a Request for Proposals for Construction Management Services for the Placerville Drive Pedestrian Connectivity project (CIP #42337); and
2. Authorizing staff to advertise plans, specifications, and construction contract documents for bidding for the said project, following federal authorization of the construction phase funds.

Purpose: The purpose of this item is to approve the steps that will enable the project to move forward into the Construction phase.

Strategic Plan Strategy: Strategy 4 - Update and Maintain City-Owned Infrastructure

Background: The Placerville Drive Pedestrian Connectivity project will construct sidewalk on one side of the street on Placerville Drive from the Fair Lane and US Highway 50 intersection to Armory Drive. The project will also contain other safety features such as the installation of a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon system with other safety features at the Fairgrounds crosswalk. This project is considered to be an interim project that will address the immediate need for pedestrian safety improvements until the construction of the future Phase 3 of the Western Placerville Interchanges (WPI) Project. WPI Phase 3 will fully reconstruct the Fairgrounds Interchange, including ramp realignment work, and significant roadway widening on this segment of Placerville Drive to Armory Drive.

On January 24, 2023, the City Council approved a Consulting Services Agreement with R.E.Y. Engineers, Inc., in the amount of \$529,154 for PA/ED, PS&E, Right-of-Way, and Construction Engineering support. At the same time, the City Council approved the issuance of Notice to Proceed (NTP) No. 1 to R.E.Y for the PA/ED phase in the amount of \$269,048. On March 26, 2024, the City Council approved Amendment No. 1 in the amount of -\$59,210 reducing the overall contract amount from \$529,154 to \$470,034.

Discussion: The Placerville Drive Pedestrian Connectivity Project has been progressing through the final design, right-of-way, and utility coordination phases, is nearing the completion of bid documents, and will be ready to advertise for bidding starting in June. In May, staff will submit to Caltrans the Request for Authorization (RFA) of the federal CMAQ funds for the Construction phase, to align with the anticipated bidding schedule.

Given the current workload of the Engineering Department, we are not able to perform the construction management services needed for this project in-house. As such, staff is respectfully requesting authorization to release a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Construction Management Services for the project. Staff anticipates returning to Council to award the Agreement for Engineering Services in June or at the same time as the Construction Contract award in July.

Currently, the total cost of the construction phase is in the amount of \$2,000,000, based on the Engineer's Estimate provided by R.E.Y. Engineers, Inc. This cost includes construction engineering, construction management, and contingency, and will be obligated by federal CMAQ funds and Measure L funds as the required local match. Actual construction costs will be identified upon receipt of construction bids. At the time staff returns to Council to request approval of the award of the Agreement for Construction Management Services and the Construction Contract, staff will also recommend budget appropriations for the construction phase.

Staff is also respectfully requesting authorization to release the construction bid documents for public bidding following receipt of federal authorization of the construction phase funds.

The following is a tentative schedule for the remaining project milestones:

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| Release RFP for Construction Management: | April 10, 2025 |
| R.E.Y. submits Bid Documents to City: | May 2, 2025 |
| Submit RFA for Construction Funds: | May 13, 2025 |
| Receive Federal E-76: | June 11, 2025 |
| Advertise Bid Documents for Construction | June 19, 2025 |
| Award Construction Management Agreement: | June 24, 2025 |
| Bid Opening | July 17, 2025 |
| Award Construction Contract: | August 12, 2025 |
| Construction Begins: | August 2025 |
| Construction Complete: | December 2025 |

Options:

1. Authorize the next steps as recommended by staff.
2. Provide other direction to staff.

Environmental: On September 10, 2024, the City Council found the project to be Categorically Exempt according to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 because the project involves the rehabilitation and replacement of existing facilities. A Notice of Exemption was filed with the El Dorado County Recorder's Office on August 27, 2024.

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

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



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Attachments:

Attachment

A: Resolution

B: Project Exhibit