

City Manager's Report
December 11, 2018 City Council Meeting
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Item #: 12.2

Subject: Adopt a Resolution:

1. Finding the Broadway Sidewalks project (CIP #41606) Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15301 and 15303 of the CEQA Guidelines and direct staff to file the Notice of Exemption with the El Dorado County Recorder's Office; and
2. Approving a budget appropriation in the amount of \$50,310 in Highway Safety Improvements Program (HSIP) funds for the said project; and
3. Approving a \$5,590 budget appropriation from the Gas Tax Fund for the said project.

Purpose: This project will provide gap closure to existing pedestrian facilities on Broadway from Mosquito Road to Schnell School Road to improve pedestrian safety within the Broadway corridor.

Background:

The Broadway Sidewalks Project (CIP #41606) will improve sidewalk connectivity along Broadway between Mosquito Road and Schnell School Road, creating a continuous path of travel for pedestrians. The improvements include construction of construct curb, gutter and sidewalk in select locations, and potentially construction of a new transit stop.

On July 31, 2015, an application was submitted for funding for Preliminary Engineering, Right-of-Way, and Construction from the federal Highway Safety Improvements Program (HSIP). On November 12, 2015, staff was notified that the application was successful in receiving \$679,500 in HSIP funding towards an overall project cost of \$755,000. In 2018, staff requested additional HSIP funding on the basis that construction costs have increased and the project scope needed to include the reconstruction of a sidewalk retaining wall. On October 8, 2018, staff was notified that the additional HSIP funding was approved with an overall project cost of \$1,066,470, with \$959,810 in HSIP funds.

Discussion:

On May 8, 2018, City Council approved a Consulting Services Agreement with R.E.Y. Engineers, Inc. (R.E.Y.) in an amount not to exceed \$119,844 for environmental review and engineering design services for the Broadway Sidewalks Project (CIP #41606)

R.E.Y.'s current contract includes a detailed scope, schedule and fee in the amount of \$119,844 for PA/ED, PS&E, Right-of-Way, and Construction Engineering, and the proposed fee for each phase is as follows:

Phase I – Preliminary Engineering and environmental documentation (PA/ED)....	\$59,630
Phase II – Preliminary Engineering (Plans Specifications and Estimate (PS&E)	\$45,192
Phase III – Right-of-Way	\$7,214
Phase IV – Construction Engineering	\$7,808

At that same time, City Council approved Notice to Proceed #1 in the amount of \$59,630 authorizing R.E.Y. Engineers, Inc. to begin with the Phase I work.

On October 23, 2018, staff received the E-76 federal authorization of the additional preliminary engineering HSIP funds that will fully-fund the second phase of preliminary engineering (PS&E). A second Notice to Proceed for the Phase II work will not be issued until after NEPA environmental clearance is obtained from Caltrans.

This project has been determined by staff to be Categorically Exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c) *Existing Facilities*, which is a Class 1 exemption that includes alterations to existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities including grading work for purposes of public safety; and Section 15303 applicable for *new construction or conversion of small facilities*, which is a Class 3 exemption that includes construction of small structures and facilities. Staff is recommending that the Council find the project Categorically Exempt from the provisions of CEQA and the requirements to prepare environmental documents.

Cost:

Other than staff time processing and filing the CEQA Notice of Exemption, there are no additional costs associated with these items.

Budget Impact:

At its meeting held on May 8, 2018, the City Council appropriated \$80,000 for the Broadway Sidewalks project (CIP #41606). Tonight, staff is recommending an additional \$55,900 in budget appropriations for the Preliminary Engineering phase for a total project budget of \$135,900 as shown below:

Funding Source	Adopted Project Budget	Proposed Project Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)
HSIP	\$ 72,000	\$ 122,310	\$ 50,310
Gas Tax Fund	8,000	13,590	5,590.00
Total	\$ 80,000	\$ 135,900	\$ 55,900

To date, the project has encumbered the following costs:

R.E.Y. Engineering, Inc. (Notice to Proceed No. 1)	\$ 59,630
John Driscoll, City Attorney	85
City Staff	12,899
Total	\$ 72,614

As you can see, the \$72,614 in project encumbrances is within the \$135,900 proposed project budget.


Options:

1. Approve the funding appropriations and CEQA finding as recommended by staff.
2. Do not approve the funding appropriations or find the project Categorical Exempt from CEQA.


Recommendation:

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M. Cleve Morris, City Manager


Pierre Rivas, Development Services Director


Rebecca Neves, City Engineer

Attachment:

1. *Resolution*