



Agenda Report

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, July 12, 2022

TO: City Council

FROM: PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR DI RENZO
PATRICE THERIOT, PRINCIPAL ENGINEER

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND ADVERTISING
FOR BIDS FOR THE FREEDOM BOULEVARD RECONSTRUCTION
PROJECT, NO. ST-22-14838

STATEMENT OF ISSUES:

Plans and specifications have been completed for the Freedom Boulevard Reconstruction Project, No. ST-22-14838, which is ready to be advertised for bids.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt a resolution approving the plans and specifications and calling for bids for the Freedom Boulevard Reconstruction Project, No. ST-22-14838 and, finding the project Categorically Exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, CE Class 1.

DISCUSSION:

The Public Works & Utilities Department plans to reconstruct the pavement and curb ramps on Freedom Boulevard between Alta Vista Avenue and Green Valley Road. The pavement is deteriorated and the curb ramps, many of which were constructed in the 1980's, are not ADA compliant.

Project highlights and enhancements will include:

- New traffic signal at the Sydney Avenue intersection to enhance safety for pedestrians and turning vehicles;
- New bus pullout at Atkinson Lane, providing safe boarding for bus passengers and improving traffic flow;
- Pedestrian enhancements, including 24 reconstructed curb ramps, improving accessibility;
- Upgraded pedestrian signals, improving accessibility;
- New pavement for smooth and safe ride for bicyclists and vehicles and improved pedestrian safety at crosswalks; and
- New striping for improved visibility.

The project qualifies as Categorical Exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, CE Class 1, maintenance of existing streets involving no expansion of capacity. Public Works staff has filed a Notice of Exemption with the Santa Cruz County Clerk.

Bid opening is scheduled for August 18, 2022 and the plans and specifications are on file in the City Clerk's Office. The engineer's estimated construction cost for this project is \$2,968,000.

The project is estimated to begin construction in early 2023 with a duration of approximately six months. Construction will follow the completion of the Freedom and Green Valley Water and Sewer Improvements Project and the Sydney and Jehl Avenue Sewer, Storm, and Water Improvement Project.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

The project supports Strategic Plan Priority, Goal 3 - Infrastructure & Environment

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This project is included in the currently approved budgets for grant funding, SB1, Measure D, and ARPA, accordingly:

Funding Source	Amount
0260 – Grant Funding (STIP)	\$1,550,000
0306 – SB1	\$500,000
0312 – Measure D	\$580,000
0312 – Bus Pullout Reimb.	\$215,326
0262 – ARPA (contingency)	\$1,000,000
TOTAL	\$3,845,326

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

None recommended.

ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES

1. Freedom Blvd Reconstruction Project map