

Agenda Report



Watsonville
CALIFORNIA

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, September 24, 2024

TO: City Council

FROM: PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR LINDBERG
ASSISTANT PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR FONTES
SR. CIVIL ENGINEER SCHNEIDER

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN
SERVICES FOR THE FREEDOM BLVD (GREEN VALLEY RD TO
AIRPORT BLVD) IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt a resolution to approve a contract with Wallace Group, a California corporation, to provide engineering design services for the Freedom Boulevard Improvements Project in the amount of \$629,022.

DISCUSSION:

The Public Works & Utilities Department plans to reconstruct the existing asphalt pavement and add/complete concrete sidewalk on the north side from Green Valley Road to Airport Boulevard. The pavement is deteriorated and the lack of a safe pedestrian travel way between Airport Blvd and Green Valley Road is all too evident.

Project highlights and enhancements will include:

- New pedestrian improvements, including reconstructed curb ramps and driveways, while improving accessibility.
- New pavement for smooth and safe rides for both bicyclists and vehicles and improved pedestrian safety at crosswalks.
- New striping for improved visibility.
- Replace the existing 14-inch CAS water pipe with a new 14-inch PVC water pipe.

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 will file a Notice of Exemption with the Santa Cruz County Clerk.

Prior to rehabilitating surfaces, it's our practice to evaluate and replace older underground utilities ahead of the pavement/surface work. This minimizes potential surface cuts which can reduce the life of pavement. The proposal, submitted by the Wallace Group, is part

of the Public Works Department on-call consultant process. The Wallace Group is a diversified engineering company that offers engineering services for both utilities and transportation projects. The budget for design services for this project is \$629,022. The project design will begin immediately and is estimated to be completed at mid-year 2026.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

The project supports Strategic Plan Goals:

2-Infrastructure & Environment

5-Public Safety

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Funding for the Freedom Boulevard (Green Valley Rd to Airport Blvd) Improvements Project shall be transferred from the following FY24/25 accounts to a new account to be assigned to this project.

From Account	Amount	To Account
#0312-972-7837-15193 Freedom Blvd Sidewalk Design	\$100,000	#0312-972-object- new project #
#0312-972-7837-14405 Maintain Roads	\$333,891	#0312-972-object- new project #
#0720-913-7831-14834 Additional Water Main Replacement	\$195,131	#0720-913-object- new project #
Total	\$629,022	

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

The council could choose not to award the contract. However, no reasonable alternatives are currently known.

ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (If any):

None.