

Agenda Report



MEETING DATE: Tuesday, January 14, 2025

TO: City Council

FROM: PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR LINDBERG
PRINCIPAL ENGINEER THERIOT

SUBJECT: APPROVE CO-OP AGREEMENT AMENDMENT NO. 1 WITH
CALTRANS FOR PS&E PREPARATION IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$321,000 AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM EAST HIGHWAY 1
AREA IMPACT FEE FUND

STATEMENT OF ISSUES:

The project development of improved pedestrian and bicycle facilities on Harkins Slough Road at Highway 1 required a cooperative agreement with Caltrans. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to this agreement will fund the completion of the plans, specifications, and estimate.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution approving Amendment No. 1 to the Cooperative Agreement in the amount of \$321,000 and increase the total agreement amount to \$3,468,000 and appropriate \$321,000 from the East Highway 1 Area Impact Fee Fund.

BACKGROUND:

At its September 28, 2021, meeting, the Watsonville City Council approved Resolution 257-21 (CM) directing staff to execute a Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans for the preparation of plans, specifications, and construction cost estimate of a new pedestrian bridge and updated bicycle facilities at the Harkins Slough Road crossing of State Highway 1. The Cooperative Agreement was for an amount not to exceed \$3,147,000. The Caltrans design team has prepared plans for a bridge widening to accommodate the additional pedestrian and bicycle facilities. Due to unforeseen site conditions, there have been changes during the design of the bridge widening project. The additional funds in the Cooperative Agreement will allow the plans and specifications to be completed. The City will utilize their plans and specifications to bid and construct the project.

DISCUSSION:

The design team explored more design iterations than planned, due to existing utility conflicts and therefore require additional funds to complete the plans and specifications.

Caltrans is requesting the increased amount of local funds to complete the Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) phase of work due to the project's overall delay in completing the utility relocation work and achieving the Final Design, updating the project to meet Caltrans 2024 Specifications and Standards, incorporation of one additional retaining wall on the north side of the structure, and collecting the traffic count data for completion of the Design Standard Decision Document (DSDD). Additionally, there has been some additional involvement by the District's Environmental and Landscape Architectural teams to coordinate the Tree Removal required for the utility relocation, review of the Coastal Development Permit Exemption, and re-validate the Environmental document with consideration of the Final Plans.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

The project is consistent with the Strategic Plan
 2-Infrastructure & Environment
 5-Public Safety

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Cooperative Agreement Amendment No. 1 will cost \$321,000. The following appropriation shall fund this increase:

From FUND	To Account	Amount
0344 East Highway 1 Area Impact Fees	0344-944-7837-14859	\$321,000.00

There is adequate fund balance to cover the appropriation.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

No reasonable alternatives are known at this time.

ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (If any):

- 1) Cooperative Agreement between the City and Caltrans, executed October 6, 2021