



Agenda Report

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, May 11, 2021

TO: City Council

FROM: PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR PALMISANO
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SUBJECT: AWARD OF THE LINCOLN STREET SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS
PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$734,555.50, PROJECT # ST-20-03

STATEMENT OF ISSUES:

The Lincoln Street Safety Improvements Project was initiated by a grant proposal submitted by the City of Watsonville in collaboration with the Pájaro Valley Unified School District. The City was awarded a grant for this project which includes installation of improved pedestrian street crossings, new bicycle facilities, landscaping and street lighting to increase safety for Watsonville High School students and staff as well as surrounding residents along this heavily used corridor. The project includes a Project Labor Agreement and requires additional appropriation from other projects.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- a) Award of the Lincoln Street Safety Improvements, Project No. ST- 20-03 to the Granite Rock Company for the project base bid in an amount of \$734,555.50, and
- b) \$100,000 budget transfer from Road Repair, project # 14313 from Gas Tax (Fund 0305), and
- c) \$140,000 budget transfer from Road Repair, project # 14313 from SB1 (Fund 0316), and
- d) \$134,555.50 budget transfer from Pedestrian and Traffic Safety, project # 14322 from Measure D (Fund 0312), and
- e) \$25,000 budget transfer from Citywide Bicycle Facilities, project # 14320 from Measure D (Fund 0312)

DISCUSSION:

Lincoln Street is a heavily used street that provides connection from Riverside Drive (State Route 129) and East Beach and East Lake Avenue (State Route 152) and beyond. This is also a street that divides the Watsonville High School campus with students being required to cross multiple times during the day to access classrooms, the gymnasium, and school parking. While the street is essentially closed to through traffic during school hours, there are still vehicles that need to use the street to access private homes, school parking lots and also attend to school business and activities.

Working in partnership with the Pájaro Valley Unified School District and Ecology Action, an application was prepared and the City submitted and received an Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 3 grant in the amount of \$533,000 for installation of safety improvements on Lincoln Street. The grant includes \$100,000 for safety education and \$433,000 for design and construction of the improvements.

Improvements incorporated into the project include: 1) Pedestrian enhancements with bulb outs, high visibility crosswalks, new accessible ramps and benches; 2) Bicycle amenities with pavement “sharrow” markings and signs; 3) Landscaping and solar street lighting.

On April 14th, 2020, City Council adopted Resolution No. 39-20 (CM) approving plans and specifications and calling for bids for the project. Approval to proceed with construction for the project was also received by the State, as required for this state funded project. Bids were first received in May of 2020. Staff reviewed the bids received. The total bids exceed the funding allocated for the project. Furthermore, the bid totals fall into the category of projects that require a Project Labor Agreement – which was not included in the contract documents. City Council rejected all bids, as was recommended by staff.

The bid documents were structured to provide for flexibility on project components in the form of additive alternates to be able to maximize grant funding and careful consideration of additional funding necessary for the various items. The additive alternates include 1) additional street lights and 2) additional irrigation and landscaping.

The project documents were updated to include the Project Labor Agreement and then advertised. Bids were opened on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 11:00 am with the following results:

Contractor	Base Bid	Add Alt 1	Add Alt 2	Total Bid
Engineer's estimate	\$464,000.00	\$84,000.00	\$27,000.00	\$575,000.00
Granite Rock Company	\$734,555.50	\$115,200.00	\$32,754.00	\$882,509.00*

The timeline to award the project is, in part, dictated by the grant funding. With the City's focus on traffic safety, this project meets this goal as it is specifically intended to address safety items along this highly traveled corridor. Although the bid is substantially higher than originally estimated in the 2016 grant proposal, prices in the construction industry have been increasing. Staff recommends that City Council award this project and appropriate additional funding from the identified budget items.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

The project meets the goals and objectives outlined in the Strategic Plan as follows:

03-Infrastructure & Environment

06-Public Safety

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The total cost for award of the base bid is \$734,555.50. The project is included in the approved budget under project number: 0260 338 5890 14507, but will require budget transfers, as noted below:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Funding</u>	<u>Action Required</u>
\$340,000.00	Active Transportation Plan grant funding	None
\$100,000.00	Road Repair (0305 -923- 7837-14313)	budget transfer
\$140,000.00	Road Repair (0306 -924- 7837-14313)	budget transfer
\$134,555.50	Pedestrian and Traffic Safety (0312-972-7837-14322)	budget transfer
\$ 25,000.00	Citywide Bicycle Facilities (0312-972-7837-14320)	budget transfer

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

City Council can choose to not award the project, which would jeopardize grant funding for this project and would include reimbursement of grant funds expended on project design and safety education.

ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (If any):

None.