

# City of Hesperia

## STAFF REPORT



**DATE:** March 6, 2018

**TO:** Mayor and Council Members

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**SUBJECT:** Accept Ranchero Road Rehabilitation & Main Street Median Project (C.O. No. 7137)

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### RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the City Council accept the work constructed under Ranchero Road Rehabilitation & Main Street Median Project (C.O. No. 7137) and authorize staff to release all withheld retention amounts in accordance with the California Public Contract Code.

### BACKGROUND

The Ranchero Corridor Project consists of several improvements within a 5-mile stretch of Ranchero Road, including the underpass at the BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) railroad tracks (at the eastern terminus of the corridor project boundary), the interchange at Interstate 15 (I-15) (at the western terminus of the corridor project boundary), and the widening of Ranchero Road from two lanes to four lanes (plus turn pockets), between these two structures to increase traffic capacity of the roadway. The widening of the roadway includes replacing and widening the bridge over the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) aqueduct, as well as widening the at-grade crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad (UP) railroad tracks. The Ranchero Road Corridor project is the City's highest priority for roadway capital construction.

Since completion of the first two phases (the undercrossing and interchange projects), traffic has dramatically increased on Ranchero Road. There is roughly an average of 14,275 vehicles traveling Ranchero Road daily with excessive congestion at the intersections of Ranchero Road at Cottonwood Avenue and at Maple Avenue. On February 7, 2017, City Council directed staff to move forward with interim improvements to aide in mitigating the traffic congestion until such time that funding is available to construct Phase III, the Ranchero Road Widening Project.

On July 6, 2017, City Council awarded a contract to Sully-Miller Contracting Company for construction of temporary improvements on Ranchero Road as well as a median on Main Street at the intersection of Balsam Avenue to enhance vehicular safety in the amount of \$443,137.01. Additionally, a contingency in the amount of \$44,313.70 was approved for a total contract amount of \$487,450.71. Funding for this project was included in the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Capital Improvement Program.

### ISSUES/ANALYSIS

A Notice to Proceed was issued to Sully-Miller Contracting Company on July 26, 2017 to begin work on the project. Construction was complete to the satisfaction of the Construction Inspector and the Project Manager on November 17, 2017. The improvements were completed as

scheduled and within the budget appropriated to the project. During construction, the City issued various Change Orders for work requested by the City in the amount of \$43,892.92. The final contract amount of \$487,029.93 is within the contract authority provided by City Council of \$487,450.71.

Staff recommends acceptance of the completed work and authorization to release the retention amounts withheld from progress payments. Retention funds held for this project in the amount of \$24,351.50 will be released to the contractor pursuant to California Public Contract Code.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funding for this project was included in the approved Fiscal Year 2017-18 Capital Improvement Program Budget under C.O. No. 7137, Ranchero Road Rehabilitation & Main Street Median project.

### **ALTERNATIVE(S)**

1. Provide alternative direction to staff.

### **ATTACHMENT(S)**

2. Final Progress Payment