

City of Hesperia

STAFF REPORT



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TO: Mayor and Council Members
Chair and Board Members, Hesperia Water District

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SUBJECT: Award Professional Services Agreement for Bidding and Construction Support Services for the Ranchero Road Improvements Project (C.O. No. 7094)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the City Council and Board of Directors of the Hesperia Water District award a sole source Professional Services Agreement (PSA) to Parsons Transportation Group, Inc. for Bidding and Construction Support Services for the Ranchero Road Improvements Project (C.O. No. 7094), in the not-to-exceed amount of \$183,173; and authorize a 10% contingency in the amount of \$18,317 to be released as may be necessary for the completion of the project, totaling \$201,490.

BACKGROUND

Parsons Transportation Group, Inc. (Parsons) was awarded a contract for performing the design and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance services for the Ranchero Road Improvements Project, C.O. No. 7094 (the Project) in February of 2008. This contract was solely for the roadway portion of the corridor and did not include the aqueduct bridge because at that time, the aqueduct crossing was being planned as a separate project. The aqueduct bridge design was later awarded to a separate firm.

This portion of the entire Ranchero Road Corridor Widening Project is being constructed in partnership with San Bernardino County (SBC), apart from the aqueduct crossing, which is a City-only portion of the overall corridor project. Roughly half of the Project is within the SBC's jurisdiction. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with SBC was approved by the City Council in May of 2011 to share the cost of the environmental and design [plans, specifications, and estimates (PS&E)] services. A subsequent amendment to include the construction phase of the project was approved by the City Council on March 17, 2020. The City contracts with and pays Parsons directly, then subsequently invoices SBC for their portion of the costs related to the tasks performed by the consultant.

Design for this project is complete, and construction is anticipated to commence in fall 2021.

ISSUES/ANALYSIS

During the bidding and construction phase of a project, the engineering design firm is contracted to provide support to address constructability review comments, attend meetings, respond to inquiries, assist with preparation of addenda, review change order requests, and prepare as-built

plans. The design engineering firm has specific knowledge related to the design and will be providing such services on a project.

Since Parsons is the design engineer for the construction plans for the roadway portion, a sole source contract is required in order to perform the requested services for this Project.

Project construction is anticipated to take approximately 18 months. With pre-construction services and project close-out, the term of the services is estimated to be approximately two years.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for the Project is budgeted in the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget under Fund 306 and Fund 504. Subsequent fiscal year's CIP will include adequate appropriation authority for these services through FY 2022-23. The Project is identified in the CIP under Ranchero Road Improvements – Seventh Avenue to Mariposa Road, C.O. No. 7094.

The County will reimburse the City for their proportionate share of the project. At this time, the ratio of bidding and construction support services required is estimated at approximately 50% in the City and 50% in the County. This is an estimate, subject to change throughout the course of construction based on the work performed by Parsons.

ALTERNATIVE(S)

1. Provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENT(S)

None