



**DATE:** December 1, 2016

**TO:** Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners

**FROM:** Dianne Steinhauser, Executive Director  
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**SUBJECT:** Tam Junction Project – Award of Construction Contract (Action), Agenda Item No. 10

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

TAM has been managing a project that will add Class II bike lanes and construct select areas of sidewalk in the TAM Junction - Almonte / Shoreline - area. TAM advertised the improvements, after extensive public input on design and close coordination with Caltrans and the County of Marin, on November 9, 2016. TAM staff will be opening bids on November 30<sup>th</sup>. A staff recommendation for award of a contract will be brought to the TAM Board Meeting on December 1<sup>st</sup>. In addition, a recommendation will be brought forward for additional allocation to the Project due to increased costs for construction management and possible increased costs for construction capital. A source of funds for the allocation will be identified at the Board meeting.

**BACKGROUND:**

TAM staff were made aware of pedestrian and bicycling circulation needs in the TAM Junction area of Tam Valley and agreed to look into a potential project. During preliminary engineering, Caltrans informed TAM that pedestrian improvements were the responsibility of the State and that a project currently scheduled for construction in 2018 would be completed to provide a continuous sidewalk from the Coyote Creek Bridge to Flamingo Road on the southwest side of State Route 1. TAM has sponsored a separate project for bicycle improvements. TAM has coordinated with Caltrans to make sure that the two projects can co-exist without having to redo work.

TAM has utilized a variety of fund sources to further the project. Part of this effort included assisting Caltrans in the development of a Project Study Report for the entire corridor, assuring the bike and pedestrian improvements are well-coordinated and both are proceeding to be constructed.

Previous Board Action: On June 23, 2016 the TAM Board authorized the Executive Director to award a contract for Construction Management and to advertise the Project for construction.

**DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:**

The local community has identified bicycle movement through the TAM Junction area as a significant need. Of particular concern is the high volume of Mill Valley Middle School students riding the wrong way in the shoulder areas of Route 1.

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This project will construct Class II bike lanes on both sides of Shoreline from Flamingo Avenue to the existing path. Also, the Class II bike lanes will extend to Helen Avenue along Almonte Avenue and connect to the existing bike lanes. The project includes drainage improvements at the Almonte and Shoreline intersection to help improve periodic flooding.

The project will be built within State right of way and an encroachment permit from Caltrans will be required. Caltrans has commented on several submittals to their office; staff and consultants are working diligently to resolve all comments and approval is expected any day. Caltrans will also act as the lead for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) environmental document.

TAM awarded the contract for Construction Management to 4Leaf Inc. of Pleasanton on November 18. The award was for \$90,000 which was approximately 50% higher than the estimate. Separately, staff released the project for construction bidding and will bring an award package to the Board once the bids have been received, evaluated, and a determination has been made as to the lowest responsible bidder. The bid opening is expected to occur on November 30. Note, this project will require extensive coordination with local business and TAM staff are planning to be heavily involved in this necessary outreach process.

#### **FISCAL CONSIDERATION:**

This project has a variety of funding sources:

\$48,000 from CMA Planning for Preliminary Engineering;  
\$20,000 from TDA Article 3 for Environmental;  
\$175,000 from OBAG1 for Environmental and Final Design;  
\$80,000 from TFCA for Utility Relocation and Construction Management; and  
\$350,000 from TAM Safe Pathways for Construction Capital and Construction Management.

This funding is no longer sufficient to complete the project. At the present time, a shortfall exists of \$40,000 due to the Construction Management contract being higher than anticipated. In addition, the recent high bid environment may result in bids being received over the Engineers Estimate. Staff are exploring additional funding sources and will present a funding plan at the December 1 Board meeting that includes a source for the additional funds. Note, the plans have been adjusted in the assumption that the PG&E utilities will be adjusted after construction has been completed.

#### **NEXT STEPS:**

TAM staff plan to award the contract and issue a notice to proceed by the middle of December. Construction duration is expected to require less than 40 days and a portion of it must be completed by February 1, 2017 due to bird habitat concerns. Failure to complete the work in the habitat area before this date will extend the construction to Fall of 2017.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

None