

UPDATED STAFF REPORT



DATE: December 1, 2016

TO: Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Tam Junction Project – Award of Construction Contract (Action), Agenda Item No. 10

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. Bids were opened on November 30 and the following two actions are recommended:

1. Authorized the Executive Director to enter into a construction contract with Ghilotti Brothers Inc. for \$439,862.50.
2. Allocate \$190,000 of accrued interest from the Transportation Sales tax to the Tam Junction Project to cover additional costs due to higher than expected bids.

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 companion contract for Construction Management will be for \$90,000 which is approximately 50% higher than the estimate. Note, this project will require extensive coordination with local business and TAM staff are planning to be heavily involved in this necessary outreach process.

Construction bids were opened on November 30, 2016. Two bids were received, Ghilotti Brothers Inc. at \$439,682.50 and CF Contracting at \$618,973. The Engineers Estimate was \$316,000 with Ghilotti Brothers being 39% over the Estimate. Ghilotti Brothers bid exceeded the Estimate significantly for Mobilization, Erosion Control, adjusting utilities to grade, Storm Drain Pipe, Asphalt Pavement, and Base Rock.

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.

The funds from CMA Planning and TDA Article 3 have already been spent and that portion of the work completed; therefore \$605,000 remains for the Project. The remaining estimated expenses (some portions of which have already been completed) are:

Compete Design and Environmental	\$215,000
Construction Management:	\$90,000
Right of Way	\$10,000
Construction Contract	\$440,000
Construction Contingency	\$40,000
Total Remaining	\$795,000

At the present time, a shortfall exists of \$190,000. Staff request allocation from available interest that has accrued from the cash balance of the Transportation Sales Tax. 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 with a major portion that must be completed by February 1, 2017 due to a bird habitat window for working in the area. Failure to complete the work in the habitat area before this date will extend the construction to Fall of 2017.

ATTACHMENTS:

None