



DATE: June 27, 2019

TO: Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Approve Contract Amendment Extending the Time Duration for the Design Phase of the Richmond San Rafael Bridge Approach Improvements (Action), Agenda Item 7g

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is recommending the Board authorize the Executive Director execute a contract amendment with the designers, BKF Engineers, to extend the contract time for the design phase of the Richmond San Rafael Approach Improvement Project to December 31, 2020.

BACKGROUND:

Staff and our consulting team have worked closely with Caltrans, the City of San Rafael and the City of Larkspur to advance improvements to the approaches to the Richmond San Rafael Bridge. The Board approved funding for three independent projects to improve access to the Bridge (1) vehicular access improvements at the Highway 101 off-ramp to Bellam Blvd, (2) vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian access improvements along East Sir Francis Drake Blvd, and bicycle access improvements on the I580 Overcrossing to westbound Sir Francis Drake Blvd. The improvements to East Sir Francis Drake Blvd have been completed and are providing travel benefits for both eastbound and westbound users. Design work continues for the Bellam Blvd project. Work on the overcrossing has been suspended due to financial restrictions but staff has been meeting with Caltrans and Bay Area Toll Authority staff to explore potential opportunities to advance these improvements.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

The time required to finalize the design has taken longer than anticipated and now requires the time extension. The Bellam Blvd project is in the process of addressing new unforeseen design and right-of-way issues that require additional time and potentially additional financial resources. As these issues become better defined a full report will be brought back to the Board for consideration. Additionally, if a strategy is developed that would allow the work on the Overcrossing to advance, staff will be providing a full report to the Board.

FISCAL CONSIDERATION:

No additional funding is required for this request

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NEXT STEPS:

Execute the Contract Amendment extending the contract to expire on December 31, 2020. A future item will be brought back to the Board for an update and consideration of project actions as they become better defined.

ATTACHMENTS: None