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TO: Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Authorize Contract Amendment for Professional Services for the North/South Greenway Gap Closure Project (Action), Agenda Item No. 9

RECOMMENDATION

Staff is recommending the TAM Board (1) allocate \$225,000 of Transportation Sales Tax interest funds to TAM to augment previously allocated interest and other funds for the North/South Greenway Gap Closure Project, and (2) authorize the Executive Director execute a contract amendment in the amount of \$540,000 with the engineering firm Moffatt & Nichol to provide additional design and environmental services for the project.

BACKGROUND

Staff has been worked closely with Caltrans and the City of Larkspur to advance the North-South Greenway Gap Closure Project that includes widening of the Northbound US 101 off-ramp structure over Corte Madera Creek closing the existing gap between the Central Marin Ferry Connector Path and the existing Greenbrae Pedestrian Overcrossing on Old Redwood Highway (referred to as the Northern Segment).

Staff assessed the scope of the Northern Segment and concluded it would be more efficient to implement it in two phases, since one portion of the path is within the Caltrans right-of-way and the other portion is along Old Redwood Highway which is solely within City of Larkspur's right-of-way. This way Caltrans can administer the construction of the portion it will take ownership of and Larkspur can administer the construction of the portion it will take ownership of.

Construction of the path within Caltrans Right-of-Way is now well underway and is expected to be completed and opened to the public in early 2022. Staff would now like to focus our project development activities on the multi-use path on Old Redwood Highway.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

TAM as the project sponsor, in cooperation with Caltrans and the City of Larkspur, prepared the initial design concept for the multi-use path on Old Redwood Highway from the southern portion of the Caltrans project to the pedestrian overcrossing (Project limits). A California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliant document has been approved by Caltrans. This scope of work will prepare reports necessary to allow Caltrans to approve a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliant Document.

This proposed scope of work also includes preparation of the construction bid package, as well as additional design work that is necessary to prepare a habitat restoration plan for the saltwater marsh on the northern bank of Corte Madera Creek. This is a resource agency permit requirement that will occur following construction activities and disturbance.

Staff has negotiated a scope of work and fee with the consulting firm to complete the above described work.

FISCAL CONSIDERATION

In June 2018, the Board programmed \$1 million in Transportation Sales Tax interest funds to the Northern Segment of the North-South Greenway Project. Staff has expended \$685,000 to advance the project to date which leaves \$315,000 available to partially fund this request.

The funding breakdown is as follows:

Contract Amendment Request:	\$540,000
Funds previously allocated and unspent:	<u>\$315,000</u>
Funding Shortfall:	\$225,000

Staff is recommending the Board allocate \$225,000 in Transportation Sales Tax interest funds to proceed with the necessary professional services.

Staff is also recommending the Board approve a contract amendment with Moffatt and Nichol to complete the agreed scope of work and fee in the amount of \$540,000.

Contract with Moffatt and Nichol including Contract Amendments No's 1-7:	\$3,785,000
Current Contract Amendment No.8:	<u>\$ 540,000</u>
Total Contract Amount:	\$4,325,000

No budget amendment is needed for the current year since the existing budget authority is sufficient to cover the additional work. All \$540,000 will be included in the FY2021-22 budget.

NEXT STEPS

Execute a Contract Amendment with Moffatt and Nichol and proceed with environmental and design services.

ATTACHMENTS

None