



Council Agenda Report

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Subject: Approval of Issuance of Award for Plans, Specifications, and Estimates for Phase 2 of the Creston Road Project from Orchard to Niblick

CEQA Determination: On July 25, 2018, the Community Development Department adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project and found that the Project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation consistent with City's adopted Local CEQA Guidelines.

Date: July 18, 2023

Facts

1. In June 2016, the City received a Sustainable Community Grant from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). Grant funds were designated to be used to initiate and pay the costs to conduct a robust community wide visioning process for the ultimate improvements along the Creston Road Corridor from South River Road to Niblick Road.
2. In May 2017, the City hosted multi-day community workshops and meetings to solicit ideas and help establish a vision for the future of Creston Road.
3. City staff and the consultant team reviewed the existing opportunities and constraints along the corridor while translating the community's input into a proposed design alternative to improve the corridor.
4. At the [February 6, 2018](#) City Council meeting, the Council took three actions: (1) Adopt the Preferred Alternative for Creston Road Corridor; (2) Direct staff to pursue an Active Transportation Program (ATP) Grant for construction; and (3) Engage the services of North Coast Engineering to prepare Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) for the Creston Road Corridor.
5. Unfortunately, staff has applied for an ATP grant twice for this project and has not been successful either time.
6. Since funding for construction of the entire corridor was not successful, City Council directed staff to provide a phased approach for completion: Phase 1, from South River Road to Orchard; and Phase 2, from Orchard to Niblick Road.
7. As part of the FY 2023 State Legislature budget adoption, the City received a \$3 million grant to be used toward the Phase 2 construction of Creston Road, which includes the roundabout at Rolling Hills Road.
8. When the Supplemental Sales Tax Measure was passed in 2012, staff solicited for statements of qualifications from local engineering firms, including North Coast Engineering, for all applicable street segments. Each engineering firm was assigned a street segment. North Coast Engineering was assigned Creston Road and prepared the PS&E for Phase 1. As such, it is most efficient and cost effective that they prepare the PS&E for Phase 2, since North Coast Engineering was engaged to perform the design work for the entire Creston Road Corridor. Their fee proposal for Phase 2 is \$268,523.

Options

1. Take no action;
2. Authorize the City Manager to engage the services of North Coast Engineering to prepare the PS&E for Creston Road Phase 2, in the amount of \$268,523; or
3. Provide alternative direction to staff.

Analysis and Conclusions

The proposed [Creston Road conceptual plan](#), as presented, was developed with significant input from the community through several different workshop events. City staff and the consultant team have reviewed the existing conditions of the corridor extensively, and translated the input received along with technical data and professional expertise to develop the conceptual plan as presented.

Phase 1 of this project was recently advertised for bids. Unfortunately, no bids were received at the June 22, 2023, bid opening. Upon interviewing several contractors, they indicated that they did not have the resources to take on new projects. They suggested that the City re-advertise but with a caveat that the Notice to Proceed be issued later in 2023. Staff is pursuing this option.

In the meantime, the \$3 million State Grant for Phase 2 does have a timeline for completion. As a result, staff recommends initiating the PS&E for Phase 2 as soon as possible.

Fiscal Impact

The total cost of the services of North Coast Engineering to prepare the PS&E for Creston Road Phase 2, totals \$268,523. Funding for the Creston Road construction is already included in the City's adopted budget and no other action is required.

CEQA

On July 25, 2018, the Community Development Department adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project pursuant to the City's adopted Local CEQA Guidelines, because the Creston Road project did not require any discretionary approvals by either the Planning Commission or City Council. The Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project was approved based on findings that the Project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation.

Recommendation (Option 2)

Approve Resolution 23-XXX, authorizing the City Manager to engage the services of North Coast Engineering to prepare the PS&E for Creston Road Phase 2, in the amount of \$268,523.

Attachments

1. Resolution 23-XXX – Creston Road Phase 2