

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

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TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND PROPOSALS FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES RELATED TO THE U.S. 101/PALO COMADO CANYON ROAD (AT CHESEBRO) INTERCHANGE PROJECT

The interchanges along the U.S. 101 continue to be a major focus in keeping with the City Council's commitment to improving the City's infrastructure and addressing traffic issues. On February 27, 2009, the City received an approved Project Study Report (PSR) from Caltrans related to the U.S.101/Palo Comado Canyon Road (at Chesebro) Interchange Project. The PSR was completed by Parsons Transportation Group, Inc., and analyzed the existing bridge and ramps in order to develop four different construction alternatives. The alternatives varied from a "No Build" option, to a complete replacement of the bridge.

After the completion of the PSR, the City Council awarded a professional services agreement to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., on June 24, 2009, for the Project Report and Environmental Review (PR/ED) stage of the project. The scope of work included geotechnical investigations, traffic studies, structural alternative analysis, hydrology reports, right-of-way data sheets, environmental technical studies (cultural, biological, hazardous materials, water quality, and noise). With the completion of these reports for the PR/ED phase, a preferred alternative has been identified. It includes widening the bridge to a total of five striped lanes, adding Class II bike lanes and sidewalks on both sides of the overcrossing, and signalizing the intersection at the northbound ramps. It should be noted the remaining intersections would remain un-signalized. The required environmental review of the preferred alternative was conducted and approved by Caltrans, as the oversight agency.

With the preferred alternative now identified, staff is seeking authorization to solicit Request for Qualifications & Proposals (RFQ/RFP) for engineering design services, in order to create the Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) for the construction phase. The work includes preparation of the four required stages of design documents, through Caltrans approval (35%, 65%, 95%, and 100%), right-of-way certification, utility design coordination, bridge type selection, traffic control plans, regular meetings with City and Caltrans staff, and other tasks as necessary.

The funding for this phase of work will be covered entirely by Measure R Funds that were allocated to the City for this project. With Council approval, staff will solicit proposals and conduct the review process. Staff anticipates awarding the contract for the professional engineering services in January 2013.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully recommends the City Council authorize staff to solicit for qualifications and proposals for engineering design services related to the U.S. 101/Palo Comado Canyon Road (at Chesebro) Interchange Project.