



REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

DATE: FEBRUARY 28, 2018

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER 

BY: RAMIRO ADEVA, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS 

SUBJECT: CONTRACT AWARD FOR THE U.S. 101/PALO COMADO (AT CHESEBRO) INTERCHANGE PROJECT; NIB 17-05.

On November 8, 2017, the City Council authorized staff to seek bids for the U.S. 101/Palo Comado Canyon Road (at Chesebro) Interchange Project; NIB 17-05. The scope of work consists of widening the existing overcrossing from 40 feet to 76 feet to accommodate one travel lane in each direction and a left-turn lane; constructing sidewalks, installing a signal at the northbound off-ramp, and incorporating aesthetic enhancements.

The engineer's estimate for the project construction was approximately \$13 million. On February 6, 2018, the City Clerk opened sealed bids from three (3) contractors which were all below the engineer's estimate. The bid results were as follows:

C.A. Rasmussen, Inc.	\$ 9,178,211.18
Powell Constructors, Inc.	\$10,663,335.60
Excel Paving Company	\$11,232,946.00

Staff reviewed the bid submittal of the apparent low bidder, C.A. Rasmussen, Inc., and found conflicts with their total bid amount. Following consultation with the City Attorney, C.A. Rasmussen, Inc.'s bid submittal was deemed non-responsive. Staff then reviewed the bid submittal of the second lowest bidder, Powell Constructors, Inc., and deemed their bid responsive and acceptable. Powell Constructors, Inc., previously worked as the prime contractor on the U.S. 101/Reyes Adobe Interchange Project, with exceptional results.

As seen with previous interchange projects, complex issues may arise once construction has begun, therefore staff is requesting that the City Manager be authorized to approve up to 20% in additional costs, instead of the normal 10%. This will help avoid any potential delays to the project. An adjustment of 20% results in a total contingency amount of \$2,132,667. The project will be funded entirely with Measure "R" and/or Measure "M" Funds, and is expected to take approximately 18 to 24 months to complete. Staff will utilize multiple public outreach strategies to keep the community apprised of what is occurring during the construction phase of this project.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully recommends the City Council:

1. Award the U.S. 101/Palo Comado (at Chesebro) Interchange Project; NIB 17-05, to Powell Constructors, Inc., in the amount of \$10,663,335.60;
2. Authorize staff to utilize up to \$2,132,667 in contingency funds for the project; and
3. Authorize the Mayor to sign the contract agreement.