

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

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TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO SEEK BIDS FOR THE U.S.101/KANAN ROAD METAL BEAM GUARD RAIL UPGRADE PROJECT; NIB 10-03

The City completed construction of the improvements to the U.S. 101/Kanan Road as per the plans approved by Caltrans. A walkthrough inspection is done by multiple divisions within Caltrans as part of the project close out procedures. During this process, staff was informed by the Traffic Safety Unit that although the guardrails on the loop on ramps were constructed as per plans and per the safety standards in place at the time of design that those safety standards had since changed due to multiple accidents that occurred with speeding vehicles entering loop ramps at different locations within the State. Technically, agreements with Caltrans require the City to construct improvements to the State's most current Standard Specifications at the time of construction. In this regard, the improvements must be completed in order for this project to be properly closed out.

The timeline to get to this point is worth mentioning as this work was anticipated to be completed in conjunction with work that AT&T (formally SBC) agreed to and were contractually obligated to do so with the improvements made to the interchange. Although there have been numerous meetings, phone conversations, and email exchanges between the City and AT&T, the utility work has not been completed nor scheduled. City staff was thus forced to meet with Caltrans staff and show evidence that it had made every possible attempt to encourage AT&T to complete this work so that the aforementioned guard rail work could occur. Staff was able to reach agreement with Caltrans staff that this work could occur separately and thus has prepared plans and specifications for upgrading four metal beam guard rails in four locations to satisfy Caltrans' demands. The plans and specifications have been reviewed and approved by Caltrans in order to expedite the work. Staff is therefore requesting City Council authorization to seek bids for the U.S.101/Kanan Road Metal Beam Guard Rail Upgrade Project; NIB 10-03.

The estimated cost of the project is \$125,000 including contingency, and will be fully funded with Traffic Improvement Funds (TIF). Staff expects to return in May for the contract award and commence with construction in June. Once this work is complete, staff has the final paperwork for project closeout prepared to be submitted and request the release of the remaining Federal funds to reimburse the City for the work completed.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully recommends the City Council approve the authorization to seek bids for the U.S.101/Kanan Road Metal Beam Guard Rail Upgrade Project; NIB 10-03.