

CITY OF SANTA ROSA  
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: CHRIS CATBAGAN, ASSOCIATE CIVIL ENGINEER  
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS  
SUBJECT: PROJECT WORK ORDER APPROVAL - US HIGHWAY 101 –  
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

AGENDA ACTION: MOTION

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department that the Council, by motion, approve and authorize the Mayor to execute project work order #A010019-2016-01, for the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase for the US Highway 101 – Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge, in the amount of \$907,559.00 with BKF Engineers.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This motion will approve a work order to hire BKF Engineers to complete the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase required by Caltrans to construct the future improvements for the US Highway 101 – Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge.

This motion supports Council Goal 6: Commit to Making Santa Rosa a Healthy Community where People Feel Safe to Live, Work, and Play, Strategic Objective 5) Continue Design and Environmental Review to study possible implementation of bicycle and pedestrian bridge at US Highway 101 crossing near Jennings to Santa Rosa Junior College (SRJC).

BACKGROUND

1. On February 15, 2011, the City Council adopted the 2010 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update. The updated Master Plan listed the US Highway 101 - Overcrossing as the highest priority in regards to both bicycle and pedestrian projects.

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2. In September 2016, the Project Initiation Document (PID), prepared by Steven Grover & Associates, was completed. The PID evaluated design variations and developed project evaluation documentation for Caltrans' review and approval.
3. In September 2016, Cooperative Agreement No 04-2617 was approved by Council for Caltrans' Independent Quality Assurance for the Project Approval and Environmental Documentation (PA&ED) phase.
4. Construction of a bike/ped bridge would create a fully connected bicycle network in the northern half of the City of Santa Rosa. It would connect the residential/commercial areas west of US Highway 101 with the academic/ residential/commercial/ recreation areas east of US Highway 101.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

On May 12, 2008, the City Council, by Resolution No. 27078, approved the Cooperative Funding Agreement No. M71406 with SCTA to provide \$50,000 in funding to the City for the feasibility study of the Santa Rosa Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge over US Highway 101.

On November 30, 2010, the City Council, by Resolution No. 27774, accepted the Santa Rosa Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge Feasibility Study prepared by Steven Grover & Associates.

On November 15, 2011, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 28013, approving the Cooperative Agreement between Caltrans and the City of Santa Rosa for completion of the Project Initiation Document (PID) for the Santa Rosa Junior College Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge on US Highway 101.

On September 1, 2015, the City Council, by Resolution No. 28011, approved the first amendment to Cooperative Agreement M71406 between SCTA and the City of Santa Rosa making available a total of \$250,000 of Measure M funding for the proposed Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge over US Highway 101.

On June 15, 2016, the City Council, by Resolution No. 28801, approved the Budget for the City of Santa Rosa for Fiscal Year 2016-17, which included \$500,000 for the preparation of the Project Approval and Environmental Documentation (PA&ED) phase for US Highway 101 – Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge.

On September 13, 2016, the City Council, by Resolution No. 28859, approved Cooperative Agreement No 04-2617 for Caltrans' Independent Quality Assurance for the PA&ED phase.

### ANALYSIS

1. Two (2) firms provided proposals for the completion of Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase. Both firms were interviewed on February 8, 2017. The review panel concluded that BKF Engineers is the best well-positioned team to complete the proposed PA&ED phase of work.
2. The project work order, if approved, is written under the existing Master Professional Service Agreement with BKF Engineers. The project work order has been approved as to form by the City Attorney.
3. On October 11, 2016 the City Council authorized application with the Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) to the One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) 2 program for the future design phase of the US Highway 101 bicycle and pedestrian bridge.
4. On May 8, 2017, SCTA approved the OBAG 2 program of projects including the \$1.782 million for the design of the US Highway 101 bicycle and pedestrian bridge.
5. The results of the PA&ED Phase are an approved Project Report and Environmental Document. The project report summarizes the alternative analysis and engineering studies and describes which solutions service the greater public with the least harm. The Environmental Document discloses the viable alternatives and discusses the impacts of each alternative.

The Project Report must be approved by Caltrans before the Environmental Document is released for public comment.

6. Completion of this phase will better position the project for grant funding, to complete construction.

### FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this action does not have a fiscal impact on the General Fund.

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15378.

### BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable.

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NOTIFICATION

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 - Location Map
- Attachment 2 – Project Work Order (including Contract Proposal)

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