

CITY OF SANTA ROSA  
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: DANNY CHEN, ASSISTANT ENGINEER  
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS

SUBJECT: CONTRACT AWARD – DOWNTOWN SANTA ROSA  
STREETSCAPE

AGENDA ACTION: MOTION

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department that the Council, by motion, award Contract No. C01627, Downtown Santa Rosa Streetscape, in the amount of \$641,880.00 to the lowest responsible bidder, Argonaut Constructors, Inc. of Santa Rosa, CA, approve a 10% contract contingency, and authorize a total contract amount of \$706,068.00. This project will encourage higher pedestrian and bicyclist activities on Third Street which serves as a main passage between Railroad Square, the SMART station, and Downtown. This project will also install a traffic signal on Santa Rosa Avenue south of Julliard Park as part of the Santa Rosa Avenue Corridor Plan.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This motion will award a contract to Argonaut Constructors, Inc., of Santa Rosa, California, approve a 10% contract contingency and authorize a total contract amount of \$706,068.

BACKGROUND

This project channelizes pedestrians to use the north side of Third Street from Morgan Street to B Street to improve the pedestrian experience. There is a current sidewalk on both the north and south sides of Third Street under the Santa Rosa Plaza Mall; however, the design of the westerly vehicular entrance to the Mall on the south side makes pedestrian crossings challenging. Additionally, once the westbound pedestrians are on the south side of Third Street approaching Morgan Street, they are forced to cross Third Street to the north as there are no pedestrian facilities that continue on the south side of the street under Highway 101. Therefore, enhancing the pedestrian facilities on the north side of Third Street will improve the pedestrian experience

between both sides of the mall. Improvements include added class II bike lanes in the eastbound and westbound directions, upgrading curb ramps to the current ADA standards, planting street trees at vacant tree wells, installing bollards with lighting to brighten nighttime illumination along the walkway. Additionally, the underpass soffit lighting will be increased and upgraded with energy efficient LED bulbs. These lights will be brighter during the day allowing enough time for the eyes of motorists to adjust upon entering the underpass.

This project also includes the installation of a traffic signal on Santa Rosa Ave at Mill Street/Sebastopol Road, consistent with the Santa Rosa Avenue Corridor Plan, which identifies numerous improvements along Santa Rosa Avenue from Julliard Park to Highway 12 undercrossing. Improvements include bulb-out curb ramps, 4-way pedestrian crossing capability, and storm drain modifications.

#### PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

On January 11, 2011, the City Council, by Resolution No. 27806, approved the Santa Rosa Avenue Corridor Plan which develops conceptual, streetscape and design improvements to ensure a pedestrian and bicycle friendly streetscape.

On April 30, 2013, the City Council, by Resolution No. 28275, approved the grant application for the Downtown PDA Complete Streetscape Enhancements – Third Street between Morgan Street and B Street and the intersection at Santa Rosa Avenue and Mill Street/Sebastopol Avenue for \$713,000 of federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds with \$93,000 in non-federal matching funds which represents 11.47 percent of the total projected project cost.

#### ANALYSIS

1. The project was advertised on September 9, 2016, and bids were received on October 12, 2016. A total of two (2) bids were received, ranging from \$641,880.00 to \$798,736.60. The low bid was 35.89% over the Engineer's estimate. The unusually large difference between the low bid and the estimate is likely due to 1) construction costs are increasing as the economy is starting to pick up and 2) grant deadlines required that the project be bid in late summer, when bid prices are often higher than other times.
2. The low bidder, Argonaut Constructors, Inc., possesses a valid contractor's license of the required class, as verified by the Contractor's State License Board, and is registered with the State Department of Industrial Relations (DIR).
3. The contract agreement has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney.
4. Construction on Santa Rosa Avenue is anticipated to begin approximately December 15, 2016. The length of the contract is 50 working days. Contract

provisions prohibit any construction activities on Third Street during the month of December.

5. The Public Participation Plan is required and has been approved by the Transportation and Public Works Marketing and Outreach Coordinator.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for this project has been appropriated within the Capital Improvement Program budget. The source of funding is the One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) program. Approval of this action does not have a fiscal impact on the General Fund.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 in that it involves a minor alteration of existing public facilities with negligible or no expansion of the existing use.

#### BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable.

#### NOTIFICATION

Not applicable.

#### ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Location Map
- Attachment 2 – Summary of Bids

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