



CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS

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TITLE: COVENTRY STREET AND VICTOR STREET TRAFFIC
CALMING DEVICES PROJECT, CIP NO. 9163

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a Resolution:

1. Approving the Plans and Specifications for the Coventry Street and Victor Street Traffic Calming Devices Project, CIP No. 9163;
2. Awarding a construction contract to Teichert Construction for the Coventry Street and Victor Street Traffic Calming Devices Project, CIP No. 9163 in the amount of \$297,839; and
3. Authorizing the City Engineer to approve all contract change orders up to an additional 15% of the contract amount, \$44,675, for construction contingencies and an additional \$50,000 construction engineering cost.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On March 7, 2023, and April 9, 2024, City Council adopted resolutions approving the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Plan for Victor Street and Coventry Street, respectively. As part of the plans, a traffic circle on Coventry Street and a raised crosswalk on Victor Street were to be constructed. On June 3, 2025, the City advertised the project with the On-Call Class A contractors. On July 1, 2025, the City opened bids and received one (1) proposal from Teichert Construction in the amount of \$297,839.00.

BACKGROUND:

City staff held a community meeting with the residents of Victor Street on December 14, 2022, to develop a traffic calming plan to address speeding concerns in the neighborhood. With residents' input, a traffic calming plan was developed that included the installation of four (4) speed cushions and a raised crosswalk between West Rossi Street and Larkin Street. The plan was then taken to a vote which resulted in meeting the plan support requirements per the Traffic Calming Policy. On March 7, 2023, City Council adopted Resolution No. 22601 approving the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Plan for Victor Street. Similarly, on December 6, 2023, the City staff held a community meeting with the residents of Coventry Street to develop a traffic calming plan to address speeding

concerns in the neighborhood. With the residents' input, a traffic calming plan was developed which included the installation of four (4) speed cushions and a traffic circle at the intersection of Coventry Street and Danbury Street. The plan was then taken to a vote which resulted in meeting the plan support requirements per the Traffic Calming Policy. On April 9, 2024, City Council adopted Resolution No. 22936 approving the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Plan for Coventry Street. Speed cushions on both streets have been installed by city staff.

Several attempts were made to implement the remaining items (raised crosswalk and traffic circle), but with no success. Due to low interest from contractors bidding on these projects individually, City staff combined the raised crosswalk and traffic circle projects into one, with the intention of adding more incentives to contractors and receiving more bids. The Coventry Street and Victor Street Traffic Calming Devices Project was created. The scope of work consists of the installation of a raised crosswalk along Victor Street and a traffic circle at the intersection of Coventry Street and Danbury Street. On June 3, 2025, City staff advertised the Coventry Street and Victor Street Traffic Calming Devices Project to the on-call Class A contractors. On July 1, 2025, the City received a proposal from Teichert Construction in the amount of \$297,839.00.

Staff recommends that the City Council approve a Resolution awarding the contract to Teichert Construction for the Coventry Street and Victor Street Traffic Calming Devices Project, in the amount of \$297,839.00 along with 15% in construction contingency.

Traffic Calming Policy Update

City staff has received comments and questions regarding the process of the Traffic Calming Policy from residents, Councilmembers, and Commissioners. There have been concerns of the length of the process from when a traffic calming petition gets submitted to when traffic calming devices get implemented, resources for the program, and the prioritization process. Staff has taken the comments and questions and have been working towards updating the Traffic Calming Policy. City staff has held two study sessions with the Traffic and Transportation Commission in June and July 2025 to bring forward proposed changes to the Traffic Calming Policy and receive feedback. The proposed changes will be brought to the City Council in September.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

The City of Salinas has determined that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines (Section 15301, Class 1(c)) because the actions consist of minor alterations of an existing City street. A notice of exemption has been prepared and will be filed at the County Clerk's office.

GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 84308 APPLIES:

No.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

This item supports the City Council's goals of "Infrastructure", and "Public Safety".

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

The Public Works Department and Finance Department manage the project accounting. The Public Works Department oversees construction projects.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

The estimated funding for this project comes from sources below:

Fund	CIP No.	Appropriation	Appropriation Name	Total Appropriation	Amount for Recommendation	FY 25-26 Operating Budget Page	Last Budget Action (Date, Resolution) *
2510	9163	50.9163-66.4000	Capital Outlays Improvements	\$450,000	\$392,514	pg.38	6/17/25, 23269

* The FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget was adopted on June 17, 2025.

Construction Cost

Base Bid	\$297,839
Contingencies (15%)	\$44,675
Construction Engineering	\$50,000

Total Estimated Construction Costs **\$ 392,514**

Based on the bid results and the existing available balance there is sufficient funding available for the project.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution

Attachment 1: Resolution No. 22601

Attachment 2: Resolution No. 22936

Attachment 3: Bid Tab

Attachment 4: Plans

Attachment 5: Specifications