



CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS

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TITLE: AWARD OF THE BRIDGE PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM, BPMPL 5045(046), PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING PHASE TO BKF ENGINEERS.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a resolution:

1. Awarding a contract to BKF Engineers for preliminary engineering and construction support of the Bridge Preventive Maintenance Program, BPMPL 5045(046) in an amount not to exceed \$282,509 from May 19, 2026, to December 31, 2027; and
2. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the Agreement and/or modifications to the Agreement.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City of Salinas has received Federal Highway Bridge Program funds for the preliminary engineering phase of the Bridge Preventive Maintenance Program (BPMP), BPMPL 5045 (046). The funds are programmed for preventive maintenance work for the East Market Street and South Sanborn Road bridges. In coordination with Caltrans, the City published a Request for Proposals in February 2026 and received one proposal from BKF Engineers (formerly MNS Engineers). City staff recommends City Council approve a resolution awarding a contract to BKF Engineers for the preliminary engineering and construction support for the Bridge Preventive Maintenance Program.

BACKGROUND:

On March 7, 2017, City Council approved Resolution No. 21133 accepting \$40,000 grant from Caltrans to write the Bridge Preventative Maintenance Plan for qualified City bridges¹. The BPMP was submitted to Caltrans for funding of Preliminary Engineering and Construction.

The City of Salinas was notified by the State Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in October 2024 that Highway Bridge Program (HBP) funds for Preliminary Engineering of the City's Bridge

¹ Qualified City Bridges are bridges owned and maintained by the Local Agency in the State Bridge Inspection Inventory. These are bridges with spans greater than 20LF per the National Bridge Inspection Standards.

Preventative Maintenance Program (BPMP), Project No. BPMPL-5045(046), in the amount of \$336,399, were available. This requires a 20% local match by the City of \$84,100. Thus, a total estimate of \$420,499.

The City's BPMP outlines preventative maintenance work recommendations for each of the City's fifteen qualified bridges, inspected by Caltrans to increase the service life of each bridge. There are 5 City bridges within the BPMP with work recommendations that qualify for these funds. Preliminary Engineering includes environmental clearances (CEQA and NEPA), field surveys and preparation of construction documents for bidding.

On October 8, 2024, City Council approved Resolution No. 23119 accepting the \$338,399 grant for the Bridge Preventive Maintenance Program.

The five (5) bridges qualified for funding were split into BPMPL 5045(046) and BPMPL 5045(047). Currently, the City has approval from Caltrans to move forward with the preliminary engineering for BPMPL 5045(046).

The following three (3) bridges are qualified under BPMPL 5046(046):

- South Sanborn Road over UPRR & AMTRAK (Bridge No. 44C039R)
- South Sanborn Road over UPRR & AMTRAK (Bridge No. 44C039L)
- East Market Street over East Front Street (Bridge No. 44C0168)

Following approval of the Request for Proposals (RFP) for BPMPL 5045(046) by Caltrans, the City published the RFP on February 24, 2026, with a proposal due date of March 18, 2026. The City received one responsive proposal from BKF Engineers (formerly MNS Engineers). The proposal was reviewed based on the selection criteria listed in the RFP.

Based on review of the proposal, staff recommend awarding the contract to BKF Engineers (formerly MNS Engineers) in the amount of \$282,509 for the preliminary engineering phase and construction support for BPMPL 5045(046).

The project is federally funded by the Bridge Preventive Maintenance Program (BPMP) under the Highway Bridge Program (HBP) and therefore all documents must comply with federal requirements and Caltrans policies and procedures as outlined in the latest Caltrans Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM).

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

Not a Project. The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378). In addition, CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 includes the general rule that CEQA applies only to activities which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Because the proposed action and this matter have no potential to have any effect on the environment, or because it falls

within a category of activities excluded as projects pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378, this matter is not a project. Because the matter does not cause a direct or foreseeable indirect physical change on or in the environment, this matter is not a project. Any subsequent discretionary projects resulting from this action will be assessed for CEQA applicability.

CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE §84308 APPLIES:

No.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

This project supports the City Council’s Vision and Strategic Goal for Infrastructure by maintaining and improving the City’s bridges.

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

The Public Works Department is collaborating with Legal, Administration and Finance Departments for the execution of the agreement, purchase order, and amendments, if any.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

Caltrans reimburses 80% PE costs to the City. City is responsible for 20% of the costs.

CIP 9266 funds as follows:

Fund	General Ledger Number (Operating/CIP)	General Ledger Account Name	Remaining Budget Appropriation *	Amount Requested
2510	50.9266-63.5400	Outside Services - Engineering Services	\$279,118.78	\$147,763.46
2404	50.9266-63.5400	Outside Services - Engineering Services	\$134,745.54	\$134,745.54

*Remaining balance appropriation is based on January 31, 2026, CIP Balance Sheet.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution
- Resolution No. 17926
- Resolution No. 22562
- Map of City Bridges
- Proposed Agreement