

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

City of Salinas, California

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SUBJECT: DOWNTOWN COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT (CIP NO. 9090) DESIGN

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve a Resolution authorizing a Task Order for Kimley-Horn, transportation consultant, for design of the Downtown Complete Streets Project Phase 1, including preparation of Plans, Specifications and Estimate in the amount of \$210,900.

DISCUSSION:

On August 16, 2016 the City Council accepted a federal grant from Highways Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) in the amount of \$2.34 Million for Phase I of Downtown Complete Streets Project (CIP 9090). The project proposes to reduce incidences of collisions along the West Alisal corridor between Blanco Road and Front Street. The HSIP grant completes funding through the construction phase of the Project. Staff therefore wants to complete the design of the project in order to bring this project to construction. The City also received Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funding to design the project.

The grant funding intends to encourage this concept of complete streets design. Staff has therefore been working on a conceptual plan that includes right-sizing West Alisal Street in order to accommodate all road users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders and drivers. Portions of the planned improvements are in downtown Salinas. Consequently, the design concepts on Alisal Street were included in community discussions for the Downtown Vibrancy Plan as well as in more recent Vibrancy Plan implementation community meetings. Additional meetings are planned to engage other members of the community including residents along West Alisal Street, Hartnell College, school districts and continuing meetings with stakeholders of the Vibrancy Plan. Phase I of the Project will be improvements along the West Alisal Corridor as described. Phase II will include improvements along Lincoln Avenue from Alisal to the Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC) and preparing both the West Alisal and Lincoln Corridors for future bus rapid transit service. Phase II does not have construction funding secured at this time.

Kimley-Horn, transportation consultants, has assisted the City in developing concepts that will be the basis of the Downtown Complete Street designs. The company has a Master Agreement with the City of Salinas and is on the City's On-Call consultants list. They have submitted a proposal in the amount of \$210,900 (attached) to assist City staff with the completion of the design of the project that will enable the City to use secured federal funds for construction.

ISSUE:

Shall the City Council approve a Resolution authorizing professional services to design the Downtown Complete Streets Project, CIP 9090?

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for the design of the project (CIP 9090) is included in the City's CIP Budget. There are sufficient funds for this work. The design of the project is funded with Regional Surface Transportation Funds.

TIME CONSIDERATIONS:

Both sources of funds for the project have a "use it or lose it" provision. While there is ample time to complete the project, staff is prudently seeking to use the funds expeditiously. Completing design allows the City to seek use of the construction funds sooner. Furthermore, the project is a deliverable improvement for the Vibrancy Plan implementation strategy.

ALTERNATIVES/IMPLICATIONS:

Council may decide not to approve the design task order and seek changes. This is not recommended since there has been much work in developing concepts for the project. Staff is preparing to hold meetings with the community at the beginning of 2017 to seek input that may be incorporated into the project's design.

CITY COUNCIL GOALS:

Completing the design for the Downtown Complete Streets Project supports the Council Goals of Excellent Infrastructure.

CONCLUSIONS:

Council is requested to approve a Resolution approving a task order for Kimley-Horn for the design of the Downtown Complete Streets Project (CIP 9090) Phase 1 in the amount of \$210,900.

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