



CITY of CALABASAS

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: APRIL 27, 2021

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

FROM: ROBERT YALDA, P.E., T.E., PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
TATIANA HOLDEN, P.E., SENIOR CIVIL ENGINEER

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO
C.A. RASMUSSEN, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,198,512.25 FOR
THE MULHOLLAND HIGHWAY GAP CLOSURE PROJECT,
SPECIFICATION NO. 20-21-01

MEETING
DATE: MAY 12, 2021

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that City Council award the construction contract for the Mulholland Highway Gap Closure Project, Specification No. 20-21-01, to C.A. Rasmussen, Inc. in the amount of \$3,198,512.25, including 15% contingency. Appropriation of a 15% contingency for potential change orders is typical with projects of this magnitude.

Staff is recommending total appropriations of \$180,000.00 to cover costs associated with construction engineering support, material testing and special inspections for this project.

Staff further recommends City Council authorize the expenditure of up to \$3,378,512.25 for the project from the Mulholland Hwy. Gap Closure Project account No. 40-339-6503-36.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

The Mulholland Highway Gap Closure Project is an active transportation safety and infrastructure enhancement project. Pedestrian and bicyclist facility connectivity will be improved with the construction of sidewalk and extension of bike lanes on Mulholland Hwy. and Old Topanga Canyon Rd adjacent to the Calabasas High School. The Project includes new retaining walls to stabilize hillsides for the new bike lanes and sidewalks.

This project was previously bid in 2020 but came before the City Council for rejection of the bids as they came out over the budgeted amount. Staff then proceeded to seek additional grant funding and performing a value engineering analysis to determine if alternative design of some of the project elements would reduce the costs. Fortunately, staff was able to both receive additional funding from LA Metro from Measure M sources, but also identified a potential cost reduction.

The proposed redesign, which was presented to Traffic and Transportation Commission on February 23, 2021, removes the existing parking lot on the corner of Mulholland Hwy and Old Topanga Road to allow for removal of a portion of the originally proposed retaining wall. It also estimated a reduction in cost.

Both design options were included in the project bid which was advertised on March 25, 2021, with bid opening scheduled on April 20, 2021. The Bid Opening for this project was conducted through Zoom Teleconference, due to the City Hall being closed to the public. Four bids were submitted for this project. A bid from GMZ Engineering was submitted past the announced due time and was rejected. The results of another three bids are included in Attachment 1.

The bid from C.A. Rasmussen, Inc. was the lowest for both design options and very close to the engineer's estimate. The alternative design option was \$64,202 lower than the original design option.

C.A. Rasmussen, Inc. has been licensed since 1968. Its classifications include: general engineering contractor; general building contractor; construction zone traffic control, and other classifications. The City worked with C.A. Rasmussen, Inc. on a number of construction projects.

The contingency amount of \$417,197.25 should be added to the bid amount of \$2,781,315.00 for a total of \$3,198,512.25. The contingency will be utilized for project management, inspection and potential change orders. The amount of \$180,000.00 will be used to cover construction management, material testing and special inspection cost.

Staff will utilize the existing contract with Converse Consultants for material testing and special inspection services.

KOA Corporation provided engineering design services for the project. Staff recommends awarding a contract for the project's construction engineering support services to the same firm. The professional services agreement is included in Attachment 3.

FISCAL IMPACT/SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Staff requests of up to \$3,378,512.25 for the project from the Mulholland Hwy Gap Closure Project account no. 40-339-6503-36. Call for Projects, Highway Infrastructure Programs - Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (HIP CRRSAA) and Measure M Active Transportation Category funds will be used to finance this project.

REQUESTED ACTION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment 1: Bid results
- Attachment 2: Construction Contract for C.A. Rasmussen, Inc.
- Attachment 3: Professional Services Agreement with KOA Corporation
- Attachment 4: Illustrations of the proposed improvements