



CITY of CALABASAS

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: MAY 13, 2020

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

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SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION TO REJECT ALL BIDS FOR THE MULHOLLAND
HIGHWAY GAP CLOSURE PROJECT, SPECIFICATION NO. 19-20-02

MEETING
DATE: MAY 27, 2020

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that City Council reject all bids for the Mulholland Highway Gap Closure Project, Specification No. 19-20-02. Staff also recommends that the project be postponed until additional funding is secured for its construction, which is anticipated to be June, 2021.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

Calabasas' Mulholland Hwy Gap Closure Project is primarily a safety and active transportation capacity enhancement project with the following specific pedestrians and cyclists improvement features:

- 1] Active transportation modes will be improved with the elimination of pedestrian gap closures and extension of bicycle facilities on Mulholland Hwy and Old Topanga Canyon Rd adjacent to the Calabasas High School;
- 2] New retaining walls will help stabilize the hillside that is to be cut for a new bike lane and wider pedestrian sidewalk on Topanga Canyon Rd; and,
- 3] All improvements will be consistent and retain the corridor's design elements.

Prior to completing the project for bidding, staff performed value engineering analysis to ensure only essential improvements are designed for the project.

The project was advertised for bidding on March 10, 2020, with Bid Opening scheduled for April 21, 2020. The Bid Opening for this project was conducted through Zoom Teleconference, due to the City Hall being closed to the public. There were six bids submitted for this project. The decision to award the project was based on the lowest responsible and responsive bidder. The lowest bid amount was \$2,163,446. However, the bid from the lowest bidder was not responsive, therefore, the City cannot award the project to the firm. The second lowest bidder, whose bid amount was \$2,649,451, was \$486,005 higher than the lowest bid amount. If the second lowest bid amount includes a 20% contingency, which is typical of the project of this magnitude, to cover for unanticipated changes, construction management and inspection service expenses, it will exceed the budget allocated for this project.

Staff plans to apply for additional Measure M funds to cover the shortfall. However, the additional funds may not be available for disbursement to the City during the construction stage. Therefore, it is prudent for the City to delay the project construction until the following year, when the local schools are in summer recess.

REQUESTED ACTION:

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