



Staff Report

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To: City Council

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Subject: **Considering award of construction contract for the Franquette Avenue Pedestrian & Bike Trail Connector, Project No. 2307, in the amount of \$321,263 to W.R. Forde Associates of Richmond (Funded by Measure J and Contra Costa-Pedestrian, Bicycle and Trail Facilities Grant)**

This project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Sections 15301 “Existing Facilities” and 15304 “Minor Alterations to Land.”

Report in Brief

The Franquette Avenue Pedestrian & Bike Trail Connector Capital Improvement Program (CIP) project (Project No. 2307) is the recipient of a Contra Costa Pedestrian, Bicycle and Trail Facilities grant for \$470,000. This project will construct pedestrian and bicycle trail improvements along Meadow Lane and Market Street to the tunnel under Hwy 242, connecting to Franquette Avenue. This project will extend the existing trail to continue along Franquette Avenue towards Willow Pass Road with the installation of bike route signage and markings. The project also includes upgrading the lighting fixtures inside the tunnel.

No construction bids for this project were received on April 28, 2016 in response to the City’s Notice Inviting Bids. Staff later requested quotes for the construction of the project from potential contractors. W.R. Forde Associates of Richmond (W.R. Forde) provided the lowest quote for the work.

Recommended Action

Staff recommends that the City Council take the following action:

1. Award a Construction Contract in the amount of \$ 321,263 for the Total Bid, to W.R. Forde Associates of Richmond (W.R. Forde); and authorize staff to utilize the available project contingency for contract change orders up to 10% of the contract amount.

Background

In November 2011, the City was awarded a Contra Costa Pedestrian, Bicycle and Trail Facilities (CC-PBTF) Grant from the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) to enhance pedestrian and bicyclist safety in the immediate areas surrounding the Downtown Mixed-Use area. This project will extend the Monument Corridor Pedestrian and Bikeway Network Improvements (Project No. 2169) with elements that include: construction of a Class I (10-foot wide) mixed-use trail with shoulders on each side, and signage along Meadow Lane/Market Street to an existing tunnel under Highway 242. The light fixtures inside the tunnel will also be upgraded. The project also includes installation of a Class III bikeway, with signs and markings advising motorists to share the road with cyclists along Franquette Avenue to Willow Pass Road. The Class III bikeway continues on Water World Parkway to Civic Court (Attachment 1).

Although the grant was awarded in 2011, CCTA requested that the City delay initiation of the project until FY14-15, to allow for CCTA to properly program all the funding allocated during that funding cycle. City received funding authorization from CCTA for the construction of this project on October 21, 2015. Construction is anticipated to occur in Fall 2016.

Procurement Process

Staff issued a Notice Inviting Bids to be submitted on April 28, 2016, but no bids were received. Though one contractor came to provide their bid after the time expired, pursuant to the California Public Contract Code, the bid could not be accepted, a determination that was confirmed by the City Attorney.

The California Public Contract Code Section 20166 allows the City to engage in direct negotiations with contractors to complete the project. Staff reached out to five contractors and solicited quotes to construct the project. Three quotes were received ranging from \$321,263 to \$411,475, as shown on the bid summary (Attachment 2). The Engineers Estimate was \$283,000; W.R. Forde submitted the low quote of \$321,263.

Staff has completed its analysis of W.R. Forde's quote, determined that: W.R. Forde possesses an appropriate and valid contractor's license which is not on any debarred list; that they and their subcontractors are registered with the Department of Industrial Relations as required by SB 854; and has satisfactory references; and are experienced in the construction of similar projects.

Environmental Review

This project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act¹ (CEQA) under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 “Existing Facilities” as the project involves construction on existing streets and gravel areas and CEQA Guidelines Section 15304 “Minor Alterations to Land” as the project includes the creation of pedestrian and bike path on existing rights-of-way. A Notice of Exemption will be filed with the County Clerk’s Office after contract award.

Financial Impact

The total project budget of \$535,000 includes Measure J and CC-PBTF Grant funds, and is sufficient to fully fund the cost of this construction contract.

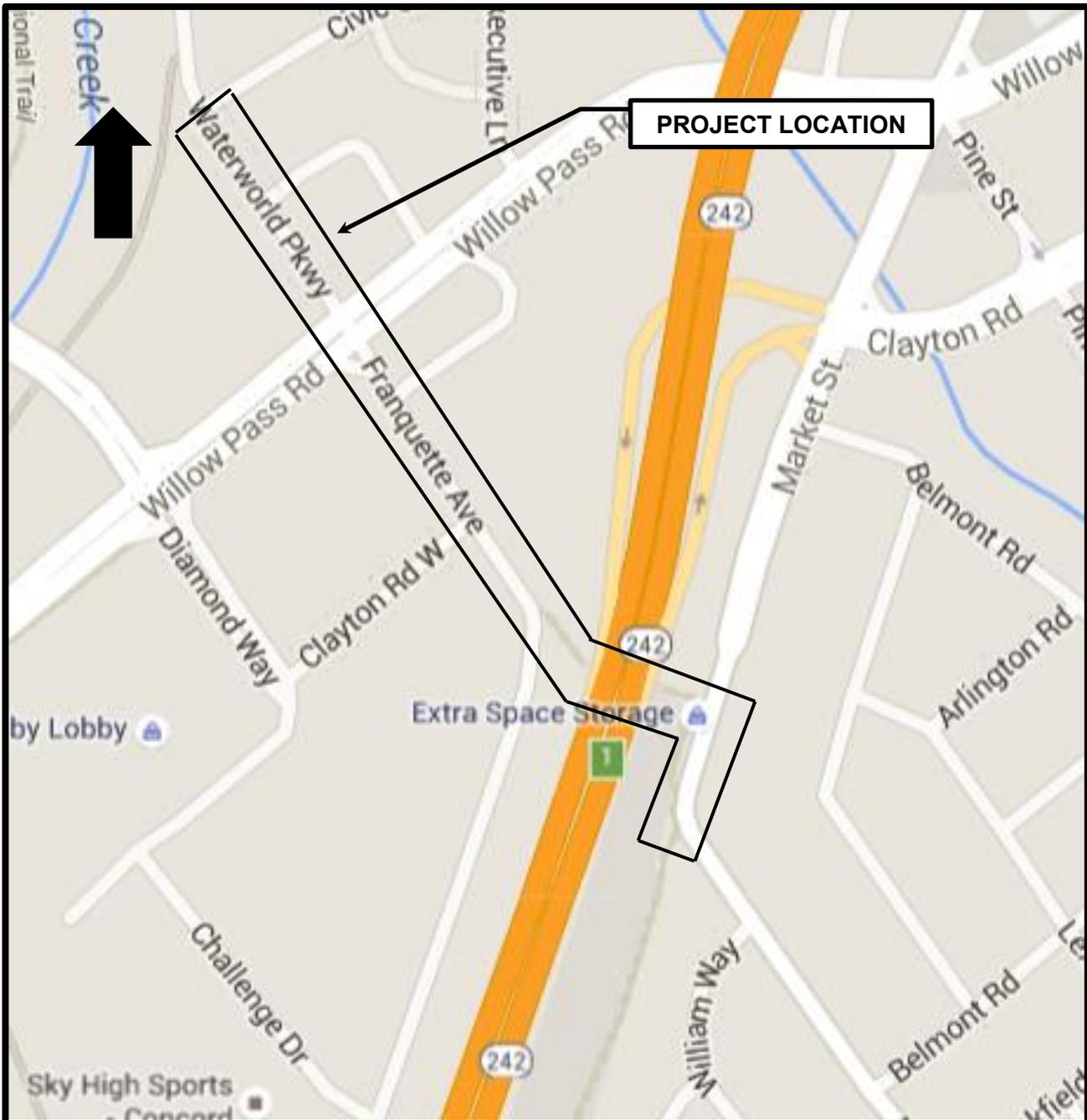
Public Contact

The City Council Agenda was posted.

Attachments

1. Location Map
2. Bid Summary

¹ California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, Public Resources Code § 21000, et seq. as amended (“CEQA”) and the CEQA Guidelines at Title 14, Chapter 3 of the California Code of Regulations as amended (“CEQA Guidelines”).



LOCATION MAP

PROJECT NO. 2307

FRANQUETTE PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE TRAIL CONNECTION

NO SCALE

**City of Concord
Bid Sheet**

PROJECT #2307

**Franquette Ave Pedestrian and Bike Trail
Connector Project**

Quote Received:

**Wednesday,
May 18, 2016
5:00 p.m.**

Informal Quotes

Engineer's Estimate: \$250,000 - 310,000

To be awarded: TBD

COMPANY	TOTAL BID
W.R. Forde Associates 984 Hensley Street, Richmond, CA 94801	\$321,263
Sposeto Engineering Inc 4558 Contractors Pl Livermore, CA, 94551	\$330,517
Bay Cities Paving & Grading, Inc. 1450 Civic Ct. Building B - #400 Concord, CA 94520	\$411,475

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