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January 08, 2019

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

**Dear Supervisors:** 

ADOPTED
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

19 January 8, 2019

CELIA ZAVALA EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
TRANSPORTATION CORE SERVICE AREA
AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
MUREAU ROAD BIKEWAY AND ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS
PROJECT ID NO. RDC0016223
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF CALABASAS
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3)
(3 VOTES)

#### **SUBJECT**

Public Works is seeking Board approval to award a construction contract to R. C. Becker and Son, Inc., for the Mureau Road Bikeway and Roadway Improvements project in the unincorporated community of Calabasas and authorize Public Works to execute the construction contract.

#### IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

- 1. Determine that the recommended actions are within the scope of the County's 2012 Bicycle Master Plan Final Program Environmental Impact Report previously certified by the Board.
- 2. Approve the revised estimated construction cost of \$975,224.69, which exceeds the previously approved estimated construction contract cost of \$900,000 for the Mureau Road Bikeway and Roadway Improvements project.

- 3. Award and delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute a construction contract with R. C. Becker and Son, Inc., in the amount of \$975,224.69 and establish the effective date following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material Bonds and insurance certificate filed by the contractor for the Mureau Road Bikeway and Roadway Improvements project.
- 4. Delegate to the Director of Public Works or his designee the following authorities (1) approve and execute change orders within the same monetary limits delegated to the Director of Public Works under Section 2.18.050 of the Los Angeles County Code relative to the construction of County buildings, (2) accept the project upon its final completion, and (3) release retention money withheld consistent with the requirements of State Public Contract Code Sections 7107 and 9203.

## PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to award and execute a contract for the Mureau Road Bikeway and Roadway Improvements project (project). The project would reconstruct a roadway with asphalt concrete and microsurfacing and construct drainage structures and guardrail end treatments to improve rideability and increase the level of comfort for motorists and nearby residents by providing a smooth-riding pavement in the unincorporated area of Calabasas. The project will promote active transportation and improve public health by providing a bike lane connection between two existing bike lanes on Las Virgenes Road and Calabasas Road.

On August 7, 2018, the Board approved the project and delegated to the Director of Public Works the authority to award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder within the estimated cost range of \$675,000 to \$900,000. The estimated total project cost was \$2,200,000. On September 4, 2018, four bids were received (see Enclosure). R. C. Becker and Son, Inc., was the apparent lowest responsive and responsible bidder with a bid price of \$975,224.69. R. C. Becker and Son, Inc.'s, bid is 32 percent higher than the construction cost estimate and exceeded the delegated amount. The higher bid amounts are in part due to escalating costs associated with accelerated growth in the construction industry. After re-analyzing the estimate taking this growth into account, it is Public Works' position that the bids received are reasonable and that re-advertising the project would not result in lower bids. Accordingly, R. C. Becker and Son, Inc., is recommended to receive the contract. The revised estimated total project cost is \$2,480,000. It is anticipated that the work will start in February 2019 and be completed in May 2019.

Approval of the recommended actions will comply with the California Environmental Quality Act and allow Public Works to execute a construction contract with R.C. Becker and Son, Inc.

## **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The County Strategic Plan directs the provision of Strategy II.2, Support the Wellness of our Communities, Objective II.2.2, Expand Access to Recreational and Cultural Opportunities and Objective II.2.4, Promote Active and Healthy Lifestyles.

In addition, the County Strategic Plan directs the provision of Strategy III.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability, Objective III3.2, Manage and Maximize County Assets. The recommended actions support ongoing efforts to encourage the use of alternate modes of transportation and manage and improve public infrastructure assets.

## **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

A portion of the project cost includes the relocation cost of a fiber-optic pull box owned by the City of Calabasas. The City will finance its share of the project cost estimated to be \$18,900.

The revised total project cost is \$2,480,000. The bikeway portion of the project will be financed under the State Bicycle Transportation Account Program covered by State Agreement No. BTA12/13-07-LA-09. Under this program, \$441,750 of the project cost will be financed using the State grant. The remaining project cost is funded with \$928,350 in Third Supervisorial District's Transportation Improvement Program Proposition C Local Return funds and \$1,091,000 in Road funds.

Funding for this project is included in the Third Supervisorial District's Transportation Improvement Program in the Proposition C Local Return Fund and Road Fund Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budgets.

#### FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The contract award will comply with applicable Federal and State requirements and Board policies and mandates. The contract documents will require the contractor to comply with these same requirements, policies, and mandates. The construction contract will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

As required by Board Policy No. 5.140, information such as defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractors State License Board, labor violations, and debarment actions were considered before making this recommendation to award to R. C. Becker and Son, Inc. Data regarding the bidder's Community Business Enterprise and Local Small Business Enterprise participation may be found in the enclosure.

The project plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

On February 28, 2012, the Board certified that the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the County of Los Angeles 2012 Bicycle Master Plan is in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act. On August 7, 2018, the Board found this project to be within the scope of the program EIR.

The recommended actions are still within the scope of the project in the previously certified EIR. There are no changes to the project or the circumstances under which the project is undertaken that require further review under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Upon your Board's approval of the project, the department will file a Notice of Determination with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk in accordance with Section 21152 of the California Public Resources Code.

The previously certified EIR is available and can be viewed at Programs Development Division, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, CA91803.

#### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

In accordance with the Board's consolidated Local and Targeted Worker hire policy, the contract documents will include a best effort goal that at least 30 percent of the total California craft worker hours for construction of the project be performed by Local Residents. The "Targeted Worker" component will not be included as part of the project.

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project was listed on both the County's "Doing Business with the County" and "Public Works Business Opportunities" websites for open bids:

http://www.lacounty.gov/business/doing-business-with-the-county

http://dpw.lacounty.gov/general/contracts/opportunities

Also, the contract solicitation was advertised through web-based and social media platforms, including Twitter.

# **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

This construction contract will result in improved infrastructure in the unincorporated community of Calabasas.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK PESTRELLA

Director

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**Enclosures** 

c: Chief Executive Office (Chia-Ann Yen)

County Counsel Executive Office

Internal Services Department (Countywide

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Contract Compliance)

# CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TRANSPORTATION CORE SERVICE AREA AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT MUREAU ROAD BIKEWAY AND ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT ID NO. RDC0016223 IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF CALABASAS (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3) (3 VOTES)

BID OPENING DATE: September 4, 2018

**BID SUMMARY:** 

<u>Bidder</u>	Bid Amount	LSBE <u>Certified</u>	CBE <u>Certified</u>
R. C. Becker and Son, Inc. 28355 Kelly Johnson Parkway Santa Clarita, California 91355 (661) 259-4845	\$ 975,224.69	No	No
Excel Paving Company	\$ 979,813.00	No	No
All American Asphalt	\$ 984,892.35	No	No
Granite Construction Company	\$1,215,731.00	No	No