



Agenda Item: 14.M
Date of Meeting: October 23, 2023
Department: Planning

STAFF REPORT

To: City Council
From: Ana Budnyk
Subject: **Downtown Bishop Parkways Project (Whitney Alley) Design Task Order**
Prepared On: October 17, 2023
Attachments: Downtown Bishop Parkways Project (Whitney Alley) Design Task Order 1

Background/History:

The City of Bishop received grant funding from the California Natural Resources Agency through their Proposition 68 Green Infrastructure Grant Program in 2020 for the Downtown Bishop PARKways project, focusing on Whitney Alley. The scope of the project is to create a green corridor and community space in Downtown Bishop by planting trees, installing bioswales, increasing permeable surfaces for stormwater capture, establishing pollinator habitat, and constructing dedicated pedestrian paths to improve walkability and safety, along with increasing access to green space and recreation for disadvantaged communities.

The City conducted public outreach and conceptual design for the project that was presented on August 28, 2023.

Due to the City not securing additional funding from the Clean California grant program and the project's constrained timeline, there is not sufficient time for a thorough design process for the park. As a result, the design development of the pocket park at 262 North Main Street has been reevaluated, and it will be pursued as an independent project in the future, subject to the availability of funding.

Analysis/Discussion:

This scope of work builds upon the previous design work contract between Stantec and the City to prepare construction documents. The scope also includes value engineering tasks to identify potential cost-saving opportunities for the current preferred conceptual design, which includes the Phase 1 base bid project and additional bid items.

Economic Impacts:

There are no significant economic impacts.

Budget Impacts:

This item is included in the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget.

Legal Review:

City Attorney Pucci has reviewed this item and finds that the recommended action complies with the law.

Recommended Action:

Council consideration to approve the Public Works Director to execute the Downtown Bishop Parkways Project (Whitney Alley) Design Task Order under the provisions of the As Needed, On-Call Civil Engineering Service Agreement between the City of Bishop and Stantec Engineering Inc. that was executed on July 1, 2023 with a not-to-exceed amount of \$127,395.

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