



Agenda Item: 16.K
Date of Meeting: October 27, 2025
Department: Public Works

STAFF REPORT

To: City Council
From: Nora Gamino
Subject: **Approval of Task Orders 25-TO-05 (HELIX Environmental Planning) and 25-TO-07 (Lumos & Associates) and Related Budget Adjustment for the East Line Street Bridge Replacement Project**
Prepared On: October 15, 2025
Attachments: 25-TO-05 HELIX - Bridge Permitting
25-TO-07 Lumos - Bridge ROW Support

Background/History:

The City of Bishop submitted the East Line Street Bridge Replacement Project to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) in 2008 and received COVID-era State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds in 2021. A professional services contract with Lumos & Associates was executed in October 2021 for environmental compliance, permitting, design, and engineering. Due to COVID STIP funding time limitations, all project funding expires on or before June 30, 2025. As a result, funding for construction was lost, although the City is pursuing reprogramming of local STIP funds for FY 2027-28.

While construction remains unfunded, several remaining pre-construction activities are necessary to maintain project readiness and regulatory compliance. These include environmental permitting and right-of-way documentation to support eventual construction.

This project is included in Objective 3.2 of the City's Strategic Plan.

Analysis/Discussion:

Task Order 25-TO-07 – Lumos & Associates

The final design of the bridge shifts the roadway alignment slightly to better center it within the existing right-of-way. This creates the need for temporary construction easements and potentially minor permanent right-of-way acquisition. The original Lumos contract did not include right-of-way engineering or legal description exhibits.

Lumos & Associates will prepare right-of-way and easement description exhibits for up to five parcels affected by the project, along with Permission to Construct (PTC) sketch maps. They will also provide coordination support to ensure right-of-way documentation aligns with environmental permit requirements.

The scope includes right-of-way and easement exhibits, legal descriptions, mapping, and coordination with the City's permitting and acquisition process. The not-to-exceed fee for this work is \$46,000.

Task Order 25-TO-05 – HELIX Environmental Planning

HELIX Environmental Planning, Inc. will complete remaining environmental permitting for the project, which involves federal and state agency coordination and permit applications to:

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) under Section 404,
- Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (LRWQCB) under Section 401, and
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) under Section 1602.

HELIX previously performed preliminary permitting work under Lumos and will now finalize permit applications, coordinate field verification, and manage inter-agency consultation.

The scope includes aquatic resources field verification, preparation of 404/401/1602 permit applications, and agency coordination. The not-to-exceed fee for this work is \$54,000.

In total, the City has already received \$318,542 in reimbursements from the California Department of Transportation for previously completed work under this project, including \$125,676.71 for Project Approval and Environmental Documentation (PA/ED), \$153,329.50 for Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E), and \$39,535.79 for City staff time and indirect costs. These reimbursements reflect eligible work completed to date under the original STIP funding.

Economic Impacts:

No significant economic impacts associated with this action.

Budget Impacts:

This item is not included in the FY 2025-26 Budget; the below listed budget adjustment is required.

- Operating transfer out of General Fund
001-023-59999 110,000.00
- Operating transfer in to E. Line St. Bridge Replacement Fund
054-000-39999 (110,000.00)
- Increased contract services spending within the E. Line St. Bridge Replacement Fund
054-000-55026 110,000.00

The operating transfer from General Fund to the capital project fund implies that the General Fund will finance \$110,000 of spending within the capital project fund without expectation of repayment or reimbursement.

Legal Review:

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

Recommended Action:

Council consideration to:

1. Approve Task Order 25-TO-05 with HELIX Environmental Planning, Inc. in the not-to-exceed amount of \$54,000;
2. Approve Task Order 25-TO-07 with Lumos & Associates in the not-to-exceed amount of \$46,000;
3. Authorize the Public Works Director to execute the task orders on behalf of the City; and
4. Approve the budget adjustment transferring \$110,000 from the General Fund to the East Line Street Bridge Replacement Project Fund.

Approved By: Ethan Aukee 10/23/2025

Approved By: Robin Picken 10/23/2025

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