



**SAN BENITO COUNTY
AGENDA ITEM
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Item Number: 4.26

MEETING DATE: 12/13/2022

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Deems Katada

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Steve Loupe

SUBJECT:

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY – S. LOUPE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR- PUBLIC WORKS

Adopt the plans and specifications for the PWB-2208 Union Road Bridge At San Benito River Bridge Replacement Project – Federal Aid Project No. BRLS-5943(043); authorize Chair to sign bid document cover sheets; and authorize the advertisement for bids to construct the project upon receiving all of the required executed environmental and encroachment permits.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 105.3

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

This project is funded under the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Highway Bridge Program (HBP) to replace the existing bridge structure on Union Road spanning the San Benito River that is deemed to be structurally deficient and scour critical as the foundation have been subject to severe erosion. The project was initiated after federal funds were obligated by FHWA to fund the project in 2007. The new structure as proposed will be constructed based on the current design and construction standards as well as current site requirements. It will be constructed along a new alignment to the south from the existing location to remove a substandard curve and the intersection of San Benito Street and Union Road would be relocated with a 350-foot extension of San Benito Street to the realigned portion of Union Road. The intersection at Cienega Road and Union Road would be reconstructed with a slight adjustment to orient the intersection with the realigned Union Road. The existing structure will remain to carry the existing traffic during the construction of the new structure and then removed once the new structure is built and traffic diverted onto it. Existing and previous bridge structures would be removed

from the river channel following completion of the new bridge, and riparian vegetation would be restored. The project has received the necessary environmental and right of way clearances and has recently received, through Caltrans, the required federal authorization to proceed with construction and to advertise the project.

The plans and specifications for this project are also now complete and presented for your approval and authorization to advertise for bids upon receiving all of the required executed environmental and encroachment permits which are all on-going and in the final phase; all expected to be received by the end of December of this year. Procurement for consultant services to provide the required construction contract administration and construction engineering on the project has commenced and is expected to be awarded prior to award of the construction contract. RMA expects contract award for the consultant services to take place before the end of this year or early January next year.

The engineer's construction cost estimate for this project is approximately \$36 million. Federal funds will cover 88.53% of the total cost with the County covering the remaining balance using TIMF and RSTP funds when necessary.

Upon board approval, the project will be advertised for bids. RMA will return to the board to approve the award of the construction contract to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder in February 2023 or sooner depending on the actual advertisement date. Construction is anticipated to begin in March 2023 or sooner. Bridge and roadway construction is expected to last until late summer 2024 with the existing bridge being demolished thereafter. The newly realigned roadway is expected to be opened to traffic in early fall 2024. Minor work on the project associated with plant establishment in designated areas under the new structure to satisfy environmental mitigation requirements to restore riparian vegetation will continue for up to 18 months after roadway and bridge construction have been completed.

Approved environmental documents are attached for information purposes only.

Plans, specifications and bid documents for the construction of the Union Road Bridge Replacement Project are available for review with the Clerk of the Board at 481 Fourth Street Hollister, CA 95023 (Between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM)

RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

No

CONTRACT NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

No

CONTRACT AND RFP HISTORY:

N/A

LAST CONTRACT AMOUNT OR N/A:

N/A

STATE IF THIS IS A NEW CONTRACT/ HOW MANY PAST AMENDED CONTRACTS/ OR N/A:

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 1. Operational Development & Excellence

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 2. Planning And Sustainable Growth

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 3. Technology

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 4. Community Engagement

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 5. Health & Safe Community

No

BUDGETED:

Yes

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NEEDED:

No

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Non-general Fund

UNFUNDED MANDATE:

No

SBC BUDGET LINE ITEM NUMBER:

210.70.2020.1211.650.201

CURRENT FY COST:

\$11,015,667.00

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff respectfully recommends that the Board: Adopt the plans and specifications for the PWB-2208 Union Road Bridge At San Benito River Bridge Replacement Project – Federal Aid Project No. BRLS-5943(043); authorize Chair to sign bid document cover sheets; and authorize the advertisement for bids to construct the project upon receiving all of the required executed environmental and encroachment permits.

ATTACHMENTS:

[PWB-2208 Union Book Cover Sheets](#)

[PWB-2208 CEQA ISMND Adoption](#)

[PWB-2208 NEPA Categorical Exclusion Det. Form](#)

[PWB-2208 NEPA Revalidation](#)

[1. PWB-2208 UnionBook1of4 PreAd](#)

[2. PWB-2208 UnionBook2of4 PreAd.pdf](#)

[3. PWB-2208 UnionBook3of4 PreAd](#)

[4. PWB-2208 UnionBook4of4 PreAd](#)

[Union Road Bridge Complete Bid Set 2022-10-14](#)