



City Council Staff Report

Subject: Sunset Whitney Connector Bridge

Date: February 10, 2026

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Department: Community Development

Recommendation:

Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Rocklin Approving and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Purchase Agreement with Contech Engineered Solutions, LLC.

Background:

On June 24, 2025, the City Council approved the Fiscal Years (FY) 2026-2031 Capital Improvement Program, which included Project No. 40035, the Sunset Whitney Connector Bridge project (Resolution No. 2025-137). The project creates a safe and reliable pedestrian crossing point over Antelope Creek, connecting Johnson-Springview Community Park with the greater trail system associated with the Sunset Whitney Recreation Area.

The project is currently in the environmental phase, and the environmental document is currently out for public review. It will require a Streambed Alteration Agreement with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and early consultation for the permit has commenced. Project design is anticipated to be 100% complete by the end of Spring. Project bid documents for the site preparation and bridge installation will be prepared for solicitation to go out to bid in early summer, with construction planned for Fall of this year.

The prefabricated steel truss bridge structure will be approximately 170 feet in length consisting of three spliced sections, each approximately 40 to 60 feet long, and it is estimated that the off-site fabrication will take up to nine months to complete. The bridge will then be delivered in sections to be erected and placed onto abutments that have been constructed prior to the delivery of the bridge. Shop drawings must be prepared by the bridge fabricator and then reviewed and approved by the structural engineer prior to fabrication, in order for this to occur. Due to the extensive lead time, staff recommends the City procure the fabricated bridge separately from the construction project.

Following an informal market survey, including seeking estimates and relevant information from four companies, staff recommends the bridge be purchased by the City directly from Contech Engineered Solutions, LLC. (Contech). This will allow for the City to proceed with completing the site design, obtaining the required environmental permits, and awarding a

contract for the construction and installation of the bridge. Construction will include the site preparations needed to build the abutments and foundations necessary to ensure the anchor bolts for the bridge align with the proposed design and the bridge structure seats properly on the abutments in preparation for the final bridge placement.

Contech is an established industry leader in pre-fabricated bridges and they possess an advanced American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC) bridge accreditation at a level that we were requiring. Of the multiple bridge prefabricators contacted by staff, only one other company possessed the same level of accreditation; however, but they had a longer lead time for design and fabrication than Contech. In addition, Contech has a heavy presence in California and has been responsive to the dates required to meet the City's desired schedule. The total cost of the bridge is \$414,628.50.

Purchasing the bridge directly from Contech will ensure the bridge, when received, can be assembled and connected to the abutments properly, as designed. Moving forward now with the necessary shop drawings will allow for a Fall 2026 bridge delivery and provide the opportunity to install the bridge prior to the heavy rain season, allowing for a full project completion by the end of 2026. It also eliminates the time it would take to have a construction contractor, once under contract, order the fabrication of the structure.

Rocklin Municipal Code (RMC) Chapter 3.04, Section 3.04.090 (E)(15), allows the City Council to waive competitive bidding requirements if a majority finds that it is in the City's best interest. Based on the above stated reasons, staff recommends the City Council adopt a resolution making such a finding.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with the staff recommendation. Sufficient funding is available in Project No. 40035 within the 2026-2031 Capital Improvement Program budget to support the staff recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Resolution](#)
2. [Resolution Exhibit A - Contech Engineered Solutions, LLC. Purchase Agreement](#)