



REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Jason Simpson, City Manager

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Date: October 11, 2022

Subject: Professional Services Agreement with HDR, Inc. for Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) Grant Writing Services for the I-15 SR74 Interchange Improvements Project

Recommendation

Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with HDR, Inc. for the Trade Corridor Program funding for Construction and Right of Way for the I-15 SR74 (Central Ave) Interchange Improvements Project in the amount of \$75,284.40 plus an additional 10% (\$7,528.40) contingency for grant writing services in such final form as approved by the City Attorney.

Background

Interstate 15 and State Route 74 (I-15/SR-74) interchange is a significant regional transportation corridor providing direct access to unincorporated county areas and local business and residential communities. Due to continuous growth in the area, there has been increased traffic congestion and delays for motorists, and the existing interchange cannot serve the projected future traffic volumes. The project will address future build-out traffic volumes by improving freeway ramp intersections and local arterial operations. The City is currently under a separate contract with HDR Engineering to develop the Project Approval/Environmental Document (PA/ED) phase of the I-15/SR-74 (Central Ave) Interchange Improvement. The PA/ED phase is anticipated to be completed by early 2023, which would allow the City to begin the final design phase of the project promptly.

Discussion

The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (SB1) established the Trade Corridor Enhancement Account to fund corridor-based freight projects nominated by local agencies and the state. The California Transportation Commission (CTC) allocates account funds and federal National Highway Freight Program funds to projects along corridors with a high volume of trade movements. This allocation takes place through the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP).

As the Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) compiles project nominations and ensures that project applications are delivered to CTC by the grant application deadline. The City has already provided SCAG with the completed

Project nomination form (Exhibit B) on September 27th. The services provided by the proposed contract with HDR will provide application materials, cost-benefit analysis, traffic analysis, narrative graphics, and all other grant requirements to SCAG by the appropriate deadlines to ensure that the project will be competitive in the grant application process.

Fiscal Impact

Funding for this professional services agreement will be provided by Measure Z.

Exhibits

- A – Agreement
- B – Scope of Work and Fee Proposal
- C – SCAG Nomination Form
- D – Project Fact Sheet