Council Agenda #4B
Meeting of September 28, 2010

Staff Report

INFORMATIONAL REPORT FOR THE U.S. HIGHWAY 101 PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE BRIDGE PROJECT, CITY CONTRACT NUMBER 433

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

Summary

This report provides an update to the Council regarding the status of the Highway 101 Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge project.

Background

The City of Belmont awarded the construction contract for the U.S. Highway 101 Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge Project to Granite Construction Company on December 29, 2009. A Limited Notice to Proceed was issued to Granite on January 21, 2010 and a Full Notice to Proceed was issued on March 31, 2010.

Discussion

This month, the contractor has continued working on the construction of the bridge substructure. The contractor poured the columns for Bents #3, #5, and #7, refinished the columns at Bents #2 and #4 and excavated and poured Abutments #1 and #2. The contractor has also started the fabrication of the slough bridge.

In July, PG&E completed the relocation of the 12KV power line on the east side of the freeway which was in conflict with Bent #10. This allowed the contractor to work in the area to drill and pour the CIDH piles for Bent #10.

The contractor's work was temporarily suspended in early August by the City due to safety issues associated with the column rebar cages not being secured properly by the contractor. The contractor remedied the situation and work progressed with negligible impact to the schedule.

The contractor submitted an access plan for the work near the Sports Complex. The plans call for the use of two cranes to place the slough bridge. Public Works staff will continue to work with the sports groups, Parks and Recreation staff and the contractor to ensure activities at the Sports Complex are not impacted by contractor operations.

The City's environmental consultant conducted a survey along O'Neill Slough prior to the contractor beginning work in the area as required by our permit from the Army Corps of Engineers. The survey found no endangered species in the area. The survey was submitted to the Army Corps of Engineers requesting that the additional monitoring requirements in the

permit be removed. The request was disapproved and the City will continue to have a biologist monitor the area while the contractor is working near the O'Neill Slough. Staff is also working with the Regional Water Quality Control Board to modify the City's permit and allow work beyond the October 15th wet weather season near the slough.

General Plan/Vision Statement

The installation of bicycle pathways complies with the General Plan. Circulation Element Goal #10: *"To provide a system of hiking and riding trails, pedestrian paths, bicycle paths and lanes to: a) Provide recreation, particularly scenic, quiet, leisurely neighborhood walks and rides; b) Furnish easy access to trails from individual properties; c) Permit safe, pleasant travel among parts of the community; d) Connect local areas within the City to through trails and paths and regional trail and path systems."*

Fiscal Impact

The construction cost of $5,251,357 and construction management services cost of $1,133,467 will be paid from the Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge Project (Measure A/Grants) Account 334-3-730-3091-9030 with reimbursement as allowed by Caltrans from Federal funds.

Public Contact

Posting of the City Council Agenda.

Recommendation

No action recommended.

Alternatives

1. Refer back to staff for additional information.

Attachments

None

Respectfully submitted,

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