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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Michael Stoltz for Robert Peterson - Director
Public Works
REPORT BY: Janet Walker, ASSOCIATE CIVIL ENGINEER , 259-8383
SUBJECT: Oakville Cross Road Bridge - Professional Services Agreement for right of way services

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Public Works requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign an agreement with Associated Right of Way Services, Inc., of Pleasant Hill, CA for a maximum of \$80,000 for the term October 10, 2006 through June 30, 2007 for right of way services for the Oakville Crossroad Bridge Replacement Project, PW 05-05.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Oakville Crossroad Bridge is scheduled for replacement, with the two-year construction expected to begin 2007. To do so, minor slope easements along the shoulders of the road and the river bank and temporary easements to provide two driveway detours are needed. Procedures outlined by CalTrans for projects funded by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) require that the right of way activities be performed by a qualified agency, which Napa is not. Therefore a Consultant has been selected to perform the work.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Roads Department
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	The Oakville Crossroad Bridge is scheduled for replacement, requiring additional slope easements and temporary construction easements. The Right of Way activities must be performed by qualified personnel as defined by CalTrans for FHWA funded projects.
Is the general fund affected?	No

Future fiscal impact: Funds are budgeted in the current fiscal year. Funding for any services not completed during the current year will be carried over to the following fiscal year(s) as appropriate.

Consequences if not approved: If the necessary right of way is not obtained the Bridge cannot be replaced.

Additional Information: None

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Oakville Crossroad Bridge replacement project began in May 1996, and has progressed slowly due to unanticipated environmental issues related to cultural resources. The cultural resource issue has been resolved and the environmental phase related to biological resources and the right of way phase of the project are in progress. Once these phases are cleared, the project will move into the construction phase.

As part of the right of way process, acquisition of easements is need for the project. The proposed bridge will have a higher elevation than the existing and therefore the elevations of the roadway approach will also be higher. This requires a wider easement along the pavement edges as the shoulder slopes down to the existing grade of the adjacent properties. Additionally the project requires easements for rock slope protection on the river bank and a temporary construction easement for the relocation of two driveways during the course of construction.

Procedures outlined by CalTrans for Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funded projects require that the right of way activities be performed by a qualified agency, which Napa County is not. County staff approached all qualified agencies located nearby: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, and Sonoma for assistance. All declined, citing the time constraints of their own projects. After discussing the situation with CalTrans, staff contacted two private consulting right of way firms who would be acceptable to CalTrans. Only one of those firms, Associated Right of Way Services, was available to provide assistance.

The Oakville Crossroad Bridge Replacement Project, PW 05-05, is funded by the Federal Highway Administration's Bridge Replacement program. The funding is budgeted in the current fiscal year and unexpended appropriations will be carried forward into succeeding years if necessary. The agreement with Associated Right of Way Services will automatically renew each year through 2009, if needed, until the right of way services are complete.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Andrew Carey