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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: Anthony Morales, ASSISTANT ENGINEER , 8373
SUBJECT: Las Amigas Road Class 2 Bike Lane Project - Award of Contract

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Public Works requests award of the contract for the "Las Amigas Road Class II Bike Lane Project," RDS 06-05, to W.R. Forde Associates of Richmond, CA, for its low base bid of \$197,565 and authorization for the Chair to sign the construction contract.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On October 23, 2007, the Board of Supervisors approved plans and specifications for the "Las Amigas Road Bike Lane Project" (RDS 06-05), and authorized Public Works to advertise for sealed bids and for opening of the bids at a time, date and location to be published by the Director of Public Works pursuant to Section 20150.8 of the Public Contract Code. The proposed bike lane will extend along Las Amigas Road from the intersection of Cuttings Wharf Road to just north of the intersection with Milton Road. Bids were opened on November 29, 2007. Based on the bids results, award of the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, W.R. Forde Associates, is requested.

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 construction of this segment of the Las Amigas Road Class II bicycle path supports the primary objective of the countywide bicycle route system which is to provide Napa cyclists with an integrated network of safe, convenient bicycle routes for their transportation and recreation needs. The bike path will be part

of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Bay Trail.

Is the general fund affected?	Yes
Future fiscal impact:	Future fiscal impact is minimal, confined to the regular routine maintenance performed on the road at the present time. All design and construction costs are expected to occur this fiscal year.
Consequences if not approved:	The County of Napa will forfeit \$412,000 in grant funds and will not complete this segment of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Bay Trail.
Additional Information:	The total project budget was programmed at \$516,355 for construction, construction contingencies, engineering, materials testing & inspection and administration costs. \$312,000 of the estimated budget is funded by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), \$100,000 by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and \$104,355 by the Napa County Roads Department Fund.

Response to the call for bids was overwhelming and twelve bids were received for this project. The low bid of \$197,565 results in an estimated total project cost of \$300,000. Staff will be exploring the possibility of expanding the project limits within Milton Road to take full advantage of the remaining grant funding and budgeted funds of \$216,355. Staff will be consulting with the funding agencies and with County Counsel and will return to the Board with a recommendation, if appropriate.

It was originally anticipated that Proposition 1B revenue would be used as the match source of revenue, however the State has not yet promulgated the final rules for the distribution of this funding source in time for this project. It is anticipated that these rules will be finalized in time for projects that will start in the Spring of 2008. Proposition 1B states that funding and expenditures become eligible only when project lists are submitted and approved by the State Controllers Office and monies have been released. The State Controllers Office has provided further clarification that it will not permit a local agency to reimburse itself with Proposition 1B revenue for already spent on an existing project.

At this point in time, there is sufficient Road Fund Balance to serve as the match for this project. The Department will monitor the funding situation, and should it find later in the fiscal year that there is insufficient revenue, staff will advise the CEO of alternative strategies. These strategies may range from not spending on other programs as originally anticipated in the budget, to requesting to draw down on the \$1.9 million designation set aside for road purposes by the Board in September 2007.

Technically, the General Fund is affected by all projects related to the Road Fund given the outstanding General Fund loan made for the declared emergency caused by the storms of December 2005 and April 2006.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: This project is subject to both the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. The CEQA and NEPA determinations are as follows:

- | **Categorical Exemption Class 4:** It has been determined that this project is Categorically Exempt pursuant to Section 15304(h), Class 4 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) which exempts the creation of bicycle lanes on existing rights-of-way.
- | **Categorical Exclusion:** an action which does not have a significant environmental effect and is excluded from the requirement to prepare an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

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The purpose of this project is to construct a Class II Bike Lane corridor along a portion of Las Amigas Road as a segment of ABAG's network of designated bicycle routes; the Bay Trail Project. Class II bike lanes share the right-of-way with a roadway, and are indicated by a bikeway pictograph on the pavement and a continuous strip on the pavement. The proposed bike lane will extend along Las Amigas Road from the intersection of Cuttings Wharf Road to just north of the intersection with Milton Road. Construction will include widening of the existing lanes, reconfiguring the storm drainage, and restriping the road to accommodate the new bike lane.

On November 29, 2007 the following bids were received for the "Las Amigas Road Bike Lane Project," RDS 06-05:

Contractor	Total
J.A. Gonsalves and Son; Napa, CA	\$199,690.00
Northwest General Engineering; Santa Rosa, CA	\$283,474.00
John Benward Company; Sonoma, CA	\$237,101.00
Ghilotti Brothers, Inc.; San Rafael, CA	\$217,138.50
William G. McCullough Co.; Antioch, CA	\$296,155.00
North Bay Construction; Petaluma, CA	\$240,688.00
W.R. Forde Associates; Richmond, CA	\$197,565.00
Nielson Construction; Napa, CA	\$251,704.00
K&L General Engineering; Sacramento, CA	\$246,293.75
JDB Construction; San Francisco, CA	\$305,555.00
R&M Grading; Napa, CA	\$225,823.00
Central Pacific; Winters, CA	\$233,997.83

W.R. Forde Associates of Richmond, California was the lowest qualified bidder in the amount of \$197,565. It is expected that construction will commence mid-April 2008 when weather and ambient temperatures permit, in accordance with the State of California Department of Transportation Standard Specifications dated May 2006 and

Standard Plans dated May 2006.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi