



STAFF REPORT
10/14/2019

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Andrew Simmons, P.E., City Engineer

SUBJECT: Professional Services Amendment and Funding Strategy for the SR-86/Avenue 50 New Interchange Project (ST-81). Partner with Cabazon Band of Mission Indians to apply for the Fiscal Year 2020 – Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects Program (NSFLTP).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Angenious Engineering Services, Inc. (AES) in an amount of \$15,000 to provide Professional Engineering Services for the preparation of a joint construction funding grant application with the Cabazon Band of Mission Indians for the SR86/Avenue 50 Interchange Project (ST-81).

BACKGROUND:

Department of Transportation – Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) posted the Fiscal Year 2020 – Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects Program (NSFLTP) grant on September 1, 2020. The funding application is due at 11:59 pm EST on November 2, 2020.

The NSFLTP Program will provide Federal funding to projects of national significance for construction, reconstruction, or rehabilitation of transportation facilities within, adjacent to, or providing access to Federal or Tribal lands. It appropriated \$70 million for this program. The FHWA will distribute these funds on a competitive basis in a manner consistent with the selection criteria.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

On November 18, 2015, City Council adopted resolution No. 2015-27 authorizing the City Manager to execute on behalf of the City any and all agreements associated with the ST-81 project.

The staff has been coordinating on the funding strategy with Cabazon Band of Mission Indians (Cabazon). It was mutually determined that the above referenced project would be best suited for this grant application. A new interchange at Avenue 50 on SR-86 (ST-81) would provide

significant opportunities to promote sustainable economic growth, environmental competitiveness, and improve quality of life in our region.

Cabazon has reached out to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) seeking for their support on this funding approach. Cabazon tribal government is going to provide a support letter upon receiving BIA's formal concurrence to ensure the City's eligibility for applying to the FY-2020 NSFLTP grant.

With the Cabazon's support letter, the City will act as the lead agency applying for the grant on behalf of Cabazon. The staff is seeking directions and/or concurrence to submit the NSFLTP grant application as the lead agency in partnership with Cabazon.

Should the grant be successful, the federal participation share of the cost of the project shall be up to 90%. The balance 10% local matching fund shall be shared between CVAG at 75% and City at 25%.

FISCAL IMPACT:

On October 28, 2013 the City of Coachella entered into a cost share agreement with CVAG for the Avenue 50 Bridge over Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel Project (ST-69) and SR86/Avenue 50 New Interchange Project (ST-81). A budget of \$1,928,767 was established. On September 27, 2019 the City of Coachella approved a PSA with AES for \$148,000. The \$15,000 PSA amendment shall be billed to the existing allocated ST-81 CIP project.

Attachments:

1. Professional Services Amendment No 1 for ST-81
2. Resolution No. 2015-27
3. Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Department of Transportation's Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects Program for Fiscal Year 2020