



STAFF REPORT

May 11, 2022
File Number: 0600-95

SUBJECT

GRAND VISION PROJECT PHASE I; - REQUEST THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZE CHANGE ORDERS FOR THE GRAND VISION PROJECT PHASE I

DEPARTMENT

Engineering Services

RECOMMENDATION

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2022-57 to authorize change orders for the Grand Vision Project Phase I (Project).

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Engineering Services Department: Julie Procopio)

Presenter: Jonathan Schauble

FISCAL ANALYSIS

The Grand Vision Project Phase I is funded with a competitive Smart Growth Incentive Program (SGIP) grant administered by SANDAG and with matching TransNet funds. The total Phase I Project budget as programmed in the Capital Improvement Program is \$2,259,326. During construction, unforeseen conditions, including an unmarked water line, buried concrete and unsuitable soil, necessitated construction change orders in the amount of \$96,620.04. In addition, Staff requests authority to approve future change orders up to an amount of \$60,000 to add a perimeter railing and planters to support on-street dining between Phase I and II. Staff estimates that approximately ten businesses will request Temporary Use Permits and each setup will cost approximately \$6,000 for purchasing the materials and having it delivered to the site and installed. There are adequate funds in the Project account to fund these change orders.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On February 14, 2018, the City Council approved the Grand Avenue Vision Plan that was developed through a public process that included multiple stakeholders, including downtown merchants, property owners, residents and technical professionals, and authorized grant applications.

On February 13, 2019, the City Council approved a SGIP grant agreement and related budget adjustment for the Project.



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On August 21, 2019, the City Council approved a Consulting Services Agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates to complete environmental clearance for the Grand Avenue Vision Plan and engineering design of the Phase I Project.

On July 21, 2021, the City Council approved an environmental document (Mitigated Negative Declaration) for the Grand Avenue Vision Plan.

On September 15, 2021, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-126, authorizing the award of a construction contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, 3Sixty Innovation, Inc., in the amount of \$994,776.50.

BACKGROUND

The Grand Vision Plan is a streetscape improvement plan for Escondido's historic downtown aimed at improving walkability and creating a pedestrian-friendly environment between Juniper Street and Escondido Boulevard. The Project narrows Grand Avenue to one lane in each direction, provides wider sidewalks, increases parking opportunities via diagonal parking, and removes center medians. Future phases of the plan include additional sidewalk widening and installation of three (3) traffic circles on Grand Avenue (Maple Street, Broadway, and Kalmia Street).

Phase I of the Grand Vision Plan is substantially complete. Among the many improvements, the Project has widened the sidewalk on the north side of Grand Avenue between Maple Street and Broadway, installed irrigation and landscaping, removed center medians, installed decorative lighting, provided diagonal parking, installed an ADA parking stall, and resurfaced the roadway. Several components of the Phase I, including sidewalk widening and fencing, have been completed. The final component of the project, the festoon lighting, is anticipated to be complete by May 23, 2022.

Phase II of the Grand Vision Plan will widen the sidewalk on Grand Avenue from Maple Street to Juniper Street and will install a traffic circle at the intersection of Grand Avenue and Broadway. Engineering design of Phase II will occur this year with construction expected during 2023.

RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution No. 2022-57