



# Folsom City Council Staff Report

<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	3/11/2025
<b>AGENDA SECTION:</b>	Consent Calendar
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Resolution No. 11338 - A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract Amendment with Dewberry Engineers, Inc. (Formerly Drake Haglan & Associates) to Complete the Project Authorization and Environmental Documentation for the US-50/Empire Ranch Road Interchange (Project No. PW1804) and Appropriation of Funds
<b>FROM:</b>	Public Works Department

## **RECOMMENDATION / CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

The Public Works Department recommends that the City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 11338 - A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract Amendment with Dewberry Engineers, Inc. (Formerly Drake Haglan & Associates) to Complete the Project Authorization and Environmental Documentation for the US-50/Empire Ranch Road Interchange (Project No. PW1804) and Appropriation of Funds.

## **BACKGROUND / ISSUE**

The City first began work on the Empire Ranch interchange in 2007/2008, completing much of the preliminary design and environmental clearance using Federal funds. Work on the project was halted, though, when the City shifted its design and funding priorities to the Folsom Lake Crossing Project.

In November 2017, the City Council approved Resolution No. 10039 – A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Consultant Service Agreement with Drake, Haglan & Associates, Inc. (Now Dewberry Engineers, Inc.) to Prepare Project Authorization and Environmental Documentation (PA/ED) for the US-50/Empire Ranch Road Interchange and Appropriation of Funds.

The Caltrans PA/ED Phase is a critical stage in the Project Delivery Process for transportation projects in California. This phase includes all necessary studies, evaluations, and approvals to ensure a project is environmentally compliant and ready for final design.

This contract with Dewberry Engineers, Inc. has undergone four amendments to date, each extending the original contract period. This request will serve as the fifth amendment and will include another time extension and the necessary additional project budget to complete this phase.

While the initial budget for the Dewberry Engineers, Inc. contract accounted for addressing Caltrans comments for the draft project report, the unforeseen extent of the comments, coordination, updated document formats and standards, and revisions have resulted in a significant amount of additional work.

Below is a list of the work items that are included in this amendment that were not included in the original scope of work:

- Caltrans comments on the Draft Project Report (DPR), Geometric Approval Drawings (GAD), and Design Standard Decision Documents (DSDD). We have received numerous rounds of comments from Caltrans, many of which were addressed in previous comment cycles. Additionally, Caltrans staff changes have required the project team to bring other reviewers up to speed on the project and have resulted in additional comments by Caltrans and re-addressing previously responded to comments. Due to the extended schedule, additional management, administration, quality control, and meetings are required.
- US-50/Empire Ranch Road (ERR) Grant Application(s) preparation and assistance.
- Caltrans has made Design Standard changes and document format changes during the project, including:
  - Highway Design Manual (HDM) Section 405.3(2)(b) Free right turn 20 mph design speed at pedestrian crossings
  - HDM Section 405.10 Implementation of the Oversize/Overweight (OSOW) design vehicle
  - Format change from Design Exception Fact Sheet to Design Standard Decision Documents (DSDD)
  - Format change to Traffic Management Plan (TMP) request form
  - Format change to DPR various sections
  - Format change to Storm Water Data Report
  - Highway Safety Manual (HSM) policy implementation

Recent project milestones include:

- Staff presented the most recent project design during the “Delivery Hour” presentation to Caltrans management.

- The Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has already been approved. Upon approval of the DPR, the EIR will be circulated for signatures.
- More recently, Caltrans has provided additional comments on GADs, DPR, and DSDD. We have clarified and addressed the GAD comments and sent back revised GADs and our response; these were sent to Caltrans on 9/9/24 with the revised GADs, the performance checks, the updated drainage exhibits, and response to comments. After review of response, Caltrans provided comments on 10/17/24 which included incorporating Highway Safety Manual elements in the project design. We met with Caltrans on 10/28/24 and 11/1/24 to discuss these comments. We requested from Caltrans an example of the HSM policy to incorporate in the DPR and DSDD.
- The revised Draft Project Report and other associated documents were submitted to Caltrans on 2/24/2025.

Through the strategies outlined in the City of Folsom Strategic Plan, staff has prioritized this project and is committed to advancing it to a shovel-ready status while actively pursuing federal and state grant opportunities to secure the remaining funding necessary for construction.

**POLICY / RULE**

Section 2.36.080, Award of Contracts of the Folsom Municipal Code states, in part, that contracts for supplies, equipment, services, and construction with an estimated value of \$75,049 or greater shall be awarded by City Council.

**ANALYSIS**

Staff has reviewed the Dewberry scope and fee to provide the additional services and concurs with the level of effort required to comply with Caltrans requests for this phase of the project.

Staff will use the City’s standard contract amendment in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The original contract with Dewberry Engineers, Inc. was authorized for \$1,308,950. Staff is requesting an amendment to the contract for the amount of \$473,131, for an updated total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$1,782,081.

In 2024, the city received an allocation of \$4,000,000 of Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) funds through the Community Project Funding / Congressionally Directed Spending program. These funds have been programmed for this project and a portion will be used to fund this contract amendment. This funding requires the city to contribute an 11.47% local match in the amount of \$54,268.13.

Staff is also requesting an appropriation of funds in the amount of \$473,131 of which \$418,862.87 will be reimbursed, resulting in a net financial impact to the City of \$54,268.13.

Sufficient funds are available in the Transportation Improvement Fund (Fund 446) for the appropriation.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

This contract with Dewberry Engineers, Inc. included preparing the required California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) environmental documents and studies. The environmental document has already been approved and following Caltrans's approval of the Draft Project Report, the Environmental Document will be circulated for signatures.

**ATTACHMENT**

Resolution No. 11338 – A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract Amendment with Dewberry Engineers, Inc. (Formerly Drake Haglan & Associates) to Complete the Project Authorization and Environmental Documentation for the US-50/Empire Ranch Road Interchange (Project No. PW1804) and Appropriation of Funds

Submitted,

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Mark Rackovan, Public Works Director

**RESOLUTION NO. 11338**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH DEWBERRY ENGINEERS, INC. (FORMERLY DRAKE HAGLAN & ASSOCIATES) TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT AUTHORIZATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION FOR THE US-50/EMPIRE RANCH ROAD INTERCHANGE (PROJECT NO. PW1804) AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Folsom desires to complete the Project Authorization and Environmental Document (PA/ED) for the US-50/Empire Ranch Road Interchange; and

**WHEREAS**, in November 2017, the City Council approved Resolution No. 10039 – A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Consultant Service Agreement with Drake, Haglan & Associates, Inc. to prepare the PA/ED for the US-50/Empire Ranch Road Interchange; and

**WHEREAS**, since the time of the initial contract award to Drake, Haglan & Associates, their name changed and they are now Dewberry Engineers, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, Caltrans review feedback and comments have led to substantial modifications to the initial scope to obtain approval of the Project Report; and

**WHEREAS**, sufficient funds are available in the Transportation Improvement Fund (Fund 446) in the amount of \$473,131 to be appropriated for an updated total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$1,782,081; and

**WHEREAS**, reimbursement in the amount of \$418,862.87 will be received through Caltrans invoicing and will be credited to the Transportation Improvement Fund (Fund 446), resulting in a net financial impact of \$54,268.13; and

**WHEREAS**, the agreement will be in a form acceptable to the City Attorney:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Folsom authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract amendment with Dewberry Engineers, Inc. to complete the Project Authorization and Environmental Documentation for the US-50/Empire Ranch Road Interchange (Project No. PW1804) in the amount of \$473,131

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Finance Director is authorized to appropriate \$473,131 in the Transportation Improvement Fund (Fund 446) for the US-50/Empire Ranch Interchange Project (Project No. PW1804) for an updated total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$1,782,081.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 11th day of March, 2025, by the following roll-call vote:

**AYES:** Councilmember(s):  
**NOES:** Councilmember(s):  
**ABSENT:** Councilmember(s):  
**ABSTAIN:** Councilmember(s):

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Sarah Aquino, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Christa Freemantle, CITY CLERK