

Folsom City Council Staff Report

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| MEETING DATE: | 9/12/2023 |
| AGENDA SECTION: | Consent Calendar |
| SUBJECT: | Resolution No. 11101 - A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Construction Agreement with St. Francis Electric LLC for the East Bidwell / Iron Point Road / US50 Onramp Improvement Project and Appropriation of Funds |
| FROM: | Public Works Department |

RECOMMENDATION / CITY COUNCIL ACTION

The Public Works Department recommends that the City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 11101 – A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Construction Agreement with St. Francis Electric LLC for the East Bidwell / Iron Point Road / US50 Onramp Improvement Project and Appropriation of Funds.

BACKGROUND / ISSUE

On December 8, 2020, City Council adopted Resolution 10571, authorizing staff to submit grants to the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) for the 2020-2021 funding round. The City’s top priority was the improvements of the East Bidwell and Iron Point Road / US50 Onramp intersection. Early scoping discussions with Caltrans Freeway Operations and Safety divisions led the City to submit the grant for the project, including construction of an additional westbound US50 onramp lane, per Caltrans request, and converting one of the westbound Iron Point Road through lanes to a third left turn lane from Iron Point Road onto East Bidwell Street. The original project was estimated to be \$5,000,000.

Subsequent dialog with Caltrans and City staff led to a re-scoping of the US50 onramp improvements from constructing an additional onramp lane to converting the existing high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane to a metered general-purpose lane. This change allowed the project costs to be substantially reduced while facilitating the originally planned improvement of the additional third turn lane to the East Bidwell Street and Iron Point Road intersection.

Folsom was awarded \$4,570,000 by SACOG in the 2020-2021 funding round for the East Bidwell / Iron Point Road / US50 Onramp Improvement Project. Due to the reduction of the overall cost of the project, staff determined that the use of local funds to accelerate project delivery would better serve the community and region. The City was able to reprogram the SACOG award to other projects in the city as follows: \$1,220,000 towards the Intelligent Transportation System Implementation Project, \$2,500,000 towards the Empire Ranch Road Interchange project, \$750,000 towards the Capital Southeast Connector Project and \$100,000 to be used toward a future federally funded project.

In May of 2022, the City contracted with Bennett Engineering and Associates to perform the design and produce the plans, specifications, estimate, and all necessary permits for the project.

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 \$70,952 or greater shall be awarded by City Council.

ANALYSIS

Public Works staff prepared the bid package and publicly advertised the project on July 14, 2023. Bids were received on August 16, 2023.

The three bids received were as follows:

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| • St. Francis Electric LLC | \$625,000 |
| • Studebaker Electric, Inc. | \$659,869 |
| • Pacific Excavation, Inc. | \$662,957 |

The Engineer's Estimate for this project was \$400,000. The cost difference between the estimate and the low bid was explained by Bennett Engineering and Associates' Project Manager: "From our initial assessment, the items that drove that were the Traffic Control System (TCS), Protection Barrier, and Ramp Metering System. The TCS was probably bid higher because we included all the signage that was shown in the detour plan. The protective barrier was not part of the final estimate since that change came in during the encroachment permit."

The Public Works Department has found the bids to be in order and recommends that the contract be awarded to the low-bidder, St. Francis LLC. Staff will use the City's standard agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The contract with St. Francis LLC would be authorized for \$625,000 with a total project budget of \$687,500, which will include a 10% contingency in the amount of \$62,500.

Approximate project costs to date including encumbrances total approximately \$246,454. The East Bidwell / Iron Point Road/ US50 Onramp Improvement Project, Project PW2203, was included in the FY 2023-24 Capital Improvement Plan with a total project budget of \$546,454. Therefore, an additional appropriation will be needed for construction costs.

Staff is requesting an appropriation of \$387,500 in the Transportation Improvement Fund (Fund 446) for a total project budget of \$933,954. Funds are currently available in the Transportation Improvement Fund (Fund 446) for the additional appropriation.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This project has been deemed Categorical Exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) environmental review based on Class 1: Existing Facilities. A copy of the Notice of Exemption is attached.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution No. 11101 – A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Construction Agreement with St. Francis Electric LLC for the East Bidwell / Iron Point Road / US50 Onramp Improvement Project and Appropriation of Funds
2. Exhibit A - Project Map
3. Notice of Exemption, California Environmental Quality Act

Submitted,

Mark Rackovan, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Attachment 1

Resolution No. 11101

RESOLUTION NO. 11101

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH ST. FRANCIS ELECTRIC LLC FOR THE EAST BIDWELL / IRON POINT ROAD / US50 ONRAMP IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department desires to construct improvements to the intersection of East Bidwell Street and Iron Point Road as well as the westbound US50 Onramp to facilitate more efficient movement through this intersection; and

WHEREAS, Public Works staff prepared the bid package, publicly advertised the project on July 14, 2023, and received bids on August 16, 2023, with St. Francis LLC being the lowest responsive and responsible bidder with an amount of \$625,000; and

WHEREAS, this project was included in the FY 2023-24 Capital Improvement Plan with a project budget of \$546,454, staff is now projecting the total project costs will be \$933,954; and

WHEREAS, an additional appropriation of funds in the amount of \$387,500 is needed for a revised project budget of \$993,954 and sufficient funds are available in the Transportation Improvement Fund (Fund 446) for this additional appropriation; 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 Construction Agreement with St. Francis LLC for the East Bidwell / Iron Point Road / US50 Onramp Improvement Project in the amount of \$625,000, with a total not-to-exceed project budget of \$687,500, which includes a 10% contingency amount of \$62,500.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to appropriate \$387,500 for this agreement. The appropriation will be from the Transportation Improvement Fund (Fund 446) in the amount of \$387,500 for a total project budget of \$933,954.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of September 2023, by the following roll-call vote:

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

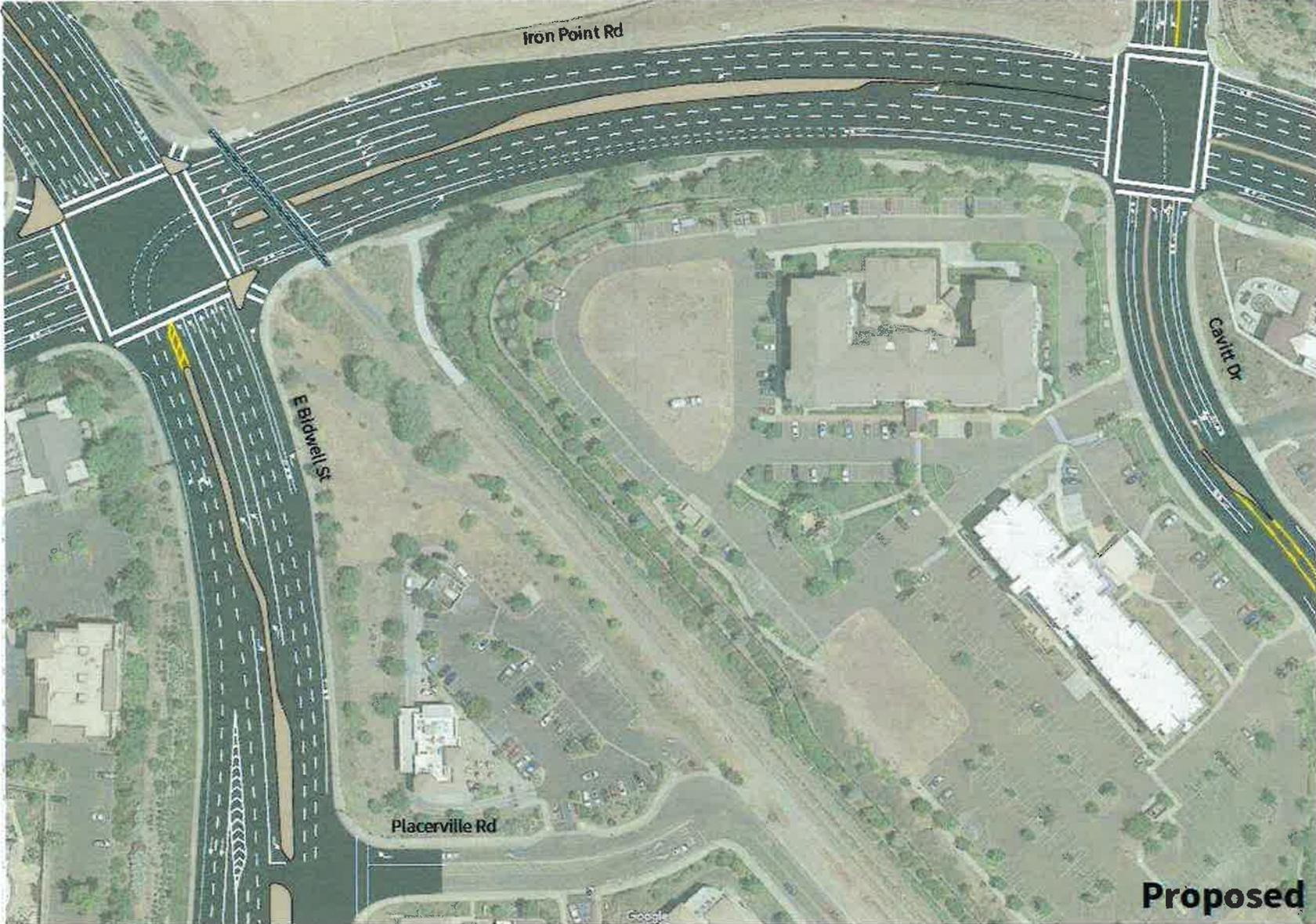
Rosario Rodriguez, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Christa Freemantle, CITY CLERK

Attachment 2

Exhibit A – Project Map



Iron Point Rd

E Bidwell St

Cavitt Dr

Placerville Rd

Proposed

Attachment 3

Notice of Exemption California Environmental Quality Act

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
County Clerk
County of: Sacramento
600 8th Street
Sacramento, CA 95824

From: (Public Agency): City of Folsom
50 Natoma Street
Folsom, CA 95630
(Address)

Project Title: East Bidwell and Iron Point US 50 On-Ramp Improvements

Project Applicant: City of Folsom

Project Location - Specific:
East Bidwell Street / Iron Point Road intersection to westbound US 50 on-ramp.

Project Location - City: Folsom Project Location - County: Sacramento

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
Roadway striping and signage improvements within the existing right-of-way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Folsom

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Folsom

- Exempt Status: (check one):
[] Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
[] Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
[] Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Sec. 15301 Existing Facilities
[] Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:
Project is limited to minor removal and installation of new road striping and pavement markings at an existing intersection and on-ramp as well as removal and installation of Caltrans standard road signage. All work will occur within the existing right-of-way.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Zach Bosch Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 461-6710

- If filed by applicant:
1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Zach Bosch Date: 3/2/2023 Title: Senior Civil Engineer
Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR:
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.



CEQA Exemption Information Form

City of Folsom East Bidwell and Iron Point US 50 On-Ramp Improvements

Project Location

The East Bidwell and Iron Point US 50 On-Ramp Improvements Project (Project) is located in the City of Folsom (City) at the intersection of East Bidwell Street and Iron Point Road and along the westbound US 50 on-ramp from East Bidwell Street. The City is proposing the project to remove existing road striping and install new road striping and pavement markings at an existing intersection and on-ramp, as well as removal and installation of Caltrans standard road signage.

The project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the list of classes of projects that have been determined to not have a significant effect on the environment (CEQA Guidelines, Article 19, Categorical Exemptions). Specifically, the project is exempt under Section 15301, Existing Facilities, also known as a Class 1 exemption, which encompasses the minor alteration of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use.

As specified in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2, a Class 1 exemption may be negated by an exception under any of the following circumstances:

- a) The project and successive projects of the same type in the same place will result in cumulative impacts.
- b) There are unusual circumstances creating the reasonable possibility of significant effects.
- c) The project may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway.
- d) The project is located on a site that is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.
- e) The project may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource.

Proposed Improvements/Description

The purpose of the project is consistent with the City's efforts to improve the intersection listed above. The project would remove and replace the existing road striping and roadway signs and posts with new striping and signage. The proposed project does not include any roadway improvements such as additional lanes or alignment changes. The proposed improvements would not require removals of existing hardscape or soil removal as all improvements would occur above ground.

Project Site Access

Primary access to the project site is via the existing listed roadways above.

Land Uses

The proposed project would occur entirely within existing roadways and sidewalks with existing signalization and traffic control devices. No improvements would occur within previously undisturbed areas or sites with native vegetation. The City of Folsom General Plan (City of Folsom 2018) land use map shows the project areas as existing roadway corridors.

Findings and Conclusions

The project site is in developed right-of-way, including asphalt roads, ornamental vegetation (shade trees, shrubs, and groundcover), and cement sidewalk. All work shall be done in accordance with the current City Standard Construction Specifications and Plans, and the latest editions of the State of California, Department of Transportation Specifications and Standard Plans.

The project would not contribute to or result in any cumulative impacts, because there are no successive projects of the same type in the same place. The project is not located on an officially designated state scenic highway (Caltrans 2023), and there are no scenic resources, rock outcroppings, or similar resources that would be affected by implementation of the project. The project site was reviewed in GeoTracker on February 16, 2023 (State Water Resources Control Board 2023). Based on the GeoTracker results, the project is not located on a site included on the Cortese List and there are no open hazardous waste sites within or directly adjacent to the project site. A site visit to the project location was conducted on February 14, 2023, and concluded that there are no historical resources that would be affected by implementation of the project. Additionally, there are no unusual circumstances that would create the reasonable possibility of a significant effect. Therefore, there are no exceptions related to the project and the project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Article 19, Categorical Exemptions, Section 15301, Existing Facilities.

References

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