

**CITY OF TEMECULA  
AGENDA REPORT**

**TO:** City Manager/City Council

**FROM:** Patrick Thomas, Director of Public Works / City Engineer

**DATE:** December 12, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Award Construction Contract to Beador Construction Company, Inc. for the I-15 Congestion Relief Project, PW19-02

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**PREPARED BY:** Avlin R. Odviar, Principal Civil Engineer

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the City Council:

1. Award a construction contract to Beador Construction Company, Inc., in the amount of \$4,364,300, for the I-15 Congestion Relief Project, PW19-02; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to approve contract change orders up to 10% of the contract amount, \$436,430; and
3. Make a finding that the I-15 Congestion Relief project is exempt from Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) fees.

**BACKGROUND:** On May 23, 2023, the City Council approved the plans and specifications and authorized the Department of Public Works to solicit construction bids for the I-15 Congestion Relief Project, PW19-02 (Project).

This Project, along with another freeway project being led by Caltrans, is a result of findings by the Move I-15 Temecula Valley Regional Task Force. The multi-agency task force examined various potential freeway improvements and concluded that operational and safety improvements including new auxiliary lanes, widening of on-ramps, installation of ramp metering, and other supporting features would help alleviate congestion on Interstate 15.

Caltrans took the lead on delivering auxiliary lanes on northbound I-15 from Rancho California Road to Winchester Road and on southbound I-15 from Winchester Road to Rancho California Road and from Rancho California Road to Temecula Parkway.

The City took the lead on the development, design, and construction of a new auxiliary lane on northbound I-15 from Temecula Parkway to Rancho California Road, which is the subject Project.

The construction contract was publicly advertised September 25 through November 2, 2023. Seven (7) bids were received and publicly opened on Thursday, November 2, 2023. The results were as follows:

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Bid Amount</b>
1.	Beador Construction Company, Inc.	\$ 4,364,300.00
2.	Flatiron West, Inc.	\$ 4,665,270.00
3.	Powell Constructors, Inc.	\$ 4,839,613.50
4.	Empire Equipment Services, Inc.	\$ 4,882,450.22
5.	Riverside Construction Company, Inc.	\$ 5,076,132.00
6.	Leonida Builders, Inc.	\$ 5,542,625.90
7.	Griffith Company	\$ 5,585,371.72

All bids received were responsive. Beador Construction Company, Inc. of Costa Mesa, California is the lowest responsible bidder. Beador Construction Company, Inc. has public contracting experience and has successfully completed similar projects.

The Engineer's Estimate of construction cost was \$5.3 Million. The construction contract allows for 150 working days (approximately 8 months) to construct the Project.

The Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) is an element of the Riverside County Intergraded Project (RCIP) to conserve open space, nature preserves and wildlife to be set aside in some areas. It is designed to protect over 150 species and conserve over 500,000 acres in Western Riverside County. The City of Temecula is a permittee to the MSHCP and as such is required to abide by the Regional Conservation Authority's (RCA) MSHCP Mitigation Fee Implementation Manual adopted by Resolution 2020-013 on December 7, 2020. The RCA is a joint regional authority formed by the County and the Cities to provide primary policy direction for implementation of the MSHCP.

Since July 1, 2008, the RCA has required that locally funded Capital Improvement Projects contribute applicable MSHCP fees within 90 days of construction contract award. Fees outside the public right-of-way are calculated on a cost per acre of disturbed area basis, while fees for typical right-of-way improvement projects are 5% of construction costs. In this case, the Project is on the State Highway System and as such, it is exempt from MSHCP fees.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The I-15 Congestion Relief project is included in the City's Capital Improvement Program Fiscal Years 2024-28. The sources of funds include Pechanga Intergovernmental Agreement, State Highway Operation and Protection Program and Minor Program (SHOPP), and Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF). There are sufficient funds in the project account to cover the contract amount of \$4,364,300.00 plus the 10% contingency of \$436,430.00 for a total encumbrance of \$4,800,730.00.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Contract
2. Project CIP Budget Sheet