

**CITY OF TEMECULA
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: City Manager/City Council

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

DATE: September 10, 2019

SUBJECT: Approve the Agreement for Consultant Services with Mark Thomas & Company, Inc. for the I-15 Congestion Relief Project, PW19-02

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RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Approve the acceleration of \$100,000.00 of General Fund from FY2020-21 to the current FY2019-20;
2. Approve an additional appropriation of \$651,724.80 of General Fund to the I-15 Congestion Relief Project, PW19-02;
3. Approve the agreement for consultant services with Mark Thomas & Company, Inc., in the amount of \$1,001,568.00, to provide professional design and environmental services for the I-15 Congestion Relief Project;
4. Authorize the City Manager to approve extra work authorizations not to exceed the contingency amount of \$100,156.80, which is equal to 10% of the agreement amount.

BACKGROUND: The Move I-15 Through Temecula Valley Task Force consists of more than a dozen local, state, federal, and sovereign institutions intent on resolving traffic congestion on the Interstate 15 through the Temecula Valley area. During 2018, the Task Force held several meetings, conducted workshops, pooled its engineering and planning resources, and identified several operational improvements to help alleviate congestion on Interstate 15. Of these improvements, Caltrans agreed to take the lead on developing and delivering the following:

- Northbound auxiliary lane from the Rancho California Road on-ramp to the Winchester Road off-ramp.
- Southbound auxiliary lane from the Winchester Road on-ramp to the Rancho California Road off-ramp.
- Southbound auxiliary lane from the Rancho California Road on-ramp to the Temecula

Parkway off-ramp.

On June 28, 2019, Caltrans approved its Project Initiation Report To Request Programming in the 2020 SHOPP (PIR) for these improvements. Per the PIR, Caltrans plans to begin project development in October 2020, complete the construction plans and documents in April 2024, and construct the improvements November 2024 through December 2026. The estimated project cost is approximately \$45M (today's dollars), which includes \$6.3M in project development, \$6.5M in construction support, and \$32M for construction.

Of the operational improvements identified by the Task Force, the City of Temecula, with the support of the Task Force, agreed to take the lead on developing and delivering the following:

- Northbound auxiliary lane from the Temecula Parkway on-ramp to the Rancho California Road off-ramp.

In May/June 2019, the City advertised Request for Proposals No. 233 inviting qualified consulting firms to submit a proposal to provide professional services for the Design, Environmental, and Right of Way phases of project development.

A selection committee comprised of representatives from the City and Caltrans reviewed the proposals, discussed findings, conducted an interview of the top two qualified firms, and ranked the prospective bidders as follows.

1. Mark Thomas & Company, Inc.
2. Michael Baker International
3. EXP U.S. Services, Inc.
4. NV5 Global, Inc.

Mark Thomas & Company, Inc. is a multi-disciplinary firm with extensive experience in providing professional services for the design, environmental clearance, and right-of-way clearance on similar freeway projects within California.

Following the selection process, staff entered negotiations with Mark Thomas & Company, Inc. and finalized the scope, fee, and terms of the attached agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT: The I-15 Congestion Relief Project is identified in the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget for Fiscal Years 2020-24, and is funded by the General Fund and Caltrans State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP). With the acceleration of \$100,000.00 and the additional appropriation of \$651,724.80 from the General Fund's available fund balance, adequate funds will be available to cover the agreement amount of \$1,001,568.00, plus the 10% contingency amount of \$100,156.80, for a total amount of \$1,101,724.80.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Agreement
2. Project Description
3. Project Location