



# TOWN OF FAIRFAX

## STAFF REPORT

### September 27, 2017

**TO:** Mayor and Town Council

**FROM:** Garrett Toy, Town Manager

**SUBJECT:** Discuss/consider adoption of resolution awarding a contract for the Forrest Avenue road stabilization project (approximate location 345 Forrest Ave)

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Discuss/consider award of contract for the Forrest Ave road stabilization project and either:

- 1) Adopt resolution awarding bid to the lowest responsible bidder, or
- 2) Adopt resolution rejecting all bids.

#### **DISCUSSION**

In February 2017, severe rainfalls caused portions of the roadway located near 345 Forrest Avenue in Fairfax, to become unstable and collapse. Forrest Avenue has been closed in that location since February. Staff initially worked with FEMA to secure reimbursement for the repair of the road. However, FEMA indicated the project did not qualify for FEMA funding, and referred staff to apply to Caltrans for emergency relief funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Unfortunately, going through the regular Caltrans approval process would mean that construction could not occur before spring 2018.

Federal guidelines require this project to be formally bid out. The first time the project was bid out was on July 20<sup>th</sup>, with bids opened on August 10<sup>th</sup>. The Town received only one bid, for \$399,520, approximately \$140,000, or 54%, greater than the Engineer's Estimate of approximately \$260,000.

On August 16, the Council held a special meeting and rejected the bid due to the prohibitive cost. Approximately 15 residents attended the meeting, and requested the Council proceed with repair of the roadway prior to the winter rains, rather than wait until spring. Staff was directed to have the Town's Consulting Engineer, Miller Pacific, redesign the project to reduce the road width to 18 feet instead of 24 feet, which Miller Pacific estimated could save the Town approximately \$100,000 in construction costs. The redesigned project was bid out on September 7, 2017, and included a bid alternate for a parking stall to be included.

As the project bids were opened on Friday, September 22 at 2:00 pm, staff did not have time to determine the lowest responsible bidder prior to the publication of the agenda packet. *A supplemental staff report identifying the lowest responsible bidder will be distributed on Tuesday prior to the special Council meeting.*

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A

AGENDA ITEM # 1