



# **TOWN OF FAIRFAX**

## **SUPPLEMENTAL STAFF REPORT**

**August 16, 2017**

**TO:** Mayor and Town Council

**FROM:** Garrett Toy, Town Manager 

**SUBJECT:** Discuss/consider award of contract for the Forrest Ave road stabilization project (approximate location 345 Forrest Ave)

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 1) Adopt resolution rejecting bids for the Forrest Ave road stabilization project.
- 2) Authorize staff to redesign and rebid the project.

### **DISCUSSION**

The Town opened bids on August 10th for the Forest Ave road stabilization project. The Town received only one bid for \$399,520 from Hillside Drilling Inc. Per project bid regulations, the Town must award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder or reject all bids. The final bid package and the Notice Inviting Bids was published on July 20<sup>th</sup>. The plans were sent to building exchanges and several firms pulled plans.

The received bid is approximately \$140,000, or 54%, greater than the Engineer's Estimate of approximately \$260,000. The Town's Consulting Engineer, Miller Pacific, indicates that construction firms are very busy and, as a result, did not believe it warranted the time for them to submit a bid. It should be noted that one firm indicated to us that they did not receive their bid bond in time to submit a proposal.

Staff is recommending that the Town Council reject all bids due to the prohibitive cost. We are recommending the project be redesigned to reduce the road width to 18 feet instead of 24 feet. With that redesign, Miller Pacific indicates that the retaining wall becomes a 4-foot high wall instead of 8 feet. Miller Pacific estimates this revision could save the Town approximately \$100,000 in construction costs. We designed the road to restore it to its original condition of 24 feet in width because federal funding will pay to restore roads to its original condition. Miller-Pacific indicates it will take them about 1-2 weeks to redesign the project at a cost of less than \$4,000.

We have previously reported that the Town has applied to Caltrans for FHWA (Federal Highway Administration) for emergency relief funds. At this time, it is unknown when the project will be approved and what the level of funding would be. However, if approved, the project will be required to proceed through the regular Caltrans approval process which would likely mean that construction could not occur until spring 2018. Unless the Caltrans' process is stream-lined, it probably doesn't make sense for the Town to wait for federal funding for the project.

Staff believes we can redesign and rebid the project with contract award in September at a special Council meeting. We anticipate the proposed redesign will result in lower project costs.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A

### **ATTACHMENT**

Resolution

SUPPLEMENT TO  
AGENDA ITEM # 1

RESOLUTION 17-\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX  
REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR THE 345 FORREST AVENUE  
ROADWAY STABILIZATION PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the 345 Forrest Avenue Roadway Stabilization Project is to repair the damage caused by the 2017 winter storms; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 10, 2017, at 2:00 p.m., the Town Clerk opened and examined the sealed bids for the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Public Contracts Code requires that a Town award a contract to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder or reject all bids; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town's Traffic Engineer and staff have recommended that the Town Council reject all bids for the Project due to the only bid received being over 50% greater than the Engineer's Estimate,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax rejects all bids received for the 345 Forrest Avenue Roadway Stabilization Project and authorizes Town staff to rebid the project.

The foregoing Resolution was duly introduced and adopted at a meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax held in said Town on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 2017, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

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John Reed, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michele Gardner, Town Clerk

**ATTACHMENT**   1