



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

August 7, 2019

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Garrett Toy, Town Manager *GT*

SUBJECT: Authorize the Town Manager to contract for services to make interim repairs to Meadow Way Bridge in an amount not to exceed \$35,000

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Town Manager to contract for services to make interim repairs to Meadow Way bridge in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.

DISCUSSION

In 2015 and 2016, the Town made approximately \$40,000 and \$25,000, respectively, in interim repairs to “shore up” the Meadow Way bridge. In 2018, staff reported that the Meadow Way Bridge replacement project bridge moved into the environmental assessment phase and we are currently in the process of responding to Caltrans comments.

Unfortunately, the bridge continues to deteriorate while we continue to work on the project. Specifically, numerous wooden planks and one runner board have denigrated to the point of requiring replacement, the guard rail will need to be reinstalled, and deck screws removed and replaced. The initial estimate for the repair was slightly less than \$25,000. However, due to the likelihood of unforeseen field conditions, we are requesting a higher than normal contingency reserve of \$10,000 (approx. 40% of project costs).

Staff intended to have the work done in the early part of this year but noticed that Caltrans was in the field assessing the bridge. Based on that observation, we thought that Caltrans may be considering a follow-up inspection to its annual inspection report and it would behoove the Town to wait for the follow-up report in event additional repairs were needed beyond what was known. During this time, we made temporary repairs to the bridge to make it safer while we contacted Caltrans to offer assistance to facilitate a reinspection. However, Caltrans has indicated it will not be able to accelerate its reinspection of the bridge.

As a result, staff has informed the contractor, Thunder Mountain Enterprises, that the Town would like to move forward with the repair. We will be meeting with the contractor to determine if any adjustments are needed to the initial scope of work to reflect any conditions that may have changed over the past several months. We anticipate the work beginning in August. The project may require a short closure (e.g., 4-5 hours with access for emergency vehicles) of the bridge to expedite repairs. The residents would be informed of any such closures.

FISCAL IMPACT

The FY19-20 CIP budget allocates \$100,000 for resurfacing of portions of selected streets. We would charge the bridge repair work to this fund (CIP Project 51-810).