



# TOWN OF FAIRFAX

## STAFF REPORT

### October 2, 2019

**TO:** Mayor and Town Council

**FROM:** Garrett Toy, Town Manager *GT*

**SUBJECT:** Authorize the Town Manager to contract for services to make additional interim repairs to Meadow Way Bridge in an amount not to exceed \$35,000 and receive project status update.

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

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

#### **DISCUSSION**

At its August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Council authorized staff to contract with Thunder Mountain Enterprises (TME) to make repairs to the bridge. Specifically, TME replaced numerous wooden planks and one runner board, reinstalled the guard rail, and replaced deck screws. The work cost approximately \$24,000. Unfortunately, during the repair, TME indicated that the similar conditions exist on the other side of the bridge (side closer to Cascade). TME was unable to perform the added work due to conflicts with other jobs, but indicated they would have time after October 15<sup>th</sup>.

TME is preparing the written scope of work, but they believe the cost of the work should be under \$25,000. Similar to the August item, staff is requesting a higher than normal contingency reserve of \$10,000 (approx. 40% of project costs) due to the possibility of unforeseen field conditions. We anticipate the work beginning in October. 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.

With regard to a project update, Caltrans indicates it will be signing off on NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) clearance for the project. This is a major milestone as it means the project complies with the federal ten year rule (2009-2019) and can move forward to the design stage. Caltrans originally committed funds to the project in 2009, but the Town did not begin the process until 2013. Failure to meet the ten-year rule would have meant the project would have been "de-obligated" (i.e., not funded). Staff anticipates the CEQA analysis will be available for public review and comment within the next 30 days.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Since 2015, the Town has spent approximately \$89,000 for interim repairs to the bridge, excluding this expenditure. Unfortunately, the bridge continues to deteriorate while we continue to work on the project. The bridge repair work will be charged CIP Project 51-810 (resurfacing of portions of selected streets).

#### **ATTACHMENT**

Scope of work (to be available prior to the meeting)