



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Public Works



Date: June 30, 2015
Board Meeting Date: August 4, 2015
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: James C. Porter, Director of Public Works

Subject: Road Oil Application in Conjunction with the County's 2015 Chip Seal Road Maintenance Project
[County Project No. RW509, Project File No. S4932]

RECOMMENDATION:

Resolution:

- A) Adopting plans and specifications, including conformance with prevailing wage scale requirements, for the Road Oil Application in Conjunction with the County's 2015 Chip Seal Road Maintenance Project; and
- B) Authorizing the President of the Board to execute an agreement with VSS International, Inc., dba VSS Emultech, in the amount of \$81,000 for the Road Oil Application in Conjunction with the County's 2015 Chip Seal Road Maintenance Project; and
- C) Authorizing the Director of Public Works to:
 - 1. Execute subsequent change orders to grant time extensions for project completion and payment up to a maximum aggregate amount not to exceed \$8,100, or approximately 10% of the agreement amount; and
 - 2. File a Notice of Exemption for a California Environmental Quality Act Categorical Exemption.

BACKGROUND:

On May 19, 2015, your Board adopted Resolution No. 073804, which authorized the Department of Public Works to develop plans and specifications and call for bids for specific projects to be constructed during the 2015 construction season. This "streamlined" process is specific to maintenance-type projects that:

- 1. do not have long lead times for design;
- 2. are not considered controversial requiring specific property owner input; and

3. do not require: state or federal grant approvals which have not previously been approved by your Board, or extensive permit approvals from regulatory agencies.

DISCUSSION:

The above-mentioned project involves an application of asphaltic emulsion (road oil), immediately followed by an application of small rock called “chips” to the roadway surface. The placement of the road oil will be completed by contract forces followed by the placement of chips with internal forces. County forces do not have the equipment and expertise required for the placement of road oil, but have successfully coordinated the placement of road oil with contract forces and the placement of chips with County forces. Chip Seals are an integral and cost effective treatment utilized by the County to maintain roadways and extend their useful life. This project includes 7.56 miles of roads.

On Thursday, July 23, 2015, bids were accepted for this project and subsequently referred to this office for checking and recommendation. The bid of:

VSS International, Inc., dba VSS Emultech
3785 Channel Drive
West Sacramento, CA 95691

at \$81,000 was the lowest bid received. The Engineer’s Estimate was \$127,000. A summary of the bids received is attached as Exhibit “A”.

Department staff has determined that this project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption pursuant to Section 15301(c) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines for Implementation, which provides that repair and maintenance of existing streets and highways is exempt for review. We request your authorization to file a Notice of Exemption for a CEQA Categorical Exemption for this project.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the resolution and agreement as to form.

Approval of this action will contribute to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Livable Community by improving our roads for use by the traveling public to support livable connected communities.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total estimated cost for construction is \$89,100, which includes authorization for up to \$8,100 in change orders as the work is bid on a unit price basis. The contingency is used to pay the contractor for any unforeseen conditions not anticipated in the construction agreement documents.

The project is proposed to be financed by the Road Fund.

There is no impact to the General Fund.

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Attachment: Exhibit "A" – Summary of Bids Received

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EXHIBIT “A”

SUMMARY OF BIDS RECEIVED

ROAD OIL APPLICATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COUNTY’S 2015 CHIP
SEAL ROAD MAINTENANCE PROJECT
[COUNTY PROJECT NO. RW509, PROJECT FILE NO. S4932]

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
1. VSS International, Inc., dba VSS Emultech	\$ 81,000
2. Reed and Graham, Inc.	\$ 100,625
3. Telfer Oil Company	\$ 112,500