



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Planning and Building



Date: June 1, 2015
Board Meeting Date: June 16, 2015
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Steve Monowitz, Acting Community Development Director

Subject: Agreement with BKF Engineers to complete phase 1 of the initial segment of the Midcoast Multimodal Trail, to include alternatives analysis, Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Review (PE/ENV), and 30% Construction Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E)

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with BKF Engineers for the preparation of the alternatives analysis, Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Review (PE/ENV), and 30% Construction Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E) for phase 1 of the initial segment of the Midcoast Multimodal Trail, for the term June 16, 2015 through April 3, 2016, in an amount not to exceed \$293,859.

BACKGROUND:

Between 2009 and 2012, the County oversaw development of the two-phase *Highway 1 Safety and Mobility Improvement Study*. The study evaluated opportunities and constraints for active transportation mobility and accessibility throughout the Midcoast. The study produced conceptual alternatives and recommendations to improve active transportation facilities and coastal access along the Highway 1 corridor, including a proposed Midcoast Multimodal Trail for safe pedestrian and bicycle travel. The Midcoast Multimodal Trail is alternatively known in existing plans and studies as the Parallel Trail. In January 2014, the County Board of Supervisors approved the submittal of the grant application and matching County funds to pursue environmental analysis, design and construction plans for the initial segment, in preparation for eventual construction.

The project represents the first phase for the first segment of the Midcoast Multimodal Trail. The project will extend on a north-south axis, from Mirada Road in Miramar, at the City of Half Moon Bay-County line, to Coronado Street in El Granada. It is expected that trail users traveling south on this segment will be able to safely connect to the City of Half Moon Bay by using the Naomi Patridge Trail, a crucial component of the City's

pedestrian and bicycle commuter trail network. Trail users traveling northbound will be able to access El Granada directly. The proposed trail will enhance active transportation safety and accessibility for Midcoast residents.

Eventually, four segments will be constructed to complete the Midcoast Multimodal Trail. Once all segments of the Midcoast Multimodal Trail are completed, users will be able to accomplish their daily tasks throughout the Midcoast and in Half Moon Bay, including visiting businesses, commuting to and from school, and recreating by bicycle or foot without relying on vehicular travel or crossing Highway 1 unnecessarily.

The County Planning and Building Department proposes to contract with BKF Engineers to provide services in support of the project at a cost of \$293,859.

DISCUSSION:

In September 2014, the County Planning and Building Department distributed a Request for Proposals (RFP) and received one responsive proposal. Based on an evaluation of the written proposal and an in-person interview conducted by a review committee comprised of staff from the Planning and Building Department, Public Works Department, Parks Department, and District 3 Supervisor's Office, staff is recommending that the County contract with BKF Engineers to complete the Project. Factors in support of this recommendation include the consultant's clear understanding of the project purpose and objectives; the depth and breadth of their prior experience; current involvement in related projects, such as the Devil's Slide section of the California Coastal Trail; a combination of technical expertise required to complete the project; and the personal, public and managerial skills to interface with the community, appropriately represent the County, and manage the project effectively.

The Planning and Building Department has negotiated a proposed agreement with BKF Engineers to complete the tasks outlined in the project scope of work within nine months, starting June 16, 2015 through April 3, 2016, at a total cost not to exceed \$293,859. This contract amount includes \$157,226 for public outreach and environmental analysis, which may vary based upon feasible trail alignment alternatives and environmental conditions identified during the course of the project.

The Planning and Building Department estimates the project will occur entirely within FY 2015-16. A Stakeholder Engagement Strategy will be drafted, to facilitate public outreach and design feedback on the project. The project will include complete environmental review, multiple public outreach events to develop a Preferred Trail Alignment, and conceptual construction plans and estimates (30% PS&E) production. At the conclusion of the Project, the Preferred Trail Alignment and 30% PS&E will be presented to the County Planning Commission. Tasks completed in FY 2015-16 will support advanced design and permitting tasks during phase 2, which is anticipated to occur in FY 2016-17.

The resolution contains the County's standard provision allowing amendment by the department head of the County's fiscal obligations by a maximum of \$25,000 (in aggregate).

County Counsel and Risk Management have reviewed and approved the agreement as to form.

The proposed agreement contributes to the 2025 Shared Vision outcomes of a Livable and Environmentally Conscious Community because the project will result in transportation and land use design that will promote connectivity and reduce carbon emissions through active transportation utility, in a manner that benefits residents, visitors, and the environment.

CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2015-16 Projected
Percent of Completion of the Multimodal Trail PE/ENV and PS&E (Phase 1)	100%

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total cost for the term of the agreement is \$293,859. This project is sponsored by a \$500,000 grant from the San Mateo County Transportation Authority Measure A Pedestrian and Bicycle Program with a 10% match funding contribution from the County Parks Department, in the amount of \$50,000. Project management resides with the County Planning and Building Department.

The County's approved budget for FY 2014-15 appropriated \$50,000 toward the project with provision that any of the unused amount be appropriated for FY 2015-16. The project will span the majority of FY 2015-16 and costs will be incurred in that timeframe.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Conceptual Trail Alignments (as identified in the Highway 1 Safety and Mobility Improvement Study)
- B. Project Study Area (aerial image)