



CITY OF MENIFEE

SUBJECT: Agreement for Design, Project Management, and Supporting Services for the Paloma Wash Pedestrian Bridge

MEETING DATE: June 1, 2022

TO: Mayor and City Council

PREPARED BY: Kevin Bohne, Associate Engineer

REVIEWED BY: Nick Fidler, Public Works Director

APPROVED BY: Armando G. Villa, City Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Engineering Resources of Southern California, Inc. to conduct design, project management and supporting services for the Paloma Wash Pedestrian Bridge Project in the amount not-to-exceed of \$235,940.

DISCUSSION

The Paloma Wash Pedestrian Bridge Project (Project) proposes to construct a multiuse path over the Paloma Wash channel adjacent to Central Park that provides direct connection to the commercial areas along Haun Road, east of the channel, and to the residential and Civic Center areas west of the channel. The Project would consist of installation of a prefabricated weathered steel truss bridge, concrete abutments, retaining walls, concrete ADA ramps, and concrete walkways. The Project would also incorporate lighting and architectural features that aid in making the bridge a desired visual destination.

On March 2, 2022, staff solicited proposals for design services through a Request for Proposal (RFP). The requested services include:

- Project Management
- Preliminary Engineering
- Plans, Specification, and Estimates (PS&E)
- Preparation and submittals to environmental permitting agencies and environmental surveys as needed
- Utility Coordination
- Coordination with other jurisdictional agencies
- Community Outreach
- Bidding and Construction Support

A total of two proposals were received by the deadline from the following firms:

- Engineering Resources of Southern California, Inc. (ERSC)
- T.Y. Lin International

An evaluation committee comprised of City staff reviewed the submittals. As part of the RFP process, the proposals were evaluated based on criteria set forth in RFP 2022-12. To ensure fair and thorough evaluations, instructions to proposing firms required fee proposals to be submitted separately. The evaluation committee's review focused on each firm's project understanding, proposed scope of work, qualifications of proposed staff, qualifications of the firm as a whole, project schedule, and the quality of responsiveness of the proposal. Each proposal was provided a score and ranked based on the initial review summarized in Table 1 below.

Table 1- Firm Ranking Summary

Firm Name	Qualification Ranking	Proposal Score	Fee Proposal
T.Y. Lin International	1	85.33%	\$592,056
ERSC	2	83.33%	\$269,231

Based on the criteria, T.Y. Lin was ranked as the highest firm and staff proceeded to open their proposed fee of \$592,056. Their proposed fee was significantly over the City's independent cost estimate of \$250,000. In an effort to remain within the design budget, staff-initiated negotiations with T.Y. Lin and made reductions to the following:

- Reductions to administrative hours
- Reductions of PS&E submittals from three to two
- Focusing biological studies to burrowing owl surveys

These changes to the scope of work resulted in an amended proposed fee of \$330,577. The resulting amended fee was still higher than the City's cost estimate, and T.Y. Lin was unable to reduce their fee further. Staff then proceeded to conclude negotiations with T.Y. Lin and open the proposed fee submitted by ERSC.

Staff reviewed ERSC's fee of \$269,231 and initiated negotiations to reduce items from their scope that were not pertinent to the requested services. ERSC made reductions to the following:

- Reallocation of administrative hours
- Limited the amount of assumed potholes in their proposal
- Removal of environmental construction support

These changes resulted in an amended proposed fee of \$235,940. This scope was more consistent to the needs of the project and below the City's independent cost estimate of \$250,000.

STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE

Safe and Attractive Community

FISCAL IMPACT

The total anticipated cost for the professional services is \$235,940. This item is currently budgeted in the fiscal year 2021/22 budget as summarized in Table 2 below.

Table 2- Existing Project Funding

Fund	Project	Account Number	Available Balance	Cost of Services
DIF Citywide Public Use & Community Facilities	Paloma Wash Pedestrian Bridge	520-4555-58098	\$117,000	\$117,000
DIF 17- Trails	Paloma Wash Pedestrian Bridge	512-4555-58098	\$277,450	\$118,940
Total			\$394,450	\$235,940

ATTACHMENTS

1. Project Location Map
2. Agreement