

TO: Andrew P. Powers, City Manager

FROM: Clifford G. Finley, Public Works Director

DATE: February 22, 2022

SUBJECT: Conejo Canyons Bridge at Hill Canyon Treatment Plant (CI 5527)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve Fourth Amendment to Professional Services Agreement No. 11855-2018 with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., Santa Barbara, CA, in the amount of \$77,742 for additional design and engineering services for the Conejo Canyons Bridge at Hill Canyon Treatment Plant project (CI 5527) for a new not-to-exceed total amount of \$212,434, with a term extension through December 31, 2023, plus \$9,000 for extra services.
2. Approve expenditures in the amount of \$86,742 (\$77,742 Amendment, plus extra services of \$9,000) from A/C #001-4410-671-8300 (CI 5527, Conejo Canyons Bridge at HCTP).

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

No Additional Funding Requested. \$1,546,113 is included in the Adopted FY 2021-23 Capital Improvement Budget (CI 5527). The total estimated project cost of \$1,552,000 will be partially offset by \$30,000 donation from Conejo Open Space Foundation (COSF) and \$654,000 contribution from Conejo Recreation and Park District (CRPD).

BACKGROUND:

The Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency (COSCA) and the City are working in collaboration to construct a bridge across the Arroyo Conejo Creek southwest of Hill Canyon Road in the Conejo Canyons Open Space area (Attachment #1). The purpose of this bridge is to provide trail and vehicular access across the Arroyo Conejo Creek. Installation of a bridge will allow trail users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, and equestrians, to have a defined route between Santa Rosa Equestrian Park and Wildwood Canyon. The bridge will also provide emergency vehicular access out of Hill Canyon for wildfire purposes, as well as a new direct

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and safe crossing for Public Works vehicles between the City's Municipal Service Center (MSC) and Hill Canyon Treatment Plant (HCTP). COSCA Park Rangers will also be able to use the bridge as needed, for maintenance and open space management.

The bridge was identified in COSCA's Conejo Canyons Management Plan as a high priority project for improving public access and is a key component of the trail system in the Conejo Canyons Open Space. It connects existing trails on either side of the creek and is a key link between Conejo Canyons and Wildwood Park. On December 12, 2017, the City accepted commitments from COSF in the amount of \$30,000 and from CRPD in the amount of \$654,000 for the Conejo Canyons Bridge. This \$684,000 total committed donation will be reimbursed to the City as the actual project expenses are incurred.

On September 25, 2018, City Council approved a Professional Services Agreement with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. (Stantec) in the amount of \$124,792 for the design and engineering of the project. The conceptual plans and preliminary cost estimate were completed in April 2019. The First Amendment to Stantec's agreement in the amount of \$9,900 was executed in May 2019 to provide for preparation of an Oak Tree Report. The Second and Third Amendments extended the term of the agreement through March 31, 2022, to allow time for completion of the environmental document and to obtain permits from California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW).

The project's Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was finalized in December 2021 after clearing public review period. The final MND will be presented to Planning Commission on March 14, 2022, for approval.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

Additional professional consulting services by Stantec are required to incorporate changes to the Building Codes, as well as conditions outlined in the MND, into the contract documents. The Fourth Amendment to Professional Services Agreement with Stantec will provide for the following additional services:

- Update to the Geotechnical Report based on the latest code requirements
- Revision of the structural design of the bridge foundation and piles to comply with current building codes
- Update of the construction contract documents to incorporate the MND and CDFW permit requirements

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City Council approval of the Fourth Amendment to Professional Services Agreement No. 11855-2018 with Stantec (Attachment #2) for a not-to-exceed amount of \$77,742 is recommended.

PROJECT COST SUMMARY

Design (Original Contract)	\$ 124,792
Amendment #1 (Oak Tree Report)	\$ 9,900
Amendment #2 & #3 (Time Extension)	\$ 0
Amendment #4 (This Action)	\$ 77,742
Extra Services (This Action)	\$ 9,000
Construction Phase (including mitigation) Estimate	\$1,324,679
Total Estimated Project Cost	\$1,546,113

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Planning Commission	March 2022
Completion of Design	April 2022
Bid process & Award	Summer 2022
Construction	Fall 2022 – Fall 2023

A report for the City Council to consider authorization to bid the construction of the bridge will be presented in April 2022.

Community Outreach: The project's MND was published for public review in November 2021 and will be presented to the Planning Commission on March 14, 2022. A dedicated project website will also be created where updated project information will be provided throughout the design and construction phases of the project.

This project meets City Council's Top Ten Priorities #9 to "Adopt and implement two-year Operating and Capital Improvement budgets that are aligned with best practices on fiscal sustainability and financial resiliency. Make strategic investments in existing critical public works infrastructure including pavement management, sidewalks, water resources, and streetscape."

CIP PROJECT PRIORITY (as outlined in FY 2021-22 & FY 2022-23 CIP Program Budget)

Priority Two - Necessary, but not essential, and there could be consequences if deferred

COUNCIL GOAL COMPLIANCE:

Meets the following City Council goal(s):

C. Operate City government in a fiscally and managerially responsible and prudent manner to ensure that the City of Thousand Oaks remains one of California's most desirable places to live, work, visit, recreate, and raise a family.

F. Provide and enhance essential infrastructure to ensure that the goals and policies of the Thousand Oaks General Plan are carried out and the City retains its role and reputation as a leader in protecting the environment and preserving limited natural resources.

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Attachments:

Attachment #1 – Location/Vicinity Maps

Attachment #2 – Fourth Amendment to Stantec Professional Services Agreement