



**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Agenda Item # 6**

**AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY**

**Meeting Date:** April 25, 2017

**Subject:** Construction Contract Award: Covington Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements, Project CF-01005

**Prepared by:** Daniel Varela, Assistant Civil Engineer

**Reviewed by:** Susanna Chan, Public Works Director

**Approved by:** Chris Jordan, City Manager

**Attachment(s):**

1. Verified Bids

**Initiated by:**

City Council

**Fiscal Impact:**

Based on the low bid, the estimated project costs are:

	<b>Project Budget</b>
Contract Award Amount	\$ 387,632
Contingency (15%)	\$ 58,145
<b>Total Estimated Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 445,777</b>
<b>Total Approved Budget</b>	<b>\$ 296,000</b>
<b>Appropriation Needed</b>	<b>\$ 150,000</b>

An additional appropriation of \$150,000 from the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund is needed. With the additional appropriation, there will be sufficient funds in Project CF-01005 for award of this contract.

**Environmental Review:**

Categorically Exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 (c)

**Policy Question for Council Consideration:**

- Does the Council wish to continue funding projects outlined in the Pedestrian Master Plan?

**Summary:**

- The Covington Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement project was developed as a result of a comprehensive Blach Neighborhood Traffic Study which was prepared by Fehr and Peers in December 2010.



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- The project boundaries are along Covington Road from the intersection of Miramonte Avenue to Eastwood Drive.
- The City of Los Altos retained Siegfried Engineering to design the safety improvements.
- The Improvements include a sidewalk gap closure on the south side of Covington, bike lanes on both sides of the road, and 10-ft wide lanes.
- The project increases mobility and safety for students traveling to and from Blach and Bullis Charter.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Appropriate an additional \$150,000 of Capital Improvement Program funds to Covington Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements, Project No. CF-01005; award the base bid to Wattis Construction in the amount of \$387,632; and authorize the City Manager to execute a contract on behalf of the City.



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### **Purpose**

To appropriate additional project funding and award the project to Wattis Construction.

### **Background**

The Covington Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement project was developed as a result of a comprehensive Blach Neighborhood Traffic Study which was prepared by Fehr and Peers in December 2010. The study identified several projects with recommendations to improve and enhance vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic in the Blach School neighborhood area.

The project boundaries are along Covington Road between the intersection of Miramonte Avenue to Eastwood Drive.

The City of Los Altos retained Siegfried Engineering on June 11, 2014 to design the safety improvements which included bike lanes on both sides of the street, a sidewalk gap-closure on the south portion of Covington Road, and 10-ft wide driving lanes.

### **Discussion/Analysis**

City staff conducted public outreach meetings on multiple occasions to determine a solution that would satisfy residents while providing adequate safety to students, bicyclists, and motorists along Covington Road. The final design accommodates the recommendations provided by all stakeholders.

On January 25, 2017, two (2) bids were opened for CIP Project CF-01005. Wattis Construction was determined to be the lowest bidder. Therefore, to award this project, the budget of Project CF-01005 requires an increase of \$150,000 making the total project budget \$446,000 (including construction contingency). The bid summary is provided as Attachment 1.

City Staff reached out to the design consultant, Siegfried, as well as several contractors to understand the high discrepancy in the engineer's estimate and the incoming bids. The consensus was that due to a strong economy and unusually long wet weather period, contractors are backlogged with work and therefore are bidding higher on projects. Short term outlook in lower price points for this work seem unlikely.

It is recommended the award of the Base Bid be made to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, Wattis Construction. Wattis Construction has no deficiencies against its General Contractor's license. They have successfully completed multiple projects for the City of Los Altos as well as neighboring cities.



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### **Options**

- 1) Appropriate an additional \$150,000 of Capital Improvement Program funds toward Project No. CF-01005 and award the project to Wattis Construction in the amount of \$387,632.

**Advantages:** Provides enhanced safety for vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists coming to and from school.

**Disadvantages:** None

- 2) Reject the bid from Wattis Construction; direct staff to re-bid the project.

**Advantages:** May receive lower construction bids.

**Disadvantages:** Construction bids may still come in high or no bids may be received.

### **Recommendation**

The staff recommends Option 1.

**Bid Opening**  
**Tuesday, January 7, 2017**  
**Covington Road Bike/Ped Improvements**  
**CF-01005**

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Base Bid</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>WATTIS</b>	<b>\$387,632.00</b>	<b>\$387,632.00</b>
<b>SPOSETO ENGINEERING</b>	<b>\$458,862.30</b>	<b>\$458,862.30</b>

*BIDS HAVE BEEN VERIFIED*