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Board of Supervisors  
County of Ventura  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
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**Subject: Receive and File Report by the Director of the Public Works Agency on the Status of an Emergency Contract to Summer Construction, Inc. for the Old Telegraph Road Bridge No. 485 Emergency Repairs; Ratification of Contract Change Order No. 1 increase in the Amount of \$290,537 not to exceed \$852,032.00; Determination of Need to Continue the Action; Project No. P6X50659, Specification No. RD24-07(E); Supervisorial District No. 3; (Recommendation No. 3 Requires 4/5ths vote).**

**Recommendations:**

1. Receive and file report within this letter on the status of work under the emergency contract with Summer Construction, Inc. of Santa Paula, CA for the Old Telegraph Road Bridge # 485 Emergency Repairs Project, Project No. P6X50659, Specification No. RD24-07(E).
2. Ratify Contract Change Order (CCO) No. 1 with Summer Construction Inc. of Santa Paula, California for the Old Telegraph Road Bridge # 485 Emergency Repairs Project, Project No. P6X50659, Specification No. RD24-07(E) in the amount of \$290,537 raising the total contract amount from \$561,495.00 to \$852,032.00.
3. Determine that there is a need to continue the emergency action (4/5 vote required).

**Fiscal/Mandates Impact:**

Mandatory: No  Yes  Cite Authority:  
Source of Funding: Road Fund  
Funding Match Required: No  
Impact on Other Department(s): None



**Summary of Revenue and Total Costs:**

|                          |    | <b>FY 2023-24</b> |    | <b>FY 2024-25</b> |
|--------------------------|----|-------------------|----|-------------------|
| Revenue:                 | \$ | 0                 | \$ | 0                 |
| Costs:                   |    |                   |    |                   |
| Direct                   | \$ | 852,032           | \$ | 0                 |
| Indirect – Agency/Dept.  | \$ | 0                 | \$ | 0                 |
| Indirect – County CAP    | \$ | 0                 | \$ | 0                 |
| Total Costs              | \$ | 852,032           | \$ | 0                 |
| Net Costs                | \$ | 852,032           | \$ | 0                 |
| Recovered Indirect Costs | \$ | 0                 | \$ | 0                 |

**Current Fiscal Year Budget Projections:**

| <b>Current 2023-24 Budget Projection for Road Fund - Unit 4081</b> |                |                 |                  |                             |
|--|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
|  | Adopted Budget | Adjusted Budget | Projected Budget | Estimated Savings/(Deficit) |
| Expenditures   | \$ 28,713,100  | \$ 32,817,702   | \$ 30,824,000    | \$ 1,993,702                |
| Revenue  | \$ 45,731,200  | \$ 45,731,200   | \$ 40,633,400    | (\$ 5,097,800)              |
| Net Cost   | (\$17,018,100) | (\$12,913,498)  | (\$ 9,809,400)   | (\$ 3,104,098)              |

Sufficient appropriations are available in the FY 2023-24 Road Fund Adjusted budget.

**Discussion:**

On March 26, 2024, your Board ratified an emergency contract with Summer Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$561,495.00 to take immediate action to restore the abutment and prevent further damage at Old Telegraph Road Bridge. Old Telegraph Road bridge spans over the East Branch Sespe Creek at Old Telegraph Road in the Sespe area as shown on Exhibit 1 (Vicinity Map) and Exhibit 2 (Location Map).

Since the heavy storm flows that peaked on February 5, 2024, there has been additional damage to the northwest abutment exposing a total of five steel beam piles and eroding more of the upstream riverbank. This additional damage continues to compromise the stability of the bridge reconfirming Public Works Agency Roads & Transportation (PWA-RT) decision to temporarily close the bridge and a small section of Old Telegraph Road.

PWA-RT has retained Michael Baker International, Inc., (Michael Baker) on a separate contract to perform an emergency bridge inspection of the damaged area and conduct a structural load rating analysis to evaluate if the bridge could be opened in a limited capacity. As of March 8, 2024, Michael Baker initial structural analysis was complete proving the bridge can reopen to one lane eastbound only with vehicle weight restrictions



not exceeding 6,000 lbs (3 tons). As a result, PWA-RT staff has modified the traffic control so residents in the unincorporated County area no longer must detour onto SR-126.

Subsequently on March 11, 2024, Summer Construction, Inc., has started construction to repair the abutment under an emergency contract work. However, with additional scouring of the piles, impinging flow on the bridge, and erosion of the upstream bank of the river due to the loss of additional embankment under the adjacent Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) railroad bridge, the quantity of materials has increased for Summer Construction, Inc., to complete the emergency work at Old Telegraph Road Bridge. This necessitates CCO No. 1 in the amount of \$290,537 for more construction material and labor required to finish the emergency contract work to fully reopen the bridge. Terminating the emergency contract at this time and competitively bidding the remaining work would significantly increase the cost and delay the completion of the project and provide no benefit to the public. Therefore, it is in the County's and public's best interest to continue the emergency action.

Pursuant to Public Contract Code section 22050(a), your Board has delegated to the Director of Public Works Agency (DPWA) the authority, "in the case of an emergency, to repair or replace a public facility, take any directly related and immediate action required by that emergency, and procure the necessary equipment, services and supplies for those purposes, without giving notice for bids to let contracts". When the DPWA exercises its delegated authority, it must be reported to the Board with reasons why the action was necessary within seven days of the action or at the next regular meeting provided it occurs no later than fourteen days from the action. Your Board is also being asked to ratify the DPWA's approval of Change Order No.1. Following the first meeting, if the emergency action has not concluded, the Board will have to find, by a four-fifths vote, that there is a continuing need for the action at each subsequent meeting.

### **Strategic Plan:**

This item contributes to the Board of Supervisors (Board) 2024-2027 strategic priority to provide:

- I. Healthy, safe, and resilient communities through
  1. Providing equitable and timely access to quality healthcare, mental health, and public health services.
  2. Maintaining high-performing public safety services.
  3. Promoting community resilience and strengthening our ability to withstand and recover from disaster or adversity.
- II. Reliable infrastructure and sustainability through
  1. Maintaining and improving dependable public resources to serve the needs of our diverse communities.



2. Preserving our agricultural land and natural environment while ensuring housing availability for all residents.
3. Investing in sustainable infrastructure, renewable energy, and preservation of our natural resources.

This item has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, the Auditor-Controller's Office, and County Counsel.

If you have any questions concerning this item, please contact the undersigned at (805) 654-2077.

Sincerely,



Anitha Balan, PE  
Director  
Roads & Transportation

Attachments:

- Exhibit 1 – Vicinity Map
- Exhibit 2 – Location Map
- Exhibit 3 – Fully Executed Change Order No. 1

