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April 29, 2025

County of Ventura Board of Supervisors

Subject: **Approval of, and Authorization for the Public Works Agency Director, or His Designee, to Execute a Consulting Services Contract with MNS Engineers, Inc., for the Piru Pedestrian Improvement Project; in the Amount of \$820,082; Contract No. AE25-034, Project No. 50673, Supervisorial District No. 3. This item is subject to the Levine Act.**

Recommendations:

1. Approve a consulting services contract with MNS Engineers, Inc. for the Piru Pedestrian Improvement Project, in the amount of \$820,082; Contract No. AE25-034, Project No. 50673 and;
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works Agency, or his designee, to execute subject contract if approved.

Fiscal Impact(s)

	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26 through FY 2027-28
Revenue	\$ 160,000	\$ 430,000
Costs	\$ 160,000	\$ 660,082
Total Cost	\$ 0	\$ 230,082

Funding Source(s): Active Transportation Program (State-Only) and Road Fund
Funding Match Required: None

Discussion:

On May 24, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved submitting a grant application to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) under the Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 6 call for projects for pedestrian improvements in the Piru area. This region had previously been identified in the County's 2018 Safe Routes to School plan. The ATP grant, for an amount of \$3,460,000, was awarded by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) on June 28, 2023, which includes \$590,000 for Design and \$2,870,000 for construction. The available ATP Grant funds are not sufficient to design and construct this project. Public Works Agency – Road & Transportation



(PWART) will use additional Road funds to complete the design of this project and will apply for California Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) grants for additional construction funds needed to complete this project.

The aim of this project is to close sidewalk gaps in the Piru community to enhance safety, accessibility, and the quality of life near Piru Elementary School, the community center, Warring Park, the train depot, and various local businesses. The project will include improvements on Center Street, Via Fustero, Orchard Street, Market Street, Camulos Street, Church Street, and Main Street.

On August 19, 2024, the Public Works Agency Roads & Transportation released a Request for Qualifications for design services. The Scope of Work included preliminary engineering, final design, right-of-way, grant support, bid support, and construction management support. The County solicited multiple consultants between August 19th and the due date, September 27, 2024. MNS Engineers, Inc., was the sole consultant to submit a Statement of Qualifications. MNS boasts a strong local background, having designed multiple pedestrian projects for several local cities and the County. Additionally, MNS is assisting the County with the CMAQ grant application to cover the shortfall in construction funding. ATP projects have strict deadlines, and MNS has a proven track record in delivering projects successfully. Preliminary Engineering is funded through a combination of the ATP grant and Road funds. The total work will not exceed \$820,082 without modification of this contract. It is anticipated that all work under this contract will be completed by December 31, 2028.

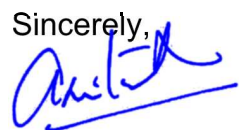
Strategic Plan:

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

- III. Reliable infrastructure and sustainability through
 - 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 Anitha Balan at (805) 654-2077.

Sincerely,


Anitha Balan, PE
Director, Roads & Transportation



Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – Vicinity Map

Exhibit 2 – Location Map

Exhibit 3 – AE25-034 Consultant Contract – MNS Engineers, Inc.

