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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members In Session:

SUBJECT: I-5/COSUMNES RIVER BOULEVARD INTERCHANGE PROJECT STUDY REPORT AND CEQA/NEPA DOCUMENTATION (PN: TV76) APPROVAL OF CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$746,898 WITH MARK THOMAS & CO. INC.

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT:

The project will extend Cosumnes River Boulevard from its current terminus at Franklin Boulevard to Freeport Boulevard, with the inclusion of a new interchange at I-5, located between Pocket/Meadow View Road and Laguna Boulevard. Council District 7 and 8.

RECOMMENDATION:

This report recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute the attached Consultant Services Agreement in the amount of \$746,898 to Mark Thomas & Co. Inc. for the development of the I-5/Cosumnes River Boulevard Interchange Project Study Report (PSR) and state and federal environmental documentation.

CONTACT PERSON: Gwen Owens, Associate Engineer, 264-8299

FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: May 29, 2001

SUMMARY:

Traffic volumes and congestion have increased on Mack/Meadowview Roads and other streets in south Sacramento. The additional traffic anticipated to be generated by the development of the area bounded by the Union Pacific railroad tracks, Meadowview Road, Freeport Boulevard and the City limits will worsen this situation. In order for development to occur, additional infrastructure will be needed for access. The extension of Cosumnes River

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Boulevard to Freeport Boulevard and the development of a new interchange at Cosumnes River Boulevard and I-5 will address traffic congestion and access.

This report requests that the City Council authorize and direct the City Manager to execute a Consultant and Professional Services Agreement with Mark Thomas & Co. Inc., in the amount of \$746,898, for environmental and engineering services for the Cosumnes River Boulevard project.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:

None.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Staff has completed the consultant selection process for environmental and engineering consulting services. A Request for Proposal for the I-5/Cosumnes River Boulevard Interchange PSR and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)/National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation was advertised and four firms responded. The consultant selection panel was composed of representatives from the City and Caltrans. The panel reviewed and rated the written proposals and conducted an interview with the two highest ranked firms. Overall rankings were based on the combined total of points received on the written proposal and the interview.

Mark Thomas & Company was ranked the highest and is recommended to perform the work for this project. The consultant has assembled a highly qualified and experienced team to perform the environmental and engineering services needed for the project. The work to be provided includes a Project Study Report and CEQA and NEPA environmental reports.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

As of February 1, 2001, the Cosumnes River Boulevard extension and interchange project (PN:TV76) had an unobligated balance of \$840,459, which is sufficient to cover the proposed consultant services agreement with Mark Thomas & Co. Inc. in the amount of \$746,898.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The approval of the consultant services agreement for environmental and engineering services is not considered a project as defined by Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines. The activity involves no physical construction and has no potential to cause a significant impact on the environment.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

This action is consistent with existing City policy concerning consultant selection and contracting.

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ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:

Mark Thomas & Company, Inc. has met the City of Sacramento's 20% goal for ESBD participation, utilizing the following ESBD-certified sub-consultants:

1. Fehr & Peers Associates
2. MMC Communications
3. Radman Aerial Survey
4. Blackburn Consulting
5. Civil Solutions

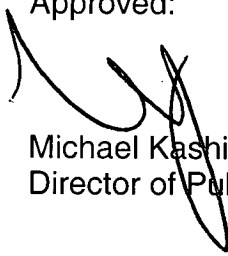
Respectfully submitted,



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RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:

Approved:



Michael Kashiwagi
Director of Public Works



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City Manager