

TOWN OF PARADISE
RESOLUTION NO.16-58

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PARADISE
APPROVING THE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES FOR
PEARSON RD SR2S CONNECTIVITY AND AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT
FOR BIDS ON THE PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the Town of Paradise has received a \$1,387,000 allocation of Active Transportation Program funds; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of this program is to:

- Increase the proportion of biking and walking trips,
- Increase safety for non-motorized users,
- Increase mobility for non-motorized users,
- Advance the efforts of regional agencies to achieve greenhouse gas reduction goals,
- Enhance public health, including the reduction of childhood obesity through the use of projects eligible for Safe Routes to Schools Program funding,
- Ensure disadvantaged communities fully share in program benefits,
- Provide a broad spectrum of projects to benefit many types of active transportation users.

WHEREAS, the Pearson Rd SR2S Connectivity Project remains consistent in scope with the approved grant award by constructing safe sidewalk facilities along Pearson Road between Skyway and Academy Drive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PARADISE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The design, plans, specifications and estimates for Pearson Rd SR2S Connectivity Project described in the attached Town Council Agenda Summary for this Resolution are hereby approved.

Section 2. The Public Works Department is authorized to advertise the Pearson Rd SR2S Connectivity Project for bids.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Paradise on this 13th day of September, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES: Greg Bolin, Steve "Woody" Culleton, Scott Lotter and Jody Jones, Mayor.
NOES: None
ABSENT: John J. Rawlings
ABSTAIN: None

By: 
Jody Jones, Mayor

ATTEST: *September 14, 2016*

Dina Volenski, CMC, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Dwight L. Moore, Town Attorney



TOWN OF PARADISE
Council Agenda Summary
Date: September 13, 2016

Agenda No. 2(j)

ORIGINATED BY: Marc Mattox, Public Works Director / Town Engineer

REVIEWED BY: Lauren Gill, Town Manager

SUBJECT: Pearson Rd SR2S Connectivity Project Approval of Plans, Specifications & Estimates and Advertisement for Bids

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED:

1. Adopt a resolution approving the revised plans and specifications for the Pearson Rd SR2S Connectivity Project and authorizing advertisement for bids on the project.

Background:

On September 26, 2013, Governor Brown signed legislation creating the Active Transportation Program (ATP) in the Department of Transportation (Senate Bill 99, Chapter 359 and Assembly Bill 101, Chapter 354). The ATP consolidates existing federal and state transportation programs, including the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA), and State Safe Routes to School (SR2S), into a single program with a focus to make California a national leader in active transportation. The ATP administered by the Division of Local Assistance, Office of Active Transportation and Special Programs. The objective of the ATP is to achieve the following objectives:

- Increase the proportion of biking and walking trips,
- Increase safety for non-motorized users,
- Increase mobility for non-motorized users,
- Advance the efforts of regional agencies to achieve greenhouse gas reduction goals,
- Enhance public health, including the reduction of childhood obesity through the use of projects eligible for Safe Routes to Schools Program funding,
- Ensure disadvantaged communities fully share in program benefits, and
- Provide a broad spectrum of projects to benefit many types of active transportation users.

In late 2014, the Town of Paradise received notification that the Pearson Rd SR2S Connectivity had been awarded \$1,387,000 in state funding to construct sidewalks, curbs and gutters along the south side of Pearson Road between Skyway and Almond Street and along both sides of Pearson Road between Black Olive Drive and Academy Drive.

On August 11, 2015, Paradise Town Council awarded a contract to NorthStar Engineering to perform necessary preliminary engineering work to bring the Pearson Rd SR2S Connectivity Project to construction before the June 30, 2016 funding deadline.

On June 14, 2016, Paradise Town Council approved the Plans, Specifications and Estimates for the Pearson Rd SR2S Connectivity Project and authorized staff to advertise for bids. The approved construction budget for the Base Bid + Alternate A was \$1,100,000.

On August 9, 2016, Paradise Town Council rejected the two bids received due to high bid prices and available funding. Town Council tasked staff to return in September with a value-engineered project which remained consistent with original grant objectives.

Analysis:

After further evaluating bids and working with the bidding contractors, staff concluded that higher than expected costs were attributable to the construction of two retaining walls in the vicinity of College Hill Drive.

Staff and NorthStar in a continued partnership, successfully modified the project without reducing Active Transportation Program benefits. Most notably, the project geometrics were changed to reduce the curb to curb width of Pearson Road between Scottwood Road and Academy Drive. Currently the roadway footprint includes a 13' center two way left turn lane, two 13' travel lanes and two 7' bike lanes. The proposed modification would reduce the travel lanes and bike lanes to 11' and 5', respectively. This reduction allows for the new 4.5' sidewalks to be constructed without the need of costly retaining walls. Other project changes include schedule modifications bringing construction from fall/winter 2016 to spring/summer 2017. Minor changes to material specifications and construction methods were also made.

With Council approval of the plans and specifications and authorization to advertise for bids, staff proposes the following schedule:

Approve PS&E:	September 13, 2016
Advertise for bid:	September 14, 2016
Award Contract:	October 4, 2016
Construction:	April-August 2017

The plans and specifications for the project are on file in the Public Works office for review.

Staff has been diligently working with Butte County Association of Governments, Caltrans and California Transportation Commission staff to ensure in every scenario, a project will be completed in 2017. The revised project has an "add-alternate" bid schedule provided for contractors to consider. This add-alternate schedule allows for the south side and north side of the sidewalk project to be considered and awarded as funding allows. Should bids again exceed available funding, a scope-change approval would be required from the California Transportation Commission on December 8, 2016. With this alternate bid schedule the Town can defer awarding a contract until December 13, 2016, if necessary.

Financial Impact:

The construction of the Pearson Rd SR2S Connectivity Project will be 100% funded from the Active Transportation Program. The project engineer's estimate and grant budget for construction is \$1,100,000. A more detailed project accounting will be presented at time of award.