

City Council Staff Report

Date:

December 3, 2014

CONSENT CALENDAR

Subject:

APPROVAL OF PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATE (PS&E) AND AUTHORIZATION TO BID FOR THE NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION PLAN PHASE I BICYCLE CORRIDORS, FUNDED

BY MEASURE J, CITY PROJECT NO. 13-32

From:

David H. Ready, City Manager

Initiated by: Public Works and Engineering Department

SUMMARY

The construction documents (Plans, Specifications and Estimate) are completed and, in accordance with Section 7.03.040 of the Procurement and Contracting Code the City Council is required to approve and adopt plans, specifications and working details, and authorize the bid request for all public projects in excess of \$100,000. Approval of this project will allow staff to proceed with this public project, with an estimated construction cost of approximately \$711,000.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve the Plans, Specifications, and Estimate for the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan (NMTP) Phase I Bicycle Corridors, funded by Measure J, City Project No. 13-32, and authorize staff to advertise and solicit bids.

STAFF ANALYSIS:

The City of Palm Springs adopted a Non-Motorized Transportation Plan in October 2011. In March 2014, Ryan Snyder prepared a 2014 Bicycle Route Plan that updated the City's bicycle routes. The Non-Motorized Transportation Committee reviewed the 2014 Bicycle Route Plan document from Ryan Snyder and supported his overall recommendations. A staff report was submitted to City Council from the Sustainability Office on May 21, 2014 as a Receive and File which contained the Bicycle Route Plan and Recommended Projects for the 2013-2014 fiscal year plus two (2) consecutive years of Measure J funding commitments.

The first set of these projects were presented to City Council on September 3, 2014 for direction and recommendations.

- 1. El Cielo Corridor: Maintain existing traffic lane configuration and street parking throughout the entire corridor. On El Cielo, between Tahquitz Canyon Way and Ramon, install green back Sharrows in the right lane. Install green back Sharrows along Civic Drive. Install class II buffered bike lanes on the remaining portions of the El Cielo corridor.
- Alejo Corridor: Maintain existing traffic lane configuration and street parking. Install Green back Sharrows on Alejo, between Indian Canyon and Via Miraleste, and just west of North Palm Canyon. Install Class II buffered bike lanes along the remaining corridor.
- 3. Belardo Corridor: Maintain existing traffic lane configuration and street parking. Class II buffered bike lanes will be installed on Belardo Road between Baristo and Sunny Dunes. Class II, without buffer, bike lanes will be installed on Belardo/Museum Drive between Amado Road to Tahquitz Canyon Way, and on Tahquitz Canyon Way from Museum Drive to Belardo. Green back Sharrows will be installed on Belardo Road between Alejo to Amado, and between Tahquitz Canyon to Baristo.
- 4. Farrell Drive Corridor (Racquet Club to East Palm Canyon): Farrell Drive, from Racquet Club Road to Vista Chino will be reduced from four (4) lanes to two (2) lanes to accommodate Class II buffered bike lanes and maintain street parking. Farrell Drive, between Tamarisk and Tahquitz Canyon Way, will have green back Sharrows, where bicyclists will be allowed to share the right lane with cars in order to keep existing parking.
- 5. Calle Encilia Corridor (Alejo to Ramon): Maintain existing traffic lane configuration and street parking. Install class II buffered bike lanes.
- Racquet Club Corridor (between North Palm Canyon and Farrell Drive): Reduce from four (4) lanes to two (2) lanes and install class II buffered bike lanes and maintain existing street parking.

A speed study will be conducted on Farrell Drive and Racquet Club no earlier than 6 months after the installation of the bicycle lanes to see if a speed reduction is warranted.

On October 1, 2014, City Council awarded the design of the project to Albert A. Webb Associates. The plans, specifications, and estimates are available for viewing in Public Works and Engineering Department and are ready for Council approval and subsequent advertisement for construction bids.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Sufficient funding for this project is available in Measure J account 260-4500-59445.

SUBMITTED:

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Attachment:

1. Map

