



# TOWN OF FAIRFAX

## SUPPLEMENTAL STAFF REPORT

### July 13, 2016

**TO:** Mayor and Town Council

**FROM:** Garrett Toy, Town Manager *GT*

**SUBJECT:** Adoption of resolution rejecting all bids for the "Bike Spine Project" for the construction of a Class I Bike Lane from Glen Drive to White Hill Middle School's athletic field (Lefty Gomez) along Sir Francis Drake Blvd.

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#### RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution rejecting all bids for the "Bike Spine Project" for the construction of a Class I Bike Lane from Glen Drive to White Hill Middle School's athletic field (Lefty Gomez) along Sir Francis Drake Blvd. to complete the Fairfax Bicycle Spine Project.

#### DISCUSSION

The Town opened bids on July 8<sup>th</sup> for the Bike Spine Project. The Town received only one bid for \$349,940 from Ghilotti Construction Company. Per project bid regulations, the Town must award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder or reject all bids.

The final bid package and the Notice Inviting Bids was sent to the construction exchanges on June 22, 2016 and was advertised in the Marin IJ on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. In addition, the Notice Inviting Bids with a link to the project documents was posted on the Town website. Bidders had approximately 2 weeks to respond. The project was required to be substantially completed by mid-August for the start of school. Four firms pulled plans.

The received bid is approximately \$125,000, or 55%, greater than the Engineer's Estimate of \$225,000. The Town's Traffic Engineer, Parisi Transportation Consulting, indicates that recently projects advertised late in the year have received only 1 or 2 bids, with costs coming in high. They believe that there is a substantial amount of public and private construction project commitments this summer for contractors who specialize in the project scope of work. These other project commitments caused higher than expected construction costs due to contractor supply and demand and limited contractor availability. In essence, most contractors have worked out their project schedule for the year, and the ones bidding are trying to capitalize on the lack of competition.

Staff is recommending that the Town Council reject all bids due to the prohibitive cost. Parisi Consulting and staff recommend rebidding the project early in the construction season next year (Feb/Mar). The construction schedule would be modified to require construction during the summer, thus giving contractors ample time to complete the project. We would anticipate these changes will result in the receipt of more competitive bids.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

The project is funded by a grant from TAM. Approximately \$260,000 is budgeted for construction.

#### ATTACHMENT

Resolution

SUPPLEMENT TO  
AGENDA ITEM # 14

RESOLUTION 16-\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX  
REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR THE “BIKE SPINE PROJECT” FOR THE  
CONSTRUCTION OF A CLASS I BIKE LANE FROM GLEN DRIVE TO WHITE HILL  
MIDDLE SCHOOL’S ATHLETIC FIELD (LEFTY GOMEZ) ALONG SIR FRANCIS  
DRAKE BOULEVARD AND AUTHORIZING TOWN STAFF TO REBID THE PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Town has adopted the FY 2016–2017 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) which includes the Bike Spine Project as a funded project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bike Spine Project provides for the construction of a Class I separated bike pathway from Glen Drive to White Hill Middle School’s athletic field (Lefty Gomez) along Sir Francis Drake Boulevard to complete the Fairfax Bicycle Spine Project; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 8, 2016, at 2:00 p.m., the Town Clerk opened and examined the sealed bids for the Bike Spine Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Public Contracts Code requires that a Town award a contract to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder or reject all bids; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town’s Traffic Engineer and staff have recommended that the Town Council reject all bids for the Bike Spine Project due to the only bid received being 55% greater than the Engineer’s Estimate,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax rejects all bids received for the Bike Spine Project and authorizes Town staff to rebid the project.

The foregoing Resolution was duly introduced and adopted at a meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax held in said Town on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2016, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:

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Renée Goddard, Mayor

Attest:

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Michele Gardner, Town Clerk