



**Resource Management
Agency
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: October 23, 2018

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
County Counsel Sign-Off	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>

CONTACT PERSON: Celeste Perez PHONE: (559) 624-7010

SUBJECT: Award Contract for Construction of Spacer Drive (D134) Safety Improvements Project

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Lee's Paving, Inc. from Visalia, California, in the amount of \$251,801 for construction of Spacer Drive (D134) Safety Improvements Project; and
2. Authorize the Chairman to sign the contract after review and approval as to form by County Counsel and upon receipt of certificates of insurance, bonds and evidence that the contractor possesses a valid State Contractors License; and
3. Allow funds for contingencies in the amount \$25,090 to cover unexpected construction conditions; and
4. Authorize the Director of the Resource Management Agency or his designee to approve contract change orders up to the amount of allowed funds for contingencies.

SUMMARY:

Tulare County is the lead agency on the Spacer Drive (D134) Safety Improvements Project funded through the Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). The HSIP is a core federal-aid program to States for the purpose of achieving a significant reduction in fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads. On November 21, 2016, Tulare County was awarded funding in the amount of \$260,000 through

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Cycle 8 of HSIP for the design and construction of the Spacer Drive (D134) Safety Improvements Project.

The Spacer Drive (D134) Safety Improvements Project (the Project) proposes to improve the safety of a 2.5-mile stretch of Spacer Drive (D134) between Road 124 and Road 136 by adding edge line rumble strips and warning flashing beacons at the intersections. Improvements also include replacing existing signage and updating existing striping with 6-inch wide striping.

On July 31, 2018, the Board of Supervisors authorized a Categorical Exemption which was subsequently filed on August 1, 2018 consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). As such, the project is consistent with State CEQA Guidelines (14 Ca Code Regulations) Section 15300.4 Application by Public Agencies and Section 15301 Existing Facilities, respectively, and are applicable to the proposed action.

Construction Bids

The Project was authorized to bid by the Board of Supervisors (Resolution No. 2018-0548) on July 31, 2018. Bids were opened on August 30, 2018 and only one (1) bid was received, summarized as follows:

Contractor	Total Bid
Lee's Paving, Inc.	\$251,801
Engineer's Estimate	\$180,877

Due to the economic climate and shortage of contractors, Tulare County did not receive multiple competitive bids. The bid opening for this project was held on Thursday, August 30, 2018, and only one bid was received.

The bid received by Lee's Paving, Inc. was 39% higher than the Engineer's Estimate. After conducting a bid analysis, large variances were noted in the unit price for a few of the bid items. Even though the bid received by Lee's Paving, Inc. is 39% higher than the Engineer's Estimate, Resource Management Agency (RMA) staff believes it would be in the County's best interest to proceed with the award of the contract. The variance between the Engineer's Estimate and bid are likely attributed to the current market conditions, workloads, and the specialized scope of work of the project. Rebidding the project will incur additional cost for staff time and advertisement reducing the cost effectiveness of the Project. Furthermore, rebidding the project does not guarantee that additional bids will be received nor does it guarantee that the County will receive more favorable bids.

Based on the information mentioned above, it is RMA staff's recommendation that the Board award the contract to Lee's Paving, Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Lee's Paving, Inc. has satisfactorily performed similar projects, where they demonstrated that they (1) have adequate financial resources to perform the contract,

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(2) are able to comply with the associated legal or regulatory requirements, (3) have or can obtain necessary data, equipment, and facilities, and (4) is otherwise eligible and qualified to receive award.

If awarded, construction is anticipated to begin in December 2018.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

No Net County Cost to the General Fund.

A summary of the total project cost and funding sources for the Spacer Drive (D134) Safety Improvements Project is as follows:

Engineering Design:	\$45,000
Construction:	\$251,801
Contingencies:	\$25,090
Construction Engineering:	\$30,200
Total:	\$352,091

Funding for the Spacer Drive (D134) Safety Improvements Project include funds from Cycle 8 of HSIP and County Road Funds.

Tulare County was awarded \$260,000 in HSIP funds for the design and construction of the project. However, the current market conditions, workloads, and specialized scope of work of the project resulted in a higher than normal bid proposal. For this reason, staff is working with Caltrans to secure additional funds in the amount of \$66,201 to cover the additional cost of design and construction of the project.

All construction contingencies will be covered by County Road Funds.

If staff is able to secure additional funds for this project, funding sources are summarized as follows:

HSIP Funds:	\$326,201
County Road Funds:	\$25,090
Total:	\$352,091

However, if additional funds are not awarded by Caltrans, County Road Funds will be used to cover any additional funds (estimated at \$90K) required to complete the project.

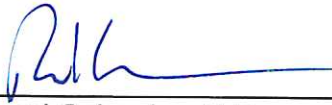
LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

Safety and Security – This project will enhance the safety and security of the public by improving the transportation infrastructure for both the general population in the region and the motorists using this facility.

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ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Reed Schenke, P.E.
Director

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Attachment A – Vicinity Map

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF AWARD CONTRACT)
FOR CONSTRUCTION OF) Resolution No. _____
SPACER DRIVE (D134) SAFETY) Agreement No. _____
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT)

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD OCTOBER 23, 2018,
BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

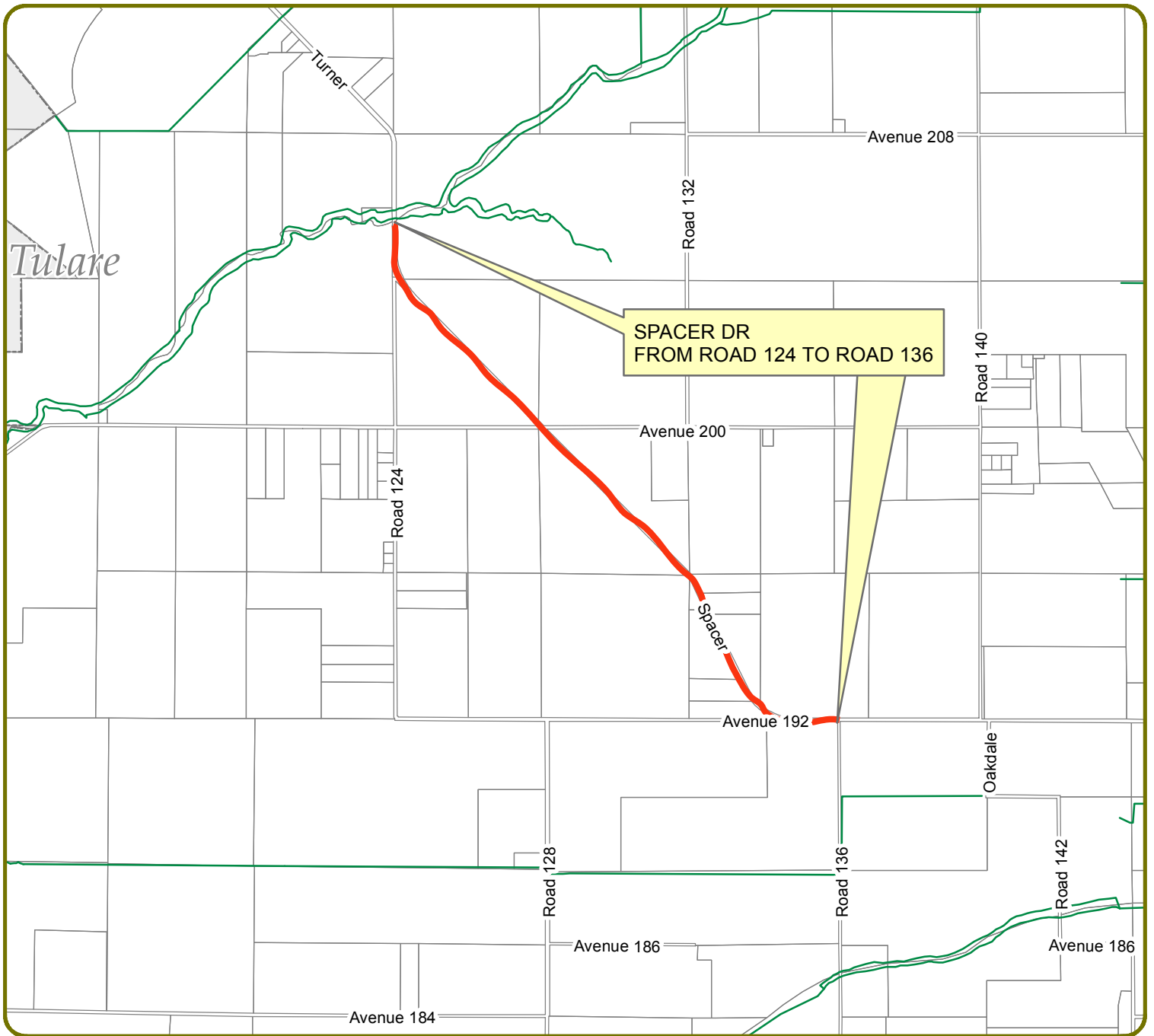
ATTEST: MICHAEL C. SPATA
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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Attachment A
Vicinity Map



Legend

 Project Location

