



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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: August 20, 2019

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"/>
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 type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CONTACT PERSON: Celeste Perez PHONE: (559) 624-7010				

SUBJECT: Award Contract for Construction of Traver Jacobs Drive Improvements Project

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and award the base bid contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, R.J. Berry Jr., Inc. from Selma, California, in the amount of \$532,496 for construction of Traver Jacobs Drive Improvements Project; and
2. Approve and award the additive alternative bid contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder R.J. Berry Jr., Inc. from Selma, California, in the amount of \$38,480 for construction of Traver Jacobs Drive Improvements Project; and
3. 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
4. Allow funds for contingencies in the amount \$41,048 to cover unexpected construction conditions; and
5. 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:

On October 21, 2015, Tulare County was awarded funding for the design and construction of the Traver Jacobs Drive Improvements Project in the amount of \$1,790,000. The funding was awarded through the Statewide Component of the Active Transportation Program (ATP). The ATP was created to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation, such as biking and walking. The ATP consolidates existing federal and state transportation programs into a single program, with a focus on making California a national leader in active transportation.

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Tulare County Resource Management Agency (RMA) proposes to improve Jacobs Drive between Canal Drive and Burke Drive within the community of Traver, with curbs, gutters, sidewalks, asphalt paveouts, class III bike lanes, ADA ramps, signs and pavement markings, and drainage improvements. The project will connect the Traver Elementary School to the community by the development of this continuous and safe pedestrian facility.

Construction Bids

The Project was authorized to bid by the Board of Supervisors (Resolution No. 2019-0528) on June 18, 2019. Bids were opened on July 18, 2019 and eleven (11) bids were received, summarized as follows:

Contractor	Base Bid	Base Bid Plus Additive Alt.
R.J. Berry Jr., Inc.	\$532,496.00	\$570,976.00
*Don Berry Construction, Inc.	\$532,796.00	\$568,316.00
Avison Construction Inc.	\$578,110.00	\$618,810.00
Mac General Engineering	\$640,740.00	\$679,294.00
Agee Construction	\$656,044.00	\$688,752.00
American Paving Co.	\$663,844.00	\$700,844.00
Cal Valley Construction	\$740,374.00	\$772,773.00
Emmett's Excavation, Inc.	\$744,374.00	\$777,008.00
*JT2 Inc. dba Todd Companies	\$764,591.75	\$813,320.75
Bush Engineering	\$782,023.77	\$816,893.31
DOD Construction	\$976,678.00	\$1,014,196.00
<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	<i>\$1,093,600.00</i>	<i>\$1,129,600.00</i>

* The subject bids are considered non-responsive based on failure to submit and sign the required DBE information as specified in Section 2-1.12B(2) and 2-1.12B(3) of the Special Provisions.

The lowest base bid, in the amount of \$532,496, and \$570,976 for the base bid plus additive alternate items, was submitted by R.J. Berry Jr., Inc. of Selma, CA. This bid is approximately 50 percent lower than the Engineer's Estimate. The highly competitive bids came in lower than the Engineer's Estimate due to the sheer number of plan holders who were listed and bid on the project. Based on staff's analysis of the bids, the reduced project costs came mainly as a result of lower than estimated costs for Mobilization, Clearing and Grubbing, Hot Mix Asphalt (Type A), and Roadway Excavation when compared to the Engineer's Estimate. The cost of lump sum items such as Mobilization and Clearing and Grubbing can greatly vary based on availability of local contractors and the competitiveness of the bidding market.

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Based on staff's communication with several local contractors, there is currently not much construction work bidding in the area which can be directly related to the lower bid costs. The Engineer's Estimate was based upon previous comparable projects and did not anticipate the availability of many local contractors with the influx of SB1 projects throughout the region.

It is RMA staff's recommendation that the Board award the contract to R.J. Berry Jr., Inc. the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. R.J. Berry Jr., Inc. has satisfactorily performed similar projects, where they demonstrated that they (1) have adequate financial resources to perform the contract, (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 September 2019.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

No Net County Cost.

A summary of the total project cost for the Traver Jacobs Drive Improvements Project is as follows:


Construction (Base Bid and Additive Alternate):	\$570,976
Contingencies:	\$41,048
Construction Engineering:	\$85,700
Total:	\$697,724

The base bid construction cost for this project, including contingency and construction engineering, is fully funded by the Active Transportation Program (ATP). However, Road Funds will be used to cover the cost (\$38,480) of the additive alternate item, which is considered non-participating by ATP.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

Safety and Security and Economic Well Being -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.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



FOR - 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) Resolution No. _____
FOR CONSTRUCTION OF TRAVER) Agreement No. _____
JACOBS DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS)
PROJECT)

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD AUGUST 20, 2019, BY
THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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Attachment A

Vicinity Map



ROAD 36

ROAD 40

AVENUE 368

Project Location

CANAL

AVENUE 368

MERRIT

JACOBS

BAKER

BOWRAY

CHURCH

ZANTE

BURKE

BULLARD

KITCHNER

AVENUE 364

ROAD 44



ROAD 36

AVENUE 366

AVENUE 360



Legend

-  Traver
-  Traver Urban Development Boundary

