



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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: May 19, 2020 – REVISED

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

SUBJECT: Award Contract for Construction of 2020 Road Repair and Accountability Act (RRAA) Project 1

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Don Berry Construction, Inc. of Kingsburg, California, in the amount of \$4,866,276.14 for construction of 2020 Road Repair and Accountability Act (RRAA) Project 1; and
2. Authorize the Chair 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 \$255,813 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:

The 2020 Road Rehabilitation and Accountability Act (RRAA) Project 1 is a road maintenance project consisting of the repair of asphalt materials on multiple segments of existing County roads in the northern region of Tulare County. The Project is intended to enhance the safety and security of the public by providing well maintained public roadways. The work to be done consists, in general, of a combination of isolated pavement repairs followed by the installation of new (replacement) asphalt surfacing, as well as full-depth pulverization of existing asphalt materials followed by the application of new (replacement) asphalt surfacing. All project locations will

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include corrective work to be performed on the shoulders of the roadways. In addition, all newly resurfaced roadways will receive new traffic stripes and pavement markings. The Project does not include any new travel lanes or any expansion to the existing roadways.

The 2020 RRAA Project 1 is comprised of five (5) locations (Location 1 through 5) accounting for over 10 miles of roadway rehabilitation. Furthermore, the 2020 RRAA Project 1 includes six (6) additional project locations (Locations 6 through 11) identified under the County's Intersection Improvement Program (introduced under the 2018/19 County Transportation Improvement Program (CTIP)). The Intersection Improvement Program prioritizes repairs to important intersections that require additional surface maintenance due to increase loading from vehicular braking and acceleration.

Provided below is a summary of the project locations:

- Location 1 - Road 140 between Avenue 280 (Caldwell) and Avenue 256 (near the City of Visalia)
- Location 2 - Road 156 (Mariposa) between Avenue 288 (Walnut) and Ave 295 (near the City of Farmersville)
- Location 3 - Avenue 288 (Walnut) between Road 148 and Road 160 (near the City of Farmersville)
- Location 4 - Avenue 304 between Road 44 and Road 64 (near the community of Goshen)
- Location 5 - Road 132 between Avenue 336 and Avenue 352 (near the City of Visalia)
- Location 6 - Merritt Dr. at 6th St (in the community of Traver)
- Location 7 - Avenue 344 at Road 172 (near the community of Ivanhoe)
- Location 8 - Avenue 424 at Road 64 (near the City of Dinuba)
- Location 9 - Road 180 at Avenue 288 (near the City of Exeter)
- Location 10 - Road 44 at Avenue 264 (near the City of Tulare)
- Location 11 - Avenue 360 at Road 36 (near the community of Traver)

Note that the Avenue 288 (between Road 68 and Road 75) was not included as part of the 2020 RRAA Project 1 as previously approved by your Board on April 9, 2019. This omission has been made as staff is currently working to establish a maintenance agreement with the City of Visalia. As part of this agreement, the City will be

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responsible for the design, reconstruction, and future maintenance of Avenue 288. This agreement will be brought to your Board at a later date.

On March 24, 2020, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Environmental Assessment Office, or designee, to sign and file the Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk.

Construction Bids

The Project was authorized to bid by the Board of Supervisors (Resolution No. 2020-0131) on March 24, 2020. Bids were opened on April 30, 2020 and seven (7) bids were received, summarized as follows:

Contractor	Total Bid
Don Berry Construction, Inc.	\$4,866,276.14
Teichert Construction	\$5,139,096.10
Agee Construction	\$5,141,905.00
Yarbs Grading and Paving, Inc.	\$5,207,546.82
Cal Valley Construction	\$5,511,273.50
Granite Construction	\$5,516,914.10
Avison Construction	\$5,639,233.00
<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	<i>\$5,794,752.20</i>

The lowest base bid, in the amount of \$4,866,276.14, was submitted by Don Berry Construction, Inc., of Kingsburg, CA. This bid is approximately 16 percent lower than the Engineer's Estimate. The highly competitive bids came in lower than the Engineer's Estimate due to low oil prices and the current competitive bidding environment being experienced. Based on staff's analysis of the bids, the reduced project costs came mainly as a result of lower than estimated costs for Hot Mix Asphalt (Type A) compared to the Engineer's Estimate.

It is Resource Management Agency staff's recommendation that the Board award the contract to Don Berry Construction, Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Don Berry Construction, 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 June 2020.

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FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

No Net County Cost to the General Funds.

Funding for the 2020 RRAA Project 1 will be funded entirely through the County Roads fund. Revenue sources for the County Road fund include State Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA), Local Measure R, and other State and Federal roads funding sources.

RMRA funds in the amount of approximately \$12.4 million were projected to be received in Fiscal Year 2019/2020. However, due to the unforeseen COVID-19 global pandemic, fuel tax revenues (SB 1 and HUTA) are expected to drop due to the significant decrease in driving and fuel consumption as Californians “shelter in place” consistent with Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-33-20. Once the updated fuel tax revenues forecast is released, staff will have a better idea of the magnitude of the fuel consumption reduction.

Although staff anticipates a reduction in revenue, to date, sufficient SB1 funds have been received to construct the 2020 RRAA Project 1. Once staff receives the update fuel tax revenue projections, staff will reevaluate the proposed 2020 and 2021 RRAA Projects to determine the optimal project delivery strategy. Possible strategies may include reduction in project scope, postpone select projects to future fiscal years, or utilize Road funds reserves to complete the projects.

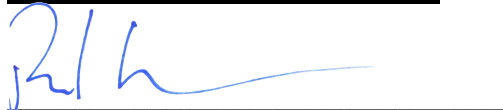
A summary of the total project cost for the 2020 RRAA Project 1 is as follows:

Engineering Design:	\$100,000.00
Construction:	\$4,866,276.14
Contingencies:	\$255,813.00
Construction Engineering:	\$150,000.00
Total:	\$5,372,089.14

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

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:



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 2020 ROAD) Agreement No. _____
REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT)
(RRAA) PROJECT 1)

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD MAY 19, 2020, 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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