



Board Report

File #: A 22-034, **Version:** 1

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- b. Authorize the Director of Public Works, Facilities, and Parks or their designee to execute the Agreement for Purchase of Real Property to purchase Permanent Roadway Easements, Permanent Utility Easements, and Temporary Construction Easements.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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- b. Authorize the Director of Public Works, Facilities, and Parks to execute the Agreement for Purchase of Real Property to purchase a Permanent Roadway Easements, Permanent Utility Easements, and Temporary Construction Easements.

SUMMARY:

Approval of the Agreement for Purchase of Real Property and recording of the related deeds are necessary to secure the additional right-of-way to construct the Davis Road Bridge Replacement and Road Widening Project.

DISCUSSION:

The Public Works, Facilities, and Parks (PWFP) Department is working on right-of-way phase of the Davis Road Bridge Replacement and Road Widening Project. The Project consists of replacing the existing two-lane, low-level Davis Road Bridge (Bridge No. 44C-0068) over the Salinas River with a longer bridge that meets current American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) requirements. The existing Davis Road Bridge is located approximately two (2) miles south of the City of Salinas. The Project also proposes to widen Davis Road from two (2) lanes to four (4) lanes for approximately 2.1 miles between Blanco Road on the north and Reservation Road on the south.

The primary purpose of the Project is to construct an all-weather crossing over the Salinas River on Davis Road. The current river crossing is a low-level crossing that is overtopped during larger flows of the Salinas River. The concept of widening Davis Road to four-lanes resulted from the need to provide further carrying capacity between the Salinas area and the Monterey Peninsula. The need for the widening was further articulated in the Regional Transportation Plans developed by the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) for the region as well as the Fort Ord Reuse planning documents. Furthermore, On June 24, 2015, the TAMC Board adopted the Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor Conceptual Plan that included the all-weather crossing as well as the widening to four (4) lanes of Davis Road between Reservation Road and Blanco Road.

To further the multimodal aspect of the corridor, the project proposes to provide Class II (striped) bike lanes along Davis Road, and a bus queue at the intersection of Blanco and Davis Roads. The project will also reconstruct the intersections of Reservation Road/Davis Road by replacing the existing signal with a roundabout. The improvements to the Reservation Road/Davis Road intersection are mitigation requirement to offset the additional traffic from East Garrison Development.

On July 11, 2016, the Board of Supervisors certified the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Project and directed the former Resources Management Agency (RMA) to proceed with the Project's final design and related activities to be able to construct the project. An EIR Addendum for the Project was prepared to amend the Project design details to incorporate design modifications following the Value Analysis Study Report prepared in 2017. The EIR Addendum was filed in May 2020.

Easements from a total of sixteen (16) adjacent properties are necessary for the construction of the Project. Overland Pacific & Cutler, LLC has appraised all the easements for compensatory value and offers presented to the affected property owners. Overland Pacific & Cutler, LLC is also conducting the right-of-way negotiations with the property owners on behalf of Monterey County.

Merrill Jacks Ranch #2, L.P. (APN's 203-041-004, 203-041-005, 207-041-011 and 203-051-016) is the third property owner for which negotiations have been completed. The owners have agreed to the County's purchase of Permanent Roadway Easements, Permanent Utility Easements, and Temporary Construction Easements, (3.298 acres, 4.275 acres, and 5.175 acres, respectively). The agreed just compensation for the easement was determined to be \$698,450 by Overland Pacific & Cutler, LLC.

The Project is scheduled for construction for Fall 2022, following the acquisition of all the easements and issuance of the regulatory permits for the Project.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Office of the County Counsel-Risk Management has reviewed and approved the Agreement for Purchase of Real Property and related deeds as to form.

FINANCING:

The estimated total cost of the Project, including engineering, environmental, right-of-way and construction, is \$74.2 million. The Project is currently unfunded in the amount of \$22.5 million. Staff is actively pursuing additional funding sources to fully fund the Project prior to the initiation of the construction phase. In the event full funding is not obtained for the Project by the time final design has been completed, staff is analyzing options of phasing the construction of the Project.

Funding from a variety of Federal, State and local revenue has been authorized for the design and right-of-way portion of the Project. There is no planned General Fund contribution for this Project. Sufficient appropriations of \$1,303,154 are available for this Project phase in the Public Works Annual Work Program for FY 2021-22 Budget for Fund 002, Unit 8558.

The total estimated project cost for the right-of-way phase of the Project is estimated at \$3.8 million. This phase of the Project is largely funded by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Highway Bridge Program (HBP) in the amount of \$1,794,146. The Project is also funded by Local Funds comprised of funds from the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) and development impact fees. There are sufficient appropriations adopted in the FY 2021-22 Road Fund 002 to finance the right of way phase of the project.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

The Project will replace the existing seismically deficient Davis Road Bridge with a new four (4) lane bridge that meets AASHTO and Caltrans Design Standards and widen the road to four-lanes to meet the traffic needs. The recommended action supports the following Board of Supervisors' Strategic Initiative:

- Economic Development
- Administration
- Health & Human Services
- Infrastructure
- Public Safety

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The following attachments are in file with the Clerk of the Board:

Attachment A - Project Budget

Attachment B - Location Map

Attachment C - Purchase Agreement with Merrill Jacks #2, L.P.