

**CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT**

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SUBJECT: Marin Avenue Reconfiguration project - Authorization to invite bids for implementation

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve Resolution #05-28 authorizing the City Administrator to invite bids for implementation of the Marin Avenue Reconfiguration project.

BACKGROUND

On July 1, 2002, the City Council approved a resolution for implementing the Marin Avenue Reconfiguration project. This project will reconfigure Marin Avenue from four lanes to three lanes (two travel lanes and one middle turning lane), add bike lanes, slurry seal the roadway, and change the striping and signage to improve vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle safety on Marin Avenue. On February 22, 2005, the City Council awarded a contract to Korve Engineering to prepare engineering plans for the Marin Avenue project, which includes “before and after” monitoring.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

Staff recommends starting the construction of the Marin Avenue project in July 2005, and completing the project prior to the start of the school year. Because the project will involve a slurry seal prior to the restriping, it is important that the project remain on schedule. Therefore, it is recommended that the Council authorize the City Administrator to proceed with the Call for Bids, as soon as the design work and bid package preparation is completed. Staff will return to the City Council for the award of contract.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Based on the current 35% plans, the consulting engineer conservatively estimates the construction costs at \$280,000 (includes slurry sealing). This cost is higher than anticipated and exceeds the costs estimated in the Capital Improvement Plan. Therefore, staff will work with the engineer to reduce the cost and seek additional funding. Once

plans are 65% complete, the engineers will be able to estimate the costs more accurately. The design costs are an additional \$39,000 and the project management costs were estimated at approximately \$20,000 in the CIP, but may be increased due to a rise in costs.

In terms of revenue sources, the City Council allocated \$180,000 from Measure F funds for this project. In addition, the City received a \$120,000 TFCA grant toward engineering and construction. The City also receives about \$37,000 a year in Measure B – ACTIA funds which must be applied specifically for pedestrian and bicycles projects. Marin Avenue Reconfiguration has been identified by ACTIA for use of these funds. Finally, if additional funds are needed, the City could apply the \$50,000 in Gas Tax monies that are budgeted in 2005-06 for City general transportation project needs. Thus, revenues are available to complete this project.

Attachments

Resolution #05-28