



Town of Yountville

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Staff Report

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Yountville Town Council Staff Report

DATE: March 2, 2021

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Joe Tagliaboschi, Public Works Director

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SUBJECT:

Hopper Creek Pedestrian Bridge and Path Capital Improvement Project (PK-0003) Construction Update.

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND

As a part of its General Plan, the Town has had the long-term goal of establishing a pedestrian path along Hopper Creek. While a number of segments have been built to date, the segment from Oak Circle Park to Mission Street along the west bank of Hopper Creek remained to be built, until now. The newly completed path segment includes a +/- eight-foot wide, colored concrete path from Mission Street to Hopper Creek and a newly installed, weathered steel pedestrian bridge crossing Hopper Creek and landing in Oak Circle Park.

Looking back, this particular segment of the path was first planned for construction in the five-year FY 2012-2016 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The current project was approved by Council in the FY 2019/2020 budget on June 17, 2019 and moved forward with construction plans and final environmental reviews.

State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) grant funds were allocated for project construction in 2014 and were authorized by the California Transportation Commission in June 2020. With the obligation of federal funds for the construction phase of the project, the Town worked with the Caltrans Office of Local Assistance to complete the necessary technical studies for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

To further the design in 2019, the Town contracted with Triad/Holmes Associates for the civil engineering, MKM Associates for structural engineering and GeoCon Associates for geotechnical engineering to prepare plans for the Hopper Creek Multi-Use Pedestrian Path. Those plans were substantially complete in October 2019 and the Town Council approved the design and authorized solicitation of bids at the regularly scheduled Town Council meeting November 5, 2019, pending the authorization of the STIP grant funds.

Upon receipt of the authorization of the grant funds for construction, the project was advertised for public bidding beginning June 24, 2020 with a 30-day solicitation period. The project was advertised as required in the construction trade journals, the Napa Register and the Town's virtual plan room. The Town received ten bids that were publicly opened and read aloud on July 24, 2020 at 2:00 pm. The bids ranged from \$484,369 to \$258,509 with the lowest bid coming from Schaefer Engineering Inc. \$258,509 who was awarded the project in August 2020.

Construction of the project commenced in September 2020 and has now proceeded to completion. To date there have been a total of seven change orders necessary to modify the design to fit conditions in the field, address safety concerns and improve aesthetics. While the final numbers are not yet calculated, the project with its change orders is now in the range of \$300,000. This remains well below the \$500,000 State funds for the project; however, the Town is only reimbursed for monies spent completing the project.

As of the date of the March 2nd Town Council Meeting, the work will have been substantially completed and the opening of the pathway to the public dependent on the results of testing the concrete used to create the bridge deck and landings at each end of the bridge. Pending satisfactory test results, the bridge and path will be open to the public. Completing the planned Hopper Creek Path as envisioned by the Town's General Plan.

Staff will supplement this report with a brief presentation to Town Council during the Council meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Not Applicable

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

Is it Currently Budgeted? N/A

Where is it Budgeted? N/A

Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? Discretionary

Is there a Staff Resource Impact? Nominal

STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL

Is item Identified in Strategic Plan? Yes

If yes, Identify Strategic Goal and Objective. **Quality of Life:** The Town enhances the livability of Yountville by providing well-maintained public facilities, parks, and trails, and quality programs and events. **Responsible Fiscal Policy:** The Town maintains its fiscal health through policies designed to maximize economic opportunities, manage expenses, and ensure prudent reserves.

Briefly Explain Relationship to Strategic Plan Goal and Objective. Constructing the project with State Transportation Improvement Program funds is fiscally responsible, maximizing economic opportunities and construction of this final segment of Hopper Creek Path enhances the livability of Yountville with a well-connected pedestrian pathway network.

RECOMMENDATION

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