



# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 5/23/2023

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File #: 23-643

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Public Works

**Agenda Section:** Consent

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**SUBJECT:**

Bid Award Authorization for Storm Damage Repairs to Briceland Thorne Road (F5A010) Post Miles 3.08 and 5.67

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive and file the bid proposals submitted for the Briceland Thorne Road (F5A010) Post Miles 3.08 and 5.67 Storm Damage Repair Project;
2. Award the attached project agreement to GR Sundberg, Inc., for the total amount of \$3,139,253.75;
3. Authorize the Chair of the Board to execute the attached project agreement with GR Sundberg, Inc., upon submittal of the appropriate bonds and insurance; and
4. Authorize the Public Works Director to execute contract change orders up to the amounts of \$105,950 for Post Mile 3.08 and \$76,015 for Post Mile 5.67.

**SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

Road Fund (1200); Federal Highway Administration Emergency Relief Funds

**DISCUSSION:**

On March 21, 2023, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise the Briceland Thorne Road (F5A010) Post Miles 3.08 and 5.67 Storm Damage Repair Project for bids. On May 2, 2023, the County of Humboldt received three (3) bids for the project, which are attached hereto as Attachment 1.

The Department of Public Works recommends that the Board of Supervisors receive and file the bid proposals submitted for the Briceland Thorne Road (F5A010) Post Miles 3.08 and 5.67 Storm Damage Repair Project; award the attached project agreement to GR Sundberg, Inc., for the total amount of \$3,139,253.75; authorize the Chair of the Board to execute the attached project agreement with GR Sundberg, Inc., upon submittal of the appropriate bonds and insurance; and authorize the Public Works

Director to execute contract change orders up to the amounts of \$105,950 for Post Mile 3.08 and \$76,015 for Post Mile 5.67.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

<b>Expenditures (Fund, Budget Unit)</b>	<b>FY23-24 Projected</b>
Budgeted Expenses	\$3,900,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$3,900,000</b>
<b>Funding Sources (Fund, Budget Unit)</b>	<b>FY23-24 Projected*</b>
Federal Funds (FHWA ER Program)	\$3,452,670
Road Fund (1200321-8940)	\$ 447,330
<b>Total Funding Sources</b>	<b>\$3,900,000</b>

*\*Projected amounts are estimates and are subject to change.*

**Narrative Explanation of Financial Impact:**

The Briceland Thorne Road (F5A010) Post Miles 3.08 and 5.67 Storm Damage Repair Project is being funded by Federal Highway Administration Emergency Relief Funds (88.53%) and the Humboldt County Road Fund (11.47%). The total project cost is estimated at \$3,900,000. The Humboldt County Road Fund will be responsible for \$447,330 of the total costs associated with the Briceland Thorne Road (F5A010) Post Miles 3.08 and 5.67 Storm Damage Repair Project. Expenditure appropriations relating to completion of the Briceland Thorne Road (F5A010) Post Miles 3.08 and 5.67 Storm Damage Repair Project are included in the recommended fiscal year (FY) 2023-24 Road Fund Budget (1200321-8940).

Projects are paid in arrears with anticipated funding coming from the Federal Highway Administration as mentioned above. The FY 2021-22 Annual Road Report, completed by the State of California, reflected an estimated negative fund balance of \$8.8 million in the county’s Road Fund. Even after allocating nearly \$6.8 million of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to the Road Fund in order to reduce the negative fund balance, the current estimated fund balance remains negative by approximately \$11 million.

This negative balance is partially due to the timing of Federal Emergency Management Agency reimbursements to the county, which can take years for the county to receive repayment. The current total of outstanding repayments is approximately \$11.5 million. The department utilizes other state and local funding, such as Regional Surface Transportation Program funds, for the Humboldt County Road Fund match for reimbursable projects. Despite those additional funding sources, Road Fund projects are underfunded and will very likely have a negative impact on the General Fund if additional revenue sources are not secured.

**STAFFING IMPACT:**

**Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impact:**

Awarding the project agreement for the Briceland Thorne Road (F5A010) Post Miles 3.08 and 5.67 Storm Damage Repair Project will not impact current staffing levels.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework priority of providing for and maintaining infrastructure .

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

California Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board of Supervisors may choose not to award the Briceland Thorne Road (F5A010) Post Miles 3.08 and 5.67 Storm Damage Repair Project to GR Sundberg, Inc. However, this alternative is not recommended because the project will restore the roadway to pre-disaster conditions using funds that would not otherwise be available to the County of Humboldt.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Bid Results for the Briceland Thorne Road (F5A010) Post Miles 3.08 and 5.67 Storm Damage Repair Project
2. Construction Agreement for the Briceland Thorne Road (F5A010) Post Miles 3.08 and 5.67 Storm Damage Repair Project

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: D-3

Meeting of: March 21, 2023

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