



STAFF REPORT – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 06, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Netra Khatri, City Engineer

PREPARER: Netra Khatri, City Engineer

DATE: August 29, 2023

TITLE: **Approve the Design and Award a Construction Contract for the 8th and 9th Streets Improvements Project to R.A.O. Construction Co., Inc., in the Amount of \$801,070.00 ; Authorize the City Engineer to Approve Change Orders and Increase the Contract Amount by up to \$80,107.00 (10 Percent of the Total Bid, for a Total Not to Exceed \$881,177.00) to Allow for Any Unforeseen Contingencies and Additional Work as Necessary; and Authorize the City Manager to Execute All Applicable Documents.**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Council:

- 1) Approve the design and award a construction contract for the 8th and 9th Streets Improvements Project to R.A.O. Construction Co., Inc., in the amount of \$801,070.00;
- 2) Authorize the City Engineer to approve change orders and increase the contract amount by up to \$80,107.00 (10 percent of the total bid, for a total not to exceed \$881,177.00) to allow for any unforeseen contingencies and additional work as necessary; and
- 3) Authorize the City Manager to execute all applicable documents.

INTRODUCTION:

Currently, Arcata's 8th and 9th Streets are one-way directional traffic between "F" and "I" Streets, and the remainder portions of 8th and 9th Streets west of "I" Street are two-way traffic with parking on both sides. The proposed project aims to extend one-way directional traffic by converting the two-way traffic portions of 8th and 9th Streets further west, between "I" and "K" Streets. The improvements will include new landscaping, bicycle lanes, parking, and walkways. The conversion of two-way traffic roads to single-lane, one-way traffic roads will provide more space for bicycle and pedestrian facilities, allowing for pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure that fully meets the mobility needs for all roadway users. One-way streets will benefit pedestrians and cyclists by shortening crossing distances, thus reducing exposure of vulnerable users to vehicular traffic.

In 2020, the City applied for and was granted \$850,000 in funding through the California Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD) Infill Infrastructure Grant Program of 2019 (IIG) for the design, planning and construction of the 8th and 9th Streets Improvements Project. The City Council awarded the initial phase for preliminary engineering, public engagement, and environmental analysis to CSW/Stuber-Stroeh Engineering Group, Inc. (CSW|ST2) at the March

16, 2022, Council meeting. The Phase 1 work has been completed and the Council approved the Conceptual Design and Environmental Document in January 2023, and authorized CSW|ST2 to complete Phase 2—Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E). The City received final PS&E from the consultant in May 2023, and immediately after the internal review of plans and technical specifications, the engineering team advertised the project for bidding. The 8th and 9th Streets Improvements Project (CIP # 45-12) is listed on the City’s Capital Improvements Program (CIP) list.

The Plans can be viewed at: <https://www.cityofarcata.org/bids.aspx?bidID=127>

BACKGROUND:

The project went out to bid on August 2, and three sealed bids were received from contractors before the 11:00 a.m. deadline on August 31, 2023. Below is the Bid Summary:

Sr. No.	Name of the Contractor	Base Bid
1	GRS Inc.	\$ 1,064,490.00
2	R.A.O. Construction Co., Inc	\$ 801,070.00
3	Mercer-Fraser Co..	\$ 1,240,669.00

Please see Attachment A, an itemized bid tabulation sheet, for a summary of bids received.

Following the public opening of bids, the bid range was evaluated for consistency, and the lowest responsive bidder’s bid was examined for consistency with both state and federal guidelines.

If a contract is presently awarded, work will commence on or after September 18, 2023, and should be completed within 60 working days after starting. Prior to issuing a Notice-to-Proceed to the Contractor, public notifications will be made by the City and the Contractor to potentially impacted residents/businesses to inform them of construction activities, possible parking restrictions, and detours/traffic control.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (CEQA):

This project is Categorically Exempt (CE) from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to:

1. Section 15301(c) “Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety, and other alterations such as the addition of bicycle facilities, including but not limited to bicycle parking, bicycle-share facilities and bicycle lanes, transit improvements such as bus lanes, pedestrian crossings, street trees, and other similar alterations that do not create additional automobile lanes).”
2. Section 15304(h) “The creation of bicycle lanes on existing rights-of-way.”

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:

The contract bid amount is within the budget allocation for the 2022/23 Fiscal Year. This project is budgeted as follows:

Account Number/Agency Responsible	Amount	Account Name
101-50-45-57601	\$ 200,000.00	Capital Streets
231-50-45-57600	\$ 635,062.00	IIG: Capital - Other Improvements

If contingency funds are needed, they will be funded out of 101-50-45-57601.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Bid_Summary_8th and 9th Street Imp. Project (2023) (PDF)