



**AGENDA SUMMARY
EUREKA CITY COUNCIL**

TITLE: Bay to Zoo Trail Consulting Services

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

PREPARED BY: Brittany Powell, Project Manager

PRESENTED FOR: Action Information only Discussion

RECOMMENDATION

1. Receive presentation from staff on the Bay to Zoo Trail.
2. Declare GHD the selected proposer for Request for Proposals (RFP) Bid No. 2024-9 for the Bay to Zoo Trail Consulting Services; and
3. Authorize contract with GHD for engineering and planning consulting services for the Bay to Zoo Trail in an amount not to exceed \$1,700,000; and
4. Authorize budget allocation in the amount of \$1,000,000 from Measure H funds as the City's match to the Active Transportation Program (ATP) Grant award for \$8,999,000.
5. Authorize Public Works Director to negotiate and execute applicable contracts and grant agreement documents.

FISCAL IMPACT

No Fiscal Impact Included in Budget Additional Appropriation

COUNCIL GOALS/STRATEGIC VISION

- Empowering and Engaging for a Healthy Community

BACKGROUND

The Bay to Zoo Trail will provide connectivity between Eureka Waterfront Trail to Sequoia Park and Zoo. The project includes nearly two miles of class I trail, trail boardwalk, roundabout, high visibility intersection improvements, class III bikeways, and more. The Bay to Zoo trail was adopted as a Strategic Visioning Goal by the Eureka City Council in 2018.

After multiple applications for project grant funding, the Bay to Zoo trail received funding from the Active Transportation Program (ATP), and the Federal Active Transportation Program (FATP), for a total amount of \$8,999,000. The ATP funds are directed to the City via Cal Trans and will fund PA&ED, PS&E, Right of Way, and Construction phases.

The ATP grant funding includes a match requirement from the City and thus commits the City of Eureka to expenditures of up to \$1,000,000 in general funds to fulfil the grant commitment.

DISCUSSION

The Bay to Zoo Trail project will advance through multiple stages of environmental studies, design development, community engagement, and permitting before construction implementation. The immediate phase of work includes project approval and environmental document stage (PA & ED). City staff worked with Caltrans local assistance to prepare a request for proposals that addresses PA& ED, plans, specification, estimates (PS&E), right-of-way (ROW), and final construction documents.

On November 12, 2023, the City published a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking a consultant to perform consulting services to include the various environmental and design tasks. One proposal was received by the December 21, 2023 deadline. The proposal was reviewed, scored and determined to meet or exceed all standards to satisfy City requirements and Cal Trans requirements.

Staff engaged with GHD to review their proposal and identify potential reductions and cost savings. Negotiations with GHD will continue until the project team can reach an agreeable scope and fee within the project budget. Staff recommends that Council determine GHD the selected consultant and authorize a contract with GHD for up to \$1,700,000.

Staff also recommends that Council authorize a budget allocation in the amount of \$1,000,000 from Measure H as the ATP grant match, and authorize the Public Works Director to execute applicable documents. Measure H provides local funding for transportation and public safety. The funding is specifically targeted to leverage state and federal funds to make roads and sidewalks safer for drivers and pedestrians. Measure H expands funding for emergency services and supports a variety of local projects to improve multi-modal transportation across trails, sidewalks, and streets.

Staff will continue to pursue funding for the Bay to Zoo project. The City has a pending funding allocation from the State Transportation Improvement Program fund (STIP) in the amount of \$1,582,000. The potential STIP allocation is scheduled for the California Transportation Commission meeting in March 2024.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

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ATTACHMENTS: