



AGENDA SUMMARY EUREKA CITY COUNCIL

TITLE: C Street Bicycle Boulevard- Award

DEPARTMENT: Engineering

PREPARED BY: Jay Wortelboer, Project Manager

PRESENTED FOR: Action Information only Discussion

RECOMMENDATION

1. Declare R.A.O. Construction Co. Inc. the low bidder for Bid No. 2025-07, the C Street Bicycle Boulevard Project.
2. Award Bid No. 2025-07 to R.A.O Construction Co.-Inc for the amount of \$2,180,180.00: and
3. Approve \$2,344,00.00 for the construction, which include a contingency of approximately 7%.

FISCAL IMPACT

No Fiscal Impact Included in Budget Additional Appropriation

COUNCIL GOALS/STRATEGIC VISION

- Financially Sound City Providing Effective Services
- Transportation Safety
- Complete and Greens Streets

BACKGROUND

The City of Eureka received a Caltrans Active Transportation Grant (ATP) for the purpose of constructing approximately 8,900 LF of Bicycle Boulevard along C Street. The funding includes traffic calming elements, additional bicycle facilities and pedestrian improvements along C Street from First Street (Waterfront Drive) to Harris Street.

C Street (between Waterfront Drive and Harris Street) is currently a two-way local street that has relatively low traffic volumes (<500 VPD). C Street provides a direct, linear route between the City's Downtown pedestrian-oriented shopping district and Henderson Center.

The intent of the C Street Bicycle Boulevard Project is to provide a low level of stress bicycle transportation corridor. In addition to providing connectivity between the two shopping districts, the route begins at the midpoint of the City's existing 6.5-mile-long Class 1 trail system, the Eureka Waterfront Trail. From this point, pedestrians and bicyclist can remain on the trail and travel as far south as Humboldt Hill (the southernly extent of Eureka) or continue north along the Humboldt Bay and into the City of Arcata.

The Project intends to lower cyclists perceived traffic stress in four primary ways; by reducing vehicular "through" traffic, enhancing safety features at high volume intersections, by limiting "cut through" traffic across the roadway and by increasing signage and striping to alert both vehicular traffic and cyclist of the corridor.

Reducing vehicular through traffic will be achieved by introducing four (4) new traffic diverters. Local vehicular traffic will continue to have access anywhere along the corridor, though they may have to go "around the block" to get to destination on C Street. Traffic will be diverted by converting two-way road segments, one (1) block in length, to one-way road segments at intersections spaced along the corridor including; 7th Street, 14th Street, Buhne Street and Harris Street. Bicycle and pedestrian traffic however, will remain two way.

Bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements include 11 pairs of enhanced cyclist or pedestrians activated crossings at high volume intersections along the corridor. These enhanced crossings will include: concrete bulbouts, bi-directional enhanced rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs), planters, signage, striping and pavement markings. The RRFBs will be activated by the cyclist or pedestrian when they arrive at the intersection and will flash to alert vehicular traffic of the crossing.

There are 3 locations where median islands will be installed at offset intersections, including Simpson and Hillsdale Streets, Del Norte and Hawthorne and Humboldt Street. These median islands will help reduce illegal and unsafe vehicle turning movements across the corridor, as well as increase pedestrian crossing safety.

The corridor will be highlighted with bike boulevard signage and striping as well green pavement markings. These treatments will direct vehicles, cyclist and pedestrians to the appropriate location at an intersection or on the roadway.

Other improvements include bike racks, street planters, wayfinding and other new signage and pavement throughout.

DISCUSSION

The C Street Bicycle Boulevard Project, Bid No. 2025-07, was advertised on March 31st, 2025 and bids were received on April 29th, 2025. The City received five (5) bids from five contractors, Mercer Fraser Company, R.A.O. Construction CO. Inc, Granite Construction, St. Rhodes Construction Inc, and G.R. Sundberg Inc.

The bid summary is included as an attachment. Bid ranges from \$2,180,180.00 up to \$3,317,303.50, with RAO Construction Co. Inc. being the low bidder.

Staff reviewed and evaluated the bids and determined the low bid to be in conformance with the project requirements.

Staff recommends that Council declare RAO Construction Co. Inc. the low bidder for Bid No. 2025-07, award the construction contract to RAO Construction Co. Inc. in the amount of \$2,180,180.00: and approve \$2,344,000.00 for the construction contract, which provides construction contingency.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

- City Attorney
- City Clerk/Information Services
- Community Services
- Development Services
- Finance
- Fire