



STAFF REPORT – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 4, 2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Netra Khatri, City Engineer; and David Caisse, Assistant City Engineer

PREPARER: Mara Grow, Administrative Specialist

DATE: May 28, 2025

TITLE: **Approve an Amendment to the Contract for the Isaacson Sustainable Transportation Infrastructure (STI) Improvement Project-Phase 2 with R.A.O. Construction Co., Inc. in the Amount of \$83,793; and Authorize the City Manager to Execute Applicable Documents.**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Council approve an amendment to the contract for the Isaacson Sustainable Transportation Infrastructure (STI) Improvement Project-Phase 2 with R.A.O. Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$83,793; and authorize the City Manager to execute all applicable documents.

INTRODUCTION:

The original contract for the Isaacson STI Improvement Project – Phase 2 (the project) was awarded on February 19, 2025. This project is listed in the City’s Capital Improvements Program (CIP) and includes various roadway, drainage, bicycle, and pedestrian improvements throughout the city. The primary focus is to enhance pedestrian accessibility, safety, and connectivity between the Sorrel Place multi-family housing development, transit services, and other key destinations within the City of Arcata.

While closing out the grant accounting for the project, staff identified that there was additional budget available. These remaining funds are being utilized to complete further sidewalk improvements in the vicinity of the original project locations. Similar to the original contract, this additional work aims to improve pedestrian connectivity and accessibility.

BACKGROUND:

This project represents the next phase of the Isaacson Sustainable Transportation Infrastructure (STI) Improvement Project. The initial phase was completed in 2023, funded in part by an Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program Grant for the Sorrel Place housing project.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (CEQA):

The California Environment Quality Act (CEQA) determination for the sidewalk and paving portion of the project is a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c), for the restoring and rehabilitating of existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that presently existing.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:

The Isaacson STI Improvement Project-Phase 2 is supported through a grant from the AHSC Program Grant. Funds for this project are budgeted under the current Fiscal Year 2024-25 as follows:

Account Number/Agency Responsible	Amount	Account Name
233-70-48-57600	\$83,793	*AHSC Grant

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

Motion to approve an amendment to the contract for the Isaacson Sustainable Transportation Infrastructure (STI) Improvement Project-Phase 2 with R.A.O. Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$83,793; and authorize the City Manager to execute all applicable documents. Consent Calendar vote.