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**REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL**

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**SUBJECT**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends approval of an agreement with BCF, for \$106,500, and a contingency amount not to exceed \$15,000, for the design, preparation of construction documents and provision of construction management support for the Polk Avenue Widening Project, Shaw Avenue to Gettysburg

Avenue, and authorize the Public Works Director or designee to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Fresno.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

On October 20, 2016, the Council adopted Resolution 2016-207, approving an amendment to the Annual Appropriations Resolution including the design phase of the Polk Avenue widening project from Shaw Avenue to Gettysburg Avenue. Measure "C" Flexible funding for the design was allocated out of the FY2017 budget for neighborhood street improvements in Council District 1 at the request of Councilmember Soria. The consultant will prepare complete plans and specifications for the widening of the west side of Polk Avenue between Shaw Avenue and Gettysburg Avenue including curb and gutter, paving, sidewalks and street lighting. Funding for right-of-way acquisition or construction has not yet been identified. Staff recommends approval of the agreement in order that the engineering design work can be completed.

## **BACKGROUND**

Polk Avenue between Gettysburg Avenue and Shaw Avenue has only partially been constructed to its planned width as a four-lane divided arterial. Most of the street currently exists as a two-lane roadway lacking curbs, gutters, sidewalks and drainage facilities. Bottlenecks exist between the newer, fully improved subdivisions and older areas that developed in the County. In accordance with the 2035 General Plan, Polk Avenue is to ultimately be constructed as a four-lane divided arterial between Shaw Avenue and Belmont Avenue, as development occurs west of State Route 99.

Funding is currently requested for the engineering design phase only. The project will design street improvements on the west side of Polk Avenue from Shaw Avenue to one half mile south to Gettysburg Avenue. Additionally, this project will design new storm drain infrastructure within Shaw Avenue. New traffic signal loop detectors, striping and new pedestrian ramps conforming to current American Disability Act standards will also be designed. Staff received statements of qualifications from four consultants interested in providing engineering services for this project. Per Administrative Order 6-19, consultants were short listed and interviewed. Based on the interviews and statements of qualifications, staff has selected BCF. A fee of \$106,500, and a contingency amount not to exceed \$15,000, was negotiated to prepare the design, construction documents and provide construction support services.

Staff recommends approval of an agreement with BCF, for \$106,500, and a contingency amount not to exceed \$15,000 for the design, preparation of construction documents and construction support for the Polk Avenue Widening Project, Shaw Avenue to Gettysburg Avenue and authorize the Public Works Director or designee to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Fresno.

City Attorney has reviewed and approved to form the consultant agreement.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS**

By the definition provided in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines, this item is not a project for the purposes of CEQA

## **LOCAL PREFERENCE**

Local preference was implemented, BCF is a local business.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The project will not impact the General Fund. Design and construction costs will be paid by Measure “C” funds.

Attachments:

Vicinity Map

Consultant Agreement