



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** September 12, 2023

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Engineering and Downtown Team Divisions, Public Works Department

**SUBJECT:** Design Services for the Cliff Drive Coastal Bike Route Gap Closure and Pedestrian Safety Improvements Project [Resolution; Agreement]

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Council:

- A. Authorize the Public Works Director to execute a City Professional Services contract with Mark Thomas & Company, Inc., in the amount of \$2,885,377 for design services of the Cliff Drive Urban Highway to Complete Street Transformation Project and authorize expenditures up to \$288,538 for potential extra services, for a total expenditure authority of \$3,173,915; and
- B. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Resolution No. 23-076, Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2024, to Appropriate Funds for the Design of the Cliff Drive Urban Highway to Complete Street Transformation Project.

### **DISCUSSION:**

#### Background

Cliff Drive (formerly State Route 225) is a wide, high speed urban highway through the Mesa neighborhood. In 2018, Cliff Drive was designated as a high priority corridor under the Council-adopted Vision Zero Strategy due to the frequency of severe and fatal collisions. The corridor is also the final gap in the regional Coastal Bike Route, a 30-mile-long route from the University of California, Santa Barbara to Ventura County.

In 2022, the City of Santa Barbara (City) applied for and was successfully awarded an Active Transportation Program (ATP) Grant for the design and construction of the Cliff Drive Urban Highway to Complete Street Transformation Project (Project).

#### Project Description

The Project includes connections to three adjacent elementary schools, Santa Barbara City College (SBCC), parks, and neighborhood-serving retail. The Project consists of constructing a 3.1-mile-long separated path from Arroyo Burro County Park to Castillo

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Street. In addition to the new path, the Project includes the following pedestrian infrastructure enhancements:

- 11 new crosswalks, safety enhancements to 4 existing crosswalks, and 3 new traffic signals along Cliff Drive;
- Safety features at crossings, including curb extensions, median refuge islands, Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons, safety lighting, and high visibility crosswalk markings;
- A new crosswalk at Cliff Drive and Salida Del Sol for improved coastal access and safe walking route to Washington School;
- A wider sidewalk on Flora Vista Drive between Cliff Drive and Red Rose Way, curb extensions at the Flora Vista Drive / Red Rose Way intersection, and sidewalk infill on Red Rose Way between Fellowship Road and Flora Vista Drive to improve safety for students who walk or bike to Monroe Elementary School; and
- A wider sidewalk along Loma Alta Drive to improve connectivity between McKinley Elementary School and the new path on Cliff Drive.

#### Design Phase Consultant Engineering Services

Staff recommends that Council authorize the Public Works Director to execute a contract with Mark Thomas & Company, Inc., (Mark Thomas) in the amount of \$2,885,377 for design services and authorize expenditures up to \$288,538 for potential extra services, for a total expenditure authority of \$3,173,915. Mark Thomas is experienced in this type of work and was selected as part of a Request for Qualifications selection process that included a written statement of qualifications and interviews with three qualified firms.

#### Community Outreach

Community engagement for safety enhancements along this corridor is documented in the 2006 Pedestrian Master Plan, grassroots efforts advocating for relinquishment of State Route 225 to the City (early 2000's to 2012), the 2016 Bicycle Master Plan, and Project-specific engagement from 2018 to the present. The Project features are now very well-defined as a result of previous public engagement. Additional engagement and community meetings will take place during environmental review and prior to final design. Outreach will include a kick-off design workshop and follow-up workshops showing detailed renderings. Stakeholder groups, including SBCC, will also be engaged throughout the Project's phases. Future meetings will continue to be both virtual and at accessible public facilities to maximize community participation.

MoveSBC will assist City staff with grant funded community and elementary school events, including standard rules of the road for all users, safety education, bike rodeos, and neighborhood rides and walks for the new facility once it is constructed.

#### **BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

The Project is primarily funded by an ATP Grant, with the City match funded by the Measure C Capital Fund. With the proposed allocation of Measure C Capital Funds and

the previously appropriated ATP Grant funds, there will be sufficient expenditure appropriations to cover the cost of this phase of the Project, including the proposed contract, and extra services, with Mark Thomas. Future appropriation recommendations will fund the remaining Project phases.

The following summarizes all projected Project costs:

**ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST**

*\*Cents have been rounded to the nearest dollar in this table.*

	<b>ATP GRANT</b>	<b>CITY SHARE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
City Design Cost	\$53,925	\$980,000	<b>\$1,033,925</b>
Consultant Design Cost (Mark Thomas)	\$3,050,075	\$0	<b>\$3,050,075</b>
<b><i>Design Subtotal</i></b>	<b>\$3,104,000</b>	<b>\$980,000</b>	<b>\$4,084,000</b>
Construction Contract	\$18,350,955	\$5,820,000	<b>\$24,170,955</b>
Construction Change Order Allowance	\$1,835,095	0	<b>\$1,835,095</b>
<b><i>Subtotal</i></b>	<b>\$20,186,050</b>	<b>\$5,820,000</b>	<b>\$26,006,050</b>
Construction Management (by City Staff)	\$910,221	\$0	<b>\$910,221</b>
Construction Management/Inspection (by Consultant)	\$2,866,889	\$0	<b>\$2,866,889</b>
Consultant Design Support (Mark Thomas)	\$123,840	\$0	<b>\$123,840</b>
Post Construction Safety Education	\$68,000	\$0	<b>\$68,000</b>
<b><i>Subtotal</i></b>	<b>\$3,968,950</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,968,950</b>
<b><i>Construction Subtotal</i></b>	<b>\$24,155,000</b>	<b>\$5,820,000</b>	<b>\$29,975,000</b>
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>	<b>\$27,259,000</b>	<b>\$6,800,000</b>	<b>\$34,059,000</b>

A copy of the contract may be requested from the Public Works Department for public review by contacting [PWInfo@SantaBarbaraCA.gov](mailto:PWInfo@SantaBarbaraCA.gov).

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:**

This Project requires California Environmental Quality Act compliance and environmental permitting. Environmental review and documentation will be conducted during the design phase and finalized upon award of the Project's construction contract. The required environmental permits will be secured prior to the commencement of construction.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** Project Location Map

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