

## **Public Works**

## AGENDA REPORT

DATE:	March 11, 2025			
TO:	Mayor Martinez and Members of the City Council			
FROM:	Daniel Chavarria, PE, Director of Public Works Robert Armijo, PE, Deputy Director of Public Works / City Engineer Hillal Hamdan, PE, Senior Civil Engineer			
Subject:	Approval of OBAG3 Grant Appropriation and Contract Award for McBryde Avenue Improvement Project			
FINANCIAL IMPACT:	The City has been awarded grant funding from One Bay Area Grant 3 (OBAG3) in the amount of \$1,028,000 for design and construction of the McBryde Avenue Improvement Project. Additional funding is also available in the amount of \$260,000 from the General Capital Fund. Total funds presently committed for this project are \$1,288,000. This contract is fully funded by OBAG3. (Account String: 15436431-400733-23039, 20136031-400733-23039)			
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:	December 20, 2022			
STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:	City staff are seeking City Council approval to accept and appropriate OBAG3 Grant funds for the McBryde Avenue Improvement Project and award a contract for engineering design services for the McBryde Avenue Improvement Project to BKF Engineers in an amount not to exceed \$560,000, which includes a contract amount of \$539,200 plus a contingency in the amount of \$20,800.			
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	ADOPT a resolution to ACCEPT and APPROPRIATE One Bay Area Grant 3 (OBAG3) Grant funds in the amount of \$1,028,000 for the McBryde Avenue Improvement Project; AUTHORIZE the City Manager or			

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	her designee to execute a contract with BKF Engineers
	for engineering design services for the McBryde Avenue
	Improvement Project in a not-to-exceed amount of
	\$539,200, with a contract term from February 25, 2025,
	through December 31, 2026; and AUTHORIZE the Public
	Works Director to approve a contingency amount of up to
	\$20,800 to facilitate project completion – Public Works
	Department (Hillal Hamdan 510-621-1612 / Robert
	Armijo 510-620-5477 / Daniel Chavarria 510-620-5478).

## DISCUSSION

McBryde Avenue is identified in Richmond's Bicycle Master Plan as a key bike route connecting neighborhoods to Wildcat Canyon Regional Park and existing bikeways, including 37th Street. The McBryde Avenue Improvement Project (Project) will enhance multimodal transportation, improve safety, and create a more accessible corridor for all users. This Project repurposes vehicle lanes to include protected bike lanes, buffered zones, and upgraded pedestrian infrastructure. Key features include lane reductions, curb ramp upgrades, high-visibility crosswalks, sidewalk extensions, realigned intersections, and a traffic circle to improve pedestrian pathways. New street trees will also enhance the corridor's aesthetics and environmental impact.

On January 26, 2022, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) adopted Resolution 4505 awarding the City of Richmond One Bay Area Grant 3 (OBAG3) grant funding in the amount of \$1,028,000 for the McBryde Avenue Safe Routes to Parks Project to be funded in fiscal years 2022-23 through 2025-26 (Attachment 1).

On November 1, 2024, City staff issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for engineering design services for the Project (Attachment 4). In response to the RFP, staff received three proposals from qualified engineering firms. A panel of public works staff members who possess the technical and engineering expertise to effectively evaluate engineering proposals reviewed the proposals. Selection criteria included relevant project experience, understanding of the scope of work, ability to meet the deadline, and capacity to operate within budget.

The panel identified BKF Engineers as the best fit for engineering design services based upon their expertise in similar projects, their deep understanding of the project scope of work and approach to completing the project, and their emphasis on a strong community engagement process.

Consulting Firms	Rater 1	Rater 2	Rater 3
1. BKF	96	96	98
2. CSG	91	92	95

3. CSWST2	88	88	94
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In conclusion, City staff is seeking approval of a resolution to accept and appropriate the grant awarded by OBAG3 in the amount of \$1,028,000 for the McBryde Avenue Improvement Project, to amend the Engineering 2024-25 fiscal year budget, and authorize the City Manager or her designee to execute a contract with BKF Engineers for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$539,200, and authorize the Public Works Director to approve any amendments to the contract, if necessary, for a contingency up to an amount of \$20,800 to facilitate project completion.

## **DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:**

Attachment 1 - OBAG3 Grant Award Resolution 4505

Attachment 2 – Resolution

Attachment 3 – Proposed Contract

Attachment 4 – Request For Proposal

Attachment 5 – Bid Summary

Attachment 6 – Project Area Map

Attachment 7 - Project Concept Map