



CITY OF MARTINEZ

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
December 17, 2014**

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Tim Tucker, City Engineer
SUBJECT: Bidder Pre-qualification Process
Martinez Intermodal Facility, Phase 3, UPRR Pedestrian Overcrossing and Alhambra Creek Bridge and Ferry Street Enhancements
DATE: December 9, 2014

RECOMMENDATION:

By motion, direct staff to use the Bidder Pre-qualification process for the Martinez Intermodal Facility, Phase 3, Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Pedestrian Overcrossing and Alhambra Creek Bridge and Ferry Street Enhancements project.

BACKGROUND:

The majority of the on-site parking lot improvements for the Martinez Intermodal Facility, Phase 3 project were constructed in 2013. The proposed project before you tonight includes the construction of the remaining on-site parking lot improvements and the pedestrian bridge over the UPRR tracks, providing a direct link to the train station. This project also includes the construction of a vehicular and pedestrian bridge over Alhambra Creek, connecting Berrellesa Street to the parking lot, as well as the realignment and enhancements to Ferry Street, from Joe DiMaggio Drive to the parking lot. The construction of this work is currently estimated at roughly \$7 million and will require two construction seasons to complete. Other project improvements include landscaping and irrigation, elevator, lighting, storm drainage, fencing, electric vehicle charging stations, video surveillance, trail and pedestrian facilities and utility relocation.

The project plans and specifications are scheduled to be complete early next year allowing the City to move the project forward into the bidding phase and ultimately into construction in the spring.

The construction of this project is more complicated and requires more specialized contractor experience than the majority of City capital improvement projects. In 1997, the City Council directed staff, by Resolution No. 153-97, to consider and provide recommendations to the City Council on the use of a Bidder Pre-qualification process for public works projects that require formal bid procedures. The recommended pre-qualification process requires a 30 day period in addition to the traditional period for bidding. The project schedule will accommodate a pre-qualification period. In addition, the pre-qualification process may result in potential overall

savings to the project budget by reducing the risk of having an unqualified contractor fail to perform the contract work. Previous City projects that were subject to a pre-qualification process include the City Hall Renovation Project in 1994 and the Thomas Hill Reservoir and Hillside Reservoir Replacement project in 1999. More recent projects with a pre-qualification process include the Harbor View Reservoir Replacement project in 2013 and the Martinez Water Treatment Plant Electrical Power Distribution Upgrade project earlier this year. Based on the foregoing, it is recommended that the City Council direct staff to use the Bidder Pre-qualification process for the Martinez Intermodal Facility, Phase 3, UPRR Pedestrian Overcrossing and Alhambra Creek Bridge and Ferry Street Enhancements project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Staff time for a review committee to prequalify bidders. However, this cost is considered minimal since some of this review work would have to be performed as part of the standard bidding process.

ACTION:

Motion directing staff to use the Bidder Pre-qualification process for the Martinez Intermodal Facility, Phase 3, UPRR Pedestrian Overcrossing and Alhambra Creek Bridge and Ferry Street Enhancements project.

APPROVED BY:



Interim City Manager