

SCSPC STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Olive Mill and San Ysidro Roundabouts

MEETING DATE: May 12, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: 5

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RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Receive an update on progress related to the Olive Mill and San Ysidro Roundabouts and anticipated schedule for implementation.
- B. Recommend that the SBCAG board authorize the Chair to execute an agreement with the firm Mark Thomas and Company for PS&E and RW services who was recommended for selection following a solicitation for proposals.
- C. Recommend that the SBCAG board authorize the Chair to execute into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Santa Barbara and the County of Santa Barbara for the Plans, Specifications and Estimate (PS&E) and Right of Way (RW) phases of the project.
- D. Recommend that the SBCAG board authorize the Chair to execute a cooperative agreement with Caltrans for the PS&E and RW phases and to coordinate on the pre-construction with Caltrans' Construction Manager General Contractor (CMGC) for the 101 corridor.

DISCUSSION:

The Olive Mill Roundabout and the San Ysidro Roundabout are two projects being developed in parallel with progress made on the Highway 101: Carpinteria to Santa Barbara Project. Those two projects have been advanced through a partnership between the City of Santa Barbara (City), County of Santa Barbara (County), SBCAG and Caltrans. In 2017, these two roundabout projects were identified as necessary traffic mitigation improvements to offset impacts resulting from the Highway 101 project. Since that time, the City and County have worked jointly to advance work to finish traffic studies to support the roundabout improvements and complete the environmental studies and the coastal permitting.

In 2019, SBCAG entered a second MOU with the City and County for completing the environmental phase, geometric design and coastal development permitting. In 2020, both the Olive Mill Project (by City and County) and the San Ysidro Project (County) were approved through their coastal permitting process and environmental approval. The coastal permitting approval action by Montecito Planning Commission for the San Ysidro Project was appealed to the County Board of Supervisors where the planning commission decision was upheld then appealed to the Coastal Commission. Similarly, the approval action by both the City of Santa Barbara planning commission and the Montecito Planning Commission was appealed to the Santa Barbara City Council and the County Board of Supervisors for the Olive Mill Project. In April 2021, the Coastal Commission held a hearing on both projects and upheld the local action on the Olive Mill Project and San Ysidro Project. This action exhausted the coastal permitting appeals.

SBCAG, Caltrans and the County and City have met several times over the last year through the local approval process to discuss the transition of both projects into the detailed design phase and coordination with the Highway 101 improvements. Some of the issues would include design conforms at ramps, traffic management, cohesiveness of design elements and maintenance responsibilities.

The following outlines of some of the remaining next steps agreed to by the staff from County, City, Caltrans and SBCAG:

- County and City staff work to finalize approvals with local policy boards
- SBCAG to lead the design of the two roundabouts, to improve coordination with design for 101 HOV project
- County, City and Caltrans to share maintenance of roundabout/intersection components
- Caltrans to build roundabouts as part of the CMGC delivery process

Agreement for Design, MOU with Local Agencies, Caltrans Cooperative Agreement

SBCAG released a Request for Proposals (RFP) in March 2021, to initiate the process to transition to the implementing agency for the detailed design, right of way and utility phase of two projects. The RFP was sent to three prospective consultants, each of those consultants having had some previous knowledge of the projects. The three consultants were: Mark Thomas and Company, TY Lin International, and Wallace Group. Mark Thomas is the current firm leading design for SBCAG on Segments 4D and 4E of Highway 101. TY Lin is the current consultant retained by the City and County for the Olive Mill and San Ysidro Roundabouts. Wallace Group did some early work on the roundabouts and was a proposer for the current phase.

SBCAG received two proposals from TY Lin and Mark Thomas. Wallace Group decided not to submit and provided a response to staff as to the rationale. Staff from County of Santa Barbara public works and Caltrans Project Management assisted SBCAG with the review. Based on the proposal scoring criteria published in the RFP, and pursuant to the standard for selections based on qualifications, the selection panel made a recommendation of Mark Thomas and Company to the Executive Director of SBCAG who concurred. This process followed SBCAG's procurement policy manual. Staff is seeking a recommendation from the SC Subregional Committee to authorize the Chair of SBCAG to execute an agreement with Mark Thomas and Company for the next phase of work. The agreement with Mark Thomas will be presented to the SBCAG board in May 2021.

SBCAG is also seeking a recommendation to authorize the Chair of SBCAG to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the County and City for this next phase of detailed design, right of way and utility relocation work for the Olive Mill and San Ysidro Roundabouts. The MOU is being developed and will be presented to the SBCAG board in June 2021.

SBCAG will also need to enter into a cooperative agreement with Caltrans for these two projects. As noted, Caltrans will implement the projects during construction and as such will be required to provide oversight of the work. Secondly, Caltrans is the contracting agency for the CMGC pre-construction services, so the cooperative agreement will address the pre-construction work required for the Olive Mill and San Ysidro Roundabouts. The cooperative agreement will be presented to the SBCAG board in June 2021.

Project Schedule and Funding

Being able to start the detailed design work on the roundabouts this summer still allows the 101 project team the ability to have the projects constructed in coordination with any early work packages related to the Highway 101 project and have the roundabout improvements in place to assist with traffic operations for a majority of the remaining work. Ideally, construction could start on the roundabouts in fall to late 2022.

The two roundabouts are currently programmed for funding from the Highway 101 reserve of Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds. In September 2019, the SBCAG board approved the use of RSTP reserve for parallel projects, to expedite the potential for delivery and to have flexibility for coordinating independently with other Highway 101 project improvements.