



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 6/10/2025

File #: 25-674

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Public Works

Agenda Section: Consent

Vote Requirement: Majority

SUBJECT:

Request for Qualifications No. DPW 2025-002 Regarding the Provision of Design Engineering and Environmental Services for the Hammond Trail Bridge Project

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve, and authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise and distribute, the attached request for qualifications regarding the provision of design engineering and environmental services for the Hammond Trail Bridge Project, and
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to provide the Department of Public Works with one (1) fully executed certified copy of the Board order related to this item.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This action supports the following areas of your Board's Strategic Plan.

Area of Focus: Safe & Healthy Communities

Strategic Plan Category: 1003 - Achieve community connectivity with bicycle/pedestrian trails

DISCUSSION:

Humboldt County has been awarded \$5,000,000 through the Community Project Funded Congressional Directed Spending Program, with support from Congressman Jared Huffman and Senator Alex Padilla, for the replacement of the Hammond Trail Bridge over the Mad River. On October 3, 2023, the Board of Supervisors approved Resolution No. 23-136, authorizing the Department of Public Works to accept the funding for the Hammond Trail Bridge Replacement Project (Attachment 1).

The existing bridge, originally constructed as a railroad bridge and repurposed in 1983 for bicycle and pedestrian use, serves as a vital active transportation corridor between Arcata and McKinleyville. It also forms a key link in the Hammond Coastal Trail, connecting Mad River Beach to Clam Beach. However, the steel components of the bridge have deteriorated significantly due to rust and age, and the structure is considered vulnerable to seismic activity.

A consultant team recently completed a Type Selection Report, which includes a preliminary hydraulic study, a foundation report, and an evaluation of design alternatives and cost estimates (Attachment 2). These initial technical studies enable the project to advance into the next phases, including preliminary engineering, environmental review, permitting, right-of-way acquisition, final design, and construction.

Accordingly, the Department of Public Works recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve and authorize the Director of Public Works to issue the attached Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for design engineering and environmental services related to the

Hammond Trail Bridge Replacement Project (Attachment 3).

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

California Department of Transportation; Bicycles & Trailways Program(1710-715); Community Project Funded Congressional Directed Spending Program (CPFCDSP)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Expenditures (1710-715)	FY25-26 Projected*	FY26-27 Projected*	FY27-28 Projected*
Budgeted Expenses	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
Funding Sources (1710-715))	FY25-26 Projected*	FY26-27 Projected*	FY27-28 Projected*
Congressional Directive	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
Total Funding Sources	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>

**Projected amounts are estimates and are subject to change.*

Narrative Explanation of Financial Impact:

As noted above, the maximum amount payable for any and all design engineering and environmental services provided, and costs and expenses incurred, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the consultant services agreement awarded as a result of this RFQ process is \$3,000,000. Community Project Funded Congressional Directed Spending Program (CPFCDSP) will fund 100% of project costs up to a maximum of \$5,000,000. There is 0% match provided by Humboldt County Road fund.

There is no financial obligation until the Board approves a consultant services agreement with the selected consulting firm. As a result, approval of the attached RFQ will not impact the Humboldt County General Fund.

STAFFING IMPACT:

The recommended actions will not impact current staffing levels.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

California Department of Transportation

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board may choose not to approve the attached RFQ regarding the provision of design engineering and environmental services. However, this alternative is not recommended since the project is 100% funded by the Congressional Directive and that Public Works has limited qualified personnel to provide the structural, geotechnical, and environmental services required for the Hammond Trail Bridge Replacement Project.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution 23-136 Acceptance of Congressional Directive Funding, dated Oct. 3, 2023
2. Type Selection Report for Hammond Trail Bridge, dated Nov. 7, 2024
3. Request for Qualifications No. DPW2025-002 Design Engineering and Environmental Services.

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Meeting of: Oct. 3, 2023

File No.: 23-1257