

CITY OF YUBA CITY
STAFF REPORT

Date: September 21, 2021
To: Honorable Mayor & Members of the City Council
From: Public Works Department
Presentation by: Diana Langley, Public Works Director

Summary

Subject: 2021 School Crossing Improvements Project (Plans & Specifications)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution adopting a CEQA Class 1 Categorical Exemption, approving the plans and specifications for the 2021 School Crossing Improvements Project and authorizing advertisement for bids on the project
Fiscal Impact: \$122,000 – Engineer’s Estimate

Purpose:

To enhance student, faculty, and parent safety through pedestrian crossing improvements near Yuba City schools.

Background:

Under the Blue Sky Program, the Feather River Air Quality Management District (FRAQMD) annually solicits proposals for projects that will:

1. Reduce air pollution emission from motor vehicles;
2. Implement transportation control measures; or
3. Establish public education programs that support and do not duplicate any of the District’s efforts.

The selected projects are funded through motor vehicle registration fees collected by FRAQMD.

In September 2020, FRAQMD issued a Request for Proposals for fiscal year 20/21. Staff prepared the 2021 School Crossing Improvements Project proposal, requesting \$90,000 in Blue Sky Grant Funds. Since the program was over-subscribed, the City was awarded only \$45,000. On March 16, 2021, the City entered into an agreement with FRAQMD to accept \$45,000 in Blue Sky Grant funding.

Analysis:

Staff reviewed the City’s Safe Routes to School Plan, and Bicycle Master Plan to determine the scope for the 2021 School Crossings Improvements Project, which includes the following improvements:

- Clark Avenue and Morton Street
 - Install two solar-powered rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFB)
 - Upgrade all intersection curb ramps to ADA-compliance
 - Install striping and signage improvements adjacent to intersection

- Park Avenue and Clinton Street
 - Upgrade south-west and east curb ramps to ADA-compliance
 - Install striping and signage improvements adjacent to intersection

Staff proposes the sole source purchase of the RRFB’s from manufacturer Tapco of Brown Deer, WI at the price of \$7,994.93, including tax. The proposed sole source purchase will reduce the potential contract amount by preventing Contractor mark-ups. This sole source purchase is acceptable under the City’s Purchasing Policies and Procedures, Public Contract Code, and the Grant Agreement. The sole source purchase also allows the City to maintain a consistent RRFB system inventory that allows for efficient maintenance and integration.

Public Works has prepared the project plans, specifications, and cost estimate for the 2021 School Crossing Improvements Project. With Council’s approval of the plans and specifications and authorization to advertise for bids, staff proposes the following schedule:

Advertise for bid:	September 2021
Open bids:	October 2021
Award contract:	Late October 2021
Start of construction:	Early November 2021
Complete construction:	December 2021

The plans and specifications for the project are on file in the Public Works Department at City Hall and at www.yubacity.net/publicworksplans for review. The City’s Public Works Department will perform construction management and inspection.

Fiscal Impact:

The total project cost is estimated to be \$122,000 including 10% contingency. The City will be reimbursed approximately \$45,000 in Blue Sky Program funds from FRAQMD after completion of the 2021 School Crossing Improvement Project. The remaining approximately \$77,000 will be funded through available Road Funds and CDBG Funds.

Detailed fiscal impacts and any appropriate transfers of funds will be presented to Council at the time of award based on actual bid amounts.

Environmental:

Through the preliminary engineering processes associated with federal funding, the City completed all necessary environmental documents required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Through the HUD environmental review process, City staff determined that the project is categorically excluded under 24 CFR 50.20(a)(1), special projects directed to the removal of material and architectural barriers that restrict the mobility of accessibility to elderly and persons with disabilities.

The City has performed a preliminary environmental assessment of this project relative to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements and the City Council finds and determines that the project falls within the Class 1 Categorical Exemption set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, as the concrete replacement and utility alignment adjustments within existing City facilities are qualifying repairs, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion. Further, none of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to this project.

Alternatives:

1. Do not approve the plans and specifications and delay the project.
2. Modify the proposed plans and specifications.

Delaying the project may jeopardize Blue Sky Grant funding.

Recommendation:

Adopt a Resolution adopting a CEQA Class 1 Categorical Exemption, approving the plans and specifications for the 2021 School Crossing Improvements Project and authorizing advertisement for bids on the project.

Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Project Map

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Reviewed by:

City Attorney

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ATTACHMENT 1

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUBA CITY
APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE 2021 SCHOOL CROSSING
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, AND AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS ON THE
PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department intends to solicit bids for construction of the 2021 School Crossing Improvements Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved and ordered by the City Council of Yuba City as follows:

1. The City has performed a preliminary environmental assessment of this project relative to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements and the City Council finds and determines that the project falls within the Class 1 Categorical Exemption set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, as the concrete replacement and utility alignment adjustments within existing City facilities are qualifying repairs, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion. Further, none of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set form in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to this project.
2. The plans and specifications for the 2021 School Crossing Improvements Project be approved.
3. The Public Works Department is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for bids for the 2021 School Crossing Improvements Project.

The foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly introduced, passed, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Yuba City at a regular meeting thereof held on the 21st day of September, 2021.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Marc Boomgaarden, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ciara Wakefield, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM
COUNSEL FOR YUBA CITY:

Shannon Chaffin, City Attorney
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ATTACHMENT 2

Project Location Exhibit



Yuba City High School

Yuba City High School

Location 1: Install two solar-powered rectangular rapid flashing beacons, upgrade all curb ramps to be ADA-compliant, install striping improvements adjacent to intersection.

Location 2: Upgrade south-west and east curb ramps to be ADA-compliant, install striping improvements adjacent to intersection.

St. Isadore Catholic School

Park Avenue Elementary School