

## **County of Santa Cruz** <sup>0449</sup>

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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JOHN A. FANTHAM DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

## AGENDA: OCTOBER 19, 1999

October 6, 1999

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 701 Ocean Street Santa Cruz, California 95060

## SUBJECT: SOQUEL DRIVE BRIDGE AND APTOS OVERHEAD SEISMIC RETROFIT PROJECT, BID AWARD DELAY

Members of the Board:

A single bid was received on September 14, 1999, from William P. Young Construction, Inc., of San Carlos, CA in the amount of \$210,296 for the subject combined seismic project. The bid was checked and found to be in order and was more than 50 percent higher than our consulting engineer's cost estimate of \$138,606. In spite of the additional costs, sufficient funding is available for this project through the 100 percent federally funded program.

The major share of the additional cost was attributable to the Soquel Drive Bridge. As a result, we once again asked the State of California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS), the lead agency for this seismic retrofit program, to reconsider our earlier request to remove the Soquel Drive Bridge from this program. However, even in light of this bid, and the fact that the County has a Hazard Mitigation Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to replace this same bridge within the next two years, CALTRANS still recommends that the County proceed with the required retrofit work (see attached letter). Before the County can award the combined project to William P. Young Construction, Inc., it will first be necessary to obtain formal authorization from CALTRANS to proceed with construction. We expect to receive final certification from CALTRANS within the next thirty days and return to your Board with our recommendation of award. It is therefore recommended that the Board of Supervisors defer consideration of the award of contract for the Soquel Drive Bridge and Aptos Overhead Seismic Retrofit Project until November 16, 1999.

Yours truly,

JOHN A. FANTHAM Director of Public Works

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Attachment

**RECOMMENDED** FOR APPROVAL,:

County Administrative Officer

copy to: Public Works (Fiscal and Road Engineering) Redevelopment Department

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LOCAL ASSISTANCE

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October 4, 1999

Seismic Retrofit BRLSZA-5936(038) Soquel Bridge #36C-078

Mr. John A. Fantham County of Santa Cruz 701 Ocean Street Santa Cruz, CA 95060-4070

Attn. Bill Williamson

Dear Mr. Fantham:

This is in response to your letter of September 27, 1999 requesting Caltrans recommendations on Soquel Bridge Seismic Retrofit project.

Seismic retrofit has the highest priority of all the Federal/State funded bridge projects and the cost of a single bid is often higher than normal, I recommend the Soquel Bridge #36C-078 be constructed for seismic retrofit,

If you have any questions, please give me a call at (805) 549-3572.

Sincerely,

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