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Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
501 Low Gap Road, Room 1090
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RE: ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT) TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND AWARD DOT CONTRACT NO. 160011 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE MUIR MILL BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER BAECHTEL CREEK ON MUIR MILL ROAD, CR 301C, AND INCREASE THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION'S CHANGE ORDER AUTHORITY TO 10% OF THE CONTRACT (WILLITS AREA)

Honorable Board Members:

DOT Contract No. 160011 will provide for construction of the Muir Mill Bridge Replacement over Baechtel Creek on Muir Mill Road. This project is for construction of a new single span pre-stressed, cast-in-place concrete box girder bridge and approaches on the same alignment, replacing the existing functionally obsolete bridge. A temporary bridge will be used as a detour route during construction and removed after construction of the new bridge is complete.

A general contractor will be required to complete this project at an estimated cost of \$1,100,220, including contingency and construction engineering. The project is to be funded primarily through the federal Highway Bridge Program (HBP), with the local match funded through the Toll Credit program.

Mendocino County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) has requested and is waiting for authorization for construction from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Federal rules prohibit advertising for bids until receipt of construction authorization. It would be expedient for MCDOT to be able to advertise for construction bids as soon as FHWA authorizes construction of the project.

Project funding allows for a contingency amount equal to 10% of the construction contract amount. It is therefore prudent to allow the Director of Transportation to authorize contract change order amount to equal that amount.

I recommend and request that the Board authorize and direct the Director of Transportation to advertise for construction bids, upon receipt of construction authorization from FHWA, to award DOT Contract No. 160011 to construct the Muir Mill Bridge Replacement over Baechtel Creek, and to authorize increasing the Director's change order authority to 10% of the construction contract. MCDOT staff personnel have prepared a draft Resolution which provides said authorization for the Board's consideration and adoption.

I will, of course, respond to any questions the Board may have.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Transportation

Enclosure

cc: DOT Project File B-1003