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Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
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RE: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING DOT AGREEMENT NO. 110118,
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GHD INC., FOR THE
REPLACEMENT OF THE MILL CREEK BRIDGE ON HILL ROAD (COVELO
AREA)

Honorable Board of Supervisors:

The Mendocino County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) is currently taking advantage of a great opportunity for local agencies to replace/rehabilitate their “off system” bridges with 100% federal money. Caltrans now allows the use of toll credits for “off system” bridge projects. “Off system” is defined as roads functionally classified as local roads or rural collectors – ninety percent (900 miles) of Mendocino County’s roads are in this category. Thus, those bridges that are classified as “off system” are eligible for 100% funding rather than the usual 88.53% funding from the Highway Bridge Program. Caltrans anticipates funding should be available via this special program until at least September 30, 2012. However, as always, these types of opportunities are based upon “first come, first serve” decisions. Therefore, Mendocino County has placed applications to Caltrans for seven “off system” bridges: East Hill Bridge over Davis Creek (Willits Area), Muir Mill Road Bridge over Baechtel Creek (Willits Area), Sherwood Road Bridge over Rows Creek (Willits Area), Hill Road over Mill Creek, in service for some 87 years (Covelo Area), Briceland Road Bridge over Mattole River (Briceland Area), Reeves Canyon Road Bridge over Forsythe Creek (Redwood Valley) and Philo Greenwood Bridge over Navarro River (Comptche Area).

MCDOT staff does not have the time, capacity or expertise to effectively perform this work so we have undergone a qualification based selection process to find a consultant to perform the design of a Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) compliant structure to meet all current Highway Loads. The consultant will need to prepare California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation.

GHD Inc., (GHD) has provided a satisfactory proposal indicating that they will perform the required work within the stipulated time frame for a “not to exceed price” of \$496,244. However, presently only enough grant funding – some \$304,442 – is available to start work in Phase 1. It is anticipated that additional, supplemental funds will be forthcoming. Therefore, the Department of Transportation believes it will save processing time to authorize the Director of Transportation to execute the necessary amendments to the DOT Agreement No. 110118 when additional funding is provided.

In accordance with FHWA procedures for funding, the County must “front” the 100% federal share and then seek reimbursement. Funds are available in BU 3041, Federal and State Programs, to accommodate the cost of MCDOT Agreement No. 110118, which we recommend be approved pursuant to the attached Resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Transportation

cc: Board Corres. File