



County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors

Agenda Item Submittal

From: Community Development and Infrastructure

Subject: Notice of Completion- Emergency Project: Schulties Road PM 0.56

Meeting Date: January 28, 2025

Formal Title: Accept the improvements and final construction cost of \$221,447.63 for the Schulties Road Post Mile 0.56 Emergency Project, and take related actions

Recommended Actions

1. Accept the improvements and approve the final cost of \$221,447.63 for Contract No. 25D1127(R3-0319), Schulties Road PM 0.56 Emergency roadway project;
2. Authorize the Community Development and Infrastructure Department to file the Notice of Completion; and
3. Request the Community Development and Infrastructure Department to return the original Notice of Completion to the Clerk of the Board

Executive Summary

The Schulties Road PM 0.56 Emergency project was completed on October 16, 2024. This Notice of Completion is to accept the improvements and approve the final cost of \$221,447.63.

Discussion

On March 13, 2023, the County declared a local disaster in response to the severe winter storm events that occurred in the beginning of March. Significant damage to County infrastructure, most notably to roadways across the County occurred as a consequence of this disaster, including a culvert failure and sinkhole on Schulties Road at PM 0.56, rendering the roadway inaccessible.

On September 24, 2024, the Board was informed that the Deputy CAO/Director of Community Development and Infrastructure determined, pursuant to delegated authority, the damage to Schulties Road at PM 0.56 constituted an emergency within the definition of Public Contract Code Section 1102, as it presented an imminent danger to the public due to the critical interruption and loss of essential public services requiring immediate action to prevent or mitigate the loss or impairment of property and essential public services.

Repair includes clearing and grubbing, roadway excavation, installation of a 60-inch High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) culvert, structural backfill, constructing an inlet headwall, and reconstructing the roadway section.

Failure to begin these repairs would have resulted in:

- Continued loss of access to the affected areas
- Hazardous and unsafe roadway conditions
- Loss of effective, working County infrastructure which impacts County-maintained roadways and stormwater facilities

The project was completed on October 16, 2024.

Financial Impact

The total direct cost of the contract associated with this board item is approximately \$221,447.63 and will be financed by debt, future federal and state reimbursements, local county transportation funds and/or reductions in current transportation projects or operations. The direct costs associated with this board item, along with additional costs for construction engineering, construction management, design engineering, and staff time, will be included in the 2023 Storms Board Status Update.

Eligible costs will be reimbursed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) at a maximum of 75 percent for County or local roads and the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) will reimburse up to a maximum of 18.75 percent of FEMA project-eligible costs.

Public Works staff estimate that the total reimbursement from all agencies could be \$207,607 for this contract. This assumes recovery of approximately 94% of the costs paid upfront by the County. However, based on recent FEMA claims experience, recovery rates could drop far below 80% by the end of the 5 to 10-year recovery cycle. Any disallowed costs, plus a local match of \$13,840.63 and costs already deemed ineligible of \$26,573.72 will be paid by local transportation funds, debt-financed, and/or reductions in current transportation projects or operations.

Strategic Initiatives

Equity Framework - County Facilities & Infrastructure
Operational Plan - Comprehensive Health & Safety, Reliable Transportation
Climate Action - Transportation

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Artificial Intelligence Acknowledgment:

Artificial Intelligence (AI) did not significantly contribute to the development of this agenda item.