

*"Placerville, a Unique Historical Past Forging into a Golden Future"*

**City Manager's Report**  
**May 12, 2015 City Council Meeting**  
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**Item #:** 8.11

**Subject:** Adopt a Resolution:

1. Ratifying City staff's cancellation of the Consultant Services Agreement with Quincy Engineering, Inc. for the Project Authorization and Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase of the Clay Street Realignment and Bridge Replacement Project (CIP #40617); and
2. Authorizing City Staff to pursue Requests for Proposals for Consulting Services to complete the NEPA environmental document and final design including Plans, Specifications and Estimate (PS&E) for the Clay Street Realignment and Bridge Replacement Project (CIP #40617).

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**Background:**

The Clay Street Realignment with Cedar Ravine and Bridge Replacement Project was first identified in the City's 1974 *Master Street Plan and Improvement Program* (Long-Range Improvement Project No. 9). On January 10, 2006, City Council adopted the *Placerville Streetscape Design Development Plan* which included realignment of Clay Street to opposite Cedar Ravine Road with a roundabout at the intersection of Main Street. The realignment of Clay Street also meant that the existing bridge, deemed functionally obsolete per Caltrans Bridge Inspection Report (BIR), would be replaced as part of the project. On February 8, 2011, Council approved the Clay Street at Main Street/Cedar Ravine Realignment and Clay Street Bridge over Hangtown Creek Replacement Project (CIP #40617). The City was successful in securing Highway Bridge Program (HBP) funding for the design and replacement of the bridge and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding for design and construction of the roundabout at the new configured Main Street/Cedar Ravine/ Clay Street intersection. On October 22, 2013, Council approved a consultant services agreement with PMC authorizing preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project that included the roundabout as the preferred intersection design alternative.

Since then, the citizens of Placerville voiced opposition for a roundabout at this location. As a result, the City Council passed Resolution No. 8230 on July 8, 2014, eliminating a roundabout as an alternative for the Cedar Ravine Road/Main Street/Clay Street intersection and making the project ineligible for CMAQ funding. Additionally, Measure K was passed on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014, by Placerville voters that prohibits roundabouts within the City's limits without voter approval.

Following the Council's resolution to remove the roundabout from the project the El Dorado County Transportation Commission (EDCTC) deobligated the CMAQ funding via EDCTC Resolution 14/15.10 at their regularly scheduled meeting on November 6, 2014.

The existing Highway Bridge Program (HBP) funding for the Clay Street Bridge replacement remains intact for the project, with estimated reimbursement of costs up to 88.53% for Preliminary Engineering and 100% for right-of-way acquisition and construction. The local matching funds for the project are from the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) and Traffic Impact Mitigation (TIM) fees.

**Discussion:**

On January 27, 2015, the City Council directed staff to proceed with the design for the Clay Street Realignment and Bridge Replacement Project as a four-way stop-controlled intersection at Main Street/Cedar Ravine/Clay Street.

With this intent to move forward with the project, City Staff requested an amendment from the City's project consultant, Quincy Engineering (QEI) to proceed with the project in light of exhaustion of the consultant's available contract budget. Since then QEI presented an amendment that included:

- Minimal public outreach related to public meetings and minimal support efforts for element selection for the project.
- Anticipated design support efforts for the environmental document related to alternative selection for the Clay Street Bridge, replacing the 1-lane bridge with a 2-lane bridge with sidewalks on both sides and improvement conform at the bridge approaches without adequate consideration to the existing culvert that daylights at the southern bridge abutment.
- Updating various studies related to and ultimate completion of the NEPA document to complete the Project Approval, and Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase.
- Anticipated final design efforts related to development of Plans, Specifications, and Estimates for the project.

Staff understands the appropriate scope of the project will include public meetings in addition to those that have already occurred, updates to various environmental studies, development and selection of the available project elements, completion of the environmental process, and ultimately final design of the project that includes engineering consideration to the existing culvert and future bridge abutment.

The original contract with QEI was to complete 30% design and environmental review (NEPA only) for the project with a roundabout. Since removal of the roundabout as the preferred alternative for the intersection, the environmental documents (both NEPA and CEQA) will need to be updated to reflect this change. QEI submitted scope of work on February 6, 2015. After discussions and clarifications with QEI, staff concluded that the proposed fee was excessive and the scope of work did not encompass all the necessary tasks to complete the project. At that time, on April 9, 2015, City Staff determined it was appropriate to cancel the contract with QEI and is seeking Council's ratification of the cancelled QEI contract.

For the project to continue (updating environmental studies and documents, bridge replacement and associated roadway improvements) staff is requesting authorization to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a new consultant to complete the NEPA document and PS&E phase. The selected consultant would support the project through public outreach, selection of the project elements, and moving forward with the completion of the NEPA in conjunction with the CEQA document (Environmental Impact Report being prepared by PMC under separate contract).

**Cost:** The cost of issuing an RFP will be limited to staff time only.

**Budget Impact:** Staff will make any necessary budget recommendations when it returns with a new contract award at a future City Council meeting.

**Options:**

1. Staff's recommendation - Continue with the project to finalize the NEPA document for the stop controlled intersection as the preferred alternative, identify project features inclusive of the Clay Street Bridget replacement through City Council approval, and proceed with final design utilizing a different consultant team by means of issuing a Request for Proposals or;
2. Discontinue Project - The realignment of Clay Street with Cedar Ravine at Main Street would not occur and the Clay Street Bridge would remain in place and continue to deteriorate while imposing safety hazards for pedestrians and drivers. HBP funds would be deobligated if not used for this project.

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution:

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M. Cleve Morris, City Manager

Attachments: none

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLACERVILLE  
RATIFYING CANCELLATION OF THE CONSULTANT AGREEMENT WITH  
QUINCY ENGINEERING, INC. FOR THE CLAY STREET REALIGNMENT AND  
BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER HANGTOWN CREEK PROJECT (CIP #40617) AND  
APPROVING CITY STAFF TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS FOR COMPLETION OF THE  
ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT AND PLANS SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATE  
PHASE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Placerville established a Capitol Improvement Project (CIP No. 40617) to realign Clay Street joining the intersection of Cedar Ravine and Main Street; and

**WHEREAS**, the existing Clay Street bridge is narrow and functionally obsolete, and is therefore eligible for replacement through the Federal Highway Bridge Program (HBP); and

**WHEREAS**, the Clay Street Bridge Replacement project has been incorporated into the Clay Street Realignment project; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for the project was programmed from multiple federal, state, and local funding sources including HBP, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds, Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Exchange revenues, and the City's Traffic Impact Mitigation (TIM) fees; and

**WHEREAS**, at its regular meeting on July 8, 2014, the City Council resolved to remove the previously selected roundabout alternative for the proposed intersection subsequently causing Congestive Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds to be deobligated and deprogrammed by the El Dorado Transportation Commission (EDCTC) via Resolution 14/15.10; and

**WHEREAS**, at its regular meeting on January 27, 2015 the City directed staff to proceed with the design for the Clay Street Realignment and Bridge Replacement Project as a four-way stop controlled intersection; and

**WHEREAS**, it was determined that the proposed amendment to the design services agreement with Quincy Engineering was insufficient for the revised project scope and additional design services were needed to complete the environmental review and design phases of the project.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Placerville does hereby:

1. Ratify the cancellation of the Consultant Services Agreement with Quincy Engineering, Inc. for the Project Authorization and Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase of the Clay Street Realignment and Bridge Replacement Project (CIP #40617); and
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The foregoing Resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Placerville held on May 12, 2015, by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_ who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_. The motion was passed by the following vote:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ATTEST:**

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Susan Zito, CMC, City Clerk

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Mayor Patricia Borelli