



## REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

**To:** Honorable Mayor or Members of the City Council

**From:** Jason Simpson, City Manager

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**Date:** January 10, 2023

**Subject:** **Professional Services Agreement to Provide Project Study Report-Project Development Support for the Interstate 15 Nichols Road Interchange Improvement Project**

### **Recommendation**

Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute an Agreement for Professional Services with HDR Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$861,678.82 plus an additional 10% in contingency in final form as approved by the City Attorney.

### **Background**

The Interstate 15 Nichols Road Interchange (Interchange) is located between Lake Street and Central Avenue (State Route 74) interchanges in Lake Elsinore. The Interchange is currently a diamond configuration that will serve and is serving as a major access point for future and existing industrial and residential development at properties west of Interstate 15 and residential and commercial properties east of Interstate 15. The Interchange is within very close proximity to local intersections and driveways, where future peak hour volumes are anticipated to cause congestion and delays at these locations in addition to the freeway ramp intersections.

The purpose of the proposed Interstate 15 Nichols Road Interchange Project is to relieve congestion by improving traffic operations and reduce congestion in the vicinity of the Interchange. To accomplish this, the City of Lake Elsinore, in cooperation with Caltrans is initiating the Project Study Report-Project Development Support (PSR-PDS) phase. The Agreement for Professional Services will authorize HDR Engineering, Inc. to start the preparation of the PSR-PDS.

### **Discussion**

The purpose of the PSR-PDS is to scope of the Project Approval & Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase relative to CEQA/NEPA and program the project for funding relative to construction and capital support costs. HDR Engineering, Inc. will provide services necessary to prepare, submit, and attain approval of the PSR-PDS document. Scope of services includes

project management, defining purpose & need, alternative development, public and community outreach, development of Preliminary Environmental Analysis Report, and PSR-PDS and SWDR approval.

**Fiscal Impact**

The Agreement for Professional Services will result into a cost of \$861,678.82 plus an additional 10% in contingency. Funding has been secured through the WRCOG's TUMF Program.

**Attachments**

Attachment 1 – Agreement  
Attachment 2 – Proposal & Fee  
Attachment 3 – Project Map