



**CITY OF SEASIDE
STAFF REPORT**

Item No.: 10.B.

TO: City Council

FROM: Jaime M. Fontes, City Manager

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DATE: November 2, 2023

**SUBJECT: ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HILBY AVENUE
TRAFFIC CALMING PLAN AND APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO
THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH
PARAMETRIX INC. TO DESIGN AND PREPARE BID DOCUMENTS
FOR THE THE HILBY AVENUE TRAFFIC CALMING
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
\$96,870.00**

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution approving the Hilby Avenue Traffic Calming Plan and authorizing the City Manager to execute amendment No. 1 to the professional services agreement with Parametrix to design and prepare bid documents for the Hilby Avenue Traffic Calming Improvements Project for an amount not to exceed \$96,870.00.

BACKGROUND

Earlier this year, the City Council approved a professional services agreement with Parisi Transportation Consulting, a division of Parametrix (Parametrix), to prepare a comprehensive traffic calming plan for Hilby Avenue from Wheeler Street to General Jim Moore Boulevard (Draft Plan). The scope of work included data collection, preparation of existing conditions map, development of a "toolkit" of potential traffic calming measures, an in-person community outreach workshop, and draft plan presentations to the Traffic Advisory Committee and City Council for final approval. At the September 19th Traffic Advisory Committee meeting, the Committee approved the Draft Plan. Staff is recommending to approve the Draft Plan and approve amendment No. 1 to the existing professional services agreement with Parametrix to prepare final design and construction bid documents for the Hilby Avenue Traffic Calming Improvements Project.

The following provides a brief description of the work completed to date on the Project leading up to the City Council’s consideration of the Draft Plan and design phase.

Hilby Avenue Corridor Characteristics

Hilby Avenue from Wheeler Street to General Jim Moore Boulevard is functionally classified as a minor arterial roadway, as identified in the General Plan. The roadway width of Hilby Avenue is approximately 40 feet from face of curb to face of curb with parking permitted on both sides of the street. The posted speed limit is 30 miles per hour (mph). Recently, the city installed 25 mph and 20 mph signs in the school zone on Hilby Avenue between Prospect Street and Noche Buena Street. Hilby Avenue is a primary emergency response route. Along the corridor there is a mixture of residential single family dwellings, apartment complexes and condominiums, a mobile home park, four churches, a day care facility, a private school, and a community center. Monterey Salinas Transit operates two bus routes along this corridor. Within the mile and a half corridor of Hilby Avenue from Wheeler Street to General Jim Moore Boulevard there are five bus stops, and three stop signs on Hilby Avenue at Noche Buena Street, Yosemite Street, Mescal Street and a traffic signal at General Jim Moore Boulevard.

Community Input Workshop

On May 17, 2023, Parametrix facilitated an in-person community outreach workshop that consisted of a street experience walk on Hilby Avenue followed by a Community Input Workshop at the Oldemeyer Center. The design team presented project goals, existing conditions, historical speed limit data, responses from an online survey, speed and volume data, collision history, and a "toolkit" of potential traffic calming measures. The attendees were then asked to select traffic calming measures from the toolkit and apply them at locations on the existing conditions map. Improving sight distance at intersections, adding a crossing at Wheeler Street, installing speed humps throughout the corridor, installing speed cameras, neighborhood roundabouts, and speed feedback signs were suggestions by the public. The street walk experience and community meeting were well received and had an estimated attendance of 35 and 45, respectively.

Draft Plan

Based upon the existing conditions and public input, the design team produced an initial high-level traffic calming concept for the corridor (Attachment 3). The draft Hilby Avenue Traffic Calming Plan (Draft Plan) has incorporated several traffic calming measures including red curbing at intersections, centerline and edge line striping, median islands, high visibility crosswalks, and speed cushions throughout the corridor. The design team reviewed the proposed traffic calming measures identified in the Draft Plan with the Police Department, Fire Department, and Monterey Salinas Transit for concurrence.

Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting

On September 19, 2023, the Draft Plan was presented to the Traffic Advisory

Committee. Parametrix and staff fielded questions from the public and committee members, with a majority in favor of the Draft Plan. The Traffic Advisory Committee voted unanimously to recommend the City Council approve the Draft Plan for implementation.

Response to Requests

Several members of the public spoke in support of the Draft Plan. There were a few requests during Public Comment that are not reflected in the Draft Plan that, upon further evaluation, may be included into the final design. The requests are as follows:

1. Monterey Salinas Transit (MST) requested to add crosswalks at bus stops located along the corridor. There are 5 bus stops along the corridor supporting two MST routes; Jazz A and Route 94, with service every 30 minutes and 2 hours, respectively. The Draft Plan proposed adding a crosswalk on Hilby at Wheeler Street adjacent to the community center. With the exception of two bus stops on Hilby Avenue, at San Lucas and Shafer, all others have adjacent crosswalks. Upon a cursory review, it appears that an additional crosswalk may be added, adjacent to the bus stop at Shafer Street. Adding a crosswalk at this location will be evaluated, and if feasible, incorporated into the final design.

2. The Draft Plan proposed traffic calming measures on Hilby Avenue east of Wheeler Street and excluded lower Hilby. Lower Hilby Avenue refers to the section of Hilby Avenue from Canyon Del Rey Boulevard to Fremont Boulevard and upper Hilby refers to Hilby Avenue from Fremont Boulevard to General Jim Moore Boulevard. Hilby Avenue has different roadway characteristics, such as speed limit, roadway geometry, and traffic volumes east and west of Fremont Boulevard, and due to these differences and supportive documentation submitted by the applicant related to speeding and traffic collisions, staff focused the efforts for traffic calming on upper Hilby Avenue. Lower Hilby Avenue residents who signed the petition were notified of the community meeting as well as the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting. Additional traffic calming measures for lower Hilby Avenue will be evaluated and, if feasible, incorporated into the final design.

3. A couple of members of the public questioned the need for bicycle facilities and additional signage. The General Plan proposes a bicycle facility on Hilby Avenue from Canyon Del Rey Boulevard to General Jim Moore Boulevard. Due to the existing right of way constraints, on-street parking removal would be necessary to provide the required bicycle lane width for a Class II Bicycle Facility. A Class III Bicycle Facility requires sharrow pavement markings and bicycle signage. Sharrows are shared-lane markings to indicate where a cyclist has the right to ride. Sharrows allow the bicyclist to use the full lane width and drivers must give cyclists 3 feet of space when passing. Sharrows can be found on Broadway Avenue from Fremont Boulevard to General Jim Moore Boulevard. A Class III Bicycle Facility along the corridor will be evaluated and, if feasible, incorporated into the final design. In addition, Parametrix will review the existing

signage along the corridor and update any outdated signage in accordance with the California Manual of Uniform Control Devices (CAMUTCD).

Public Outreach

Over 600 postcard meeting notices were mailed to residents frontaging upper Hilby Avenue, including residents a block north and south of the corridor, in addition to residents who signed the petition. Meeting notices were posted on the City’s newsflash website and meeting flyers were posted at the Oldemeyer Center, Pattullo Swim Center, Library, and City Hall. The Community Meeting was announced at the City Council meeting and a meeting flyer was posted on social media. An online survey was conducted before the community meeting and kept open after the meeting, which generated 71 responses. A Project outreach page was created and updated with all the information presented at the Community Meeting in May. The Project outreach page was updated with the Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting notice and Draft Plan. The meeting flyer for the TAC meeting was posted on the City’s newsflash and postcard meeting notices were sent to the same residents and emailed to attendees of the Community Meeting.

Final Design Phase

Upon request from staff, Parametrix submitted a proposal to prepare final design and construction bid documents for the Hilby Avenue Traffic Calming Improvements Project. The design will incorporate traffic calming measures for the entire Hilby Avenue corridor from Canyon Del Rey Boulevard to General Jim Moore Boulevard. The proposal submitted includes project management, existing conditions, field review and base mapping, 65%, 95%, and 100% plans, specifications, and construction cost estimates, bid support, design support during construction, and public outreach if needed. The final design is estimated to be completed by February 1, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT

The adopted FY 2023/2024 Capital Improvement Program approved \$640,000 for traffic calming projects identified in account 212-8960-9580. There is sufficient funding in the account to approve amendment No.1 to Parametrix’s professional services agreement for final design and bid documents for the Hilby Avenue Traffic Calming Improvements Project.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution
2. Amendment No. 1
3. Draft Plan

Reviewed for Submission to the City Council by:

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