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**CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

Meeting: February 20, 2018

Subject

Agreement between the City of Cupertino and Alta Planning + Design, Inc. for professional design services to prepare and deliver the Union Pacific Railroad Trail Feasibility Study.

Recommended Action

Approve an Agreement between the City of Cupertino and Alta Planning + Design, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$259,889 from the date of execution through June 30, 2019, and authorize the Director of Public Works to negotiate and execute all necessary documents to carry out all consultant services for the Union Pacific Railroad Trail Feasibility Study.

Description

In June 2016, City Council adopted the "City of Cupertino 2016 Bicycle Transportation Plan" (Bike Plan). This Plan identified a prioritized list of recommended improvement projects to support and promote bicycling in Cupertino, including a series of multi-use paths that, when joined together, would form the "Cupertino Loop Trail". One of the Tier 1 high-priority recommended Cupertino Loop Trail network segments identified in the Bike Plan is a trail along the Union Pacific Railroad between the Hammond-Snyder Loop Trail and Saratoga-Sunnyvale Road.

This agreement was considered previously by the City Council on August 15, 2017. Council continued the item to a future meeting after staff has met with the Union Pacific Railroad regarding trail feasibility. Staff has had communication with UPRR and has determined that within their trail guidelines, it is likely that a trail would be feasible at this location. Additional study is necessary, of which Alta would provide under this contract, to determine if the conditions and requirements of UPRR would be acceptable to the City to move the project forward to design and construction.

Discussion

Staff completed a qualifications-based selection process in June 2017, in accordance with State and City codes. In response to a Request for Proposals (RFP) issued by the City, two (2) proposals were received from firms, which were evaluated for relevant skills and experience.

Staff recommends that the Agreement be awarded to Alta Planning + Design, Inc. (Alta). Alta was selected for their experience with feasibility studies for pedestrian-bicycle trails, particularly along railroad tracks, and their experiences working with various key agencies and stakeholders.

The Agreement defines a maximum compensation to be authorized under the Agreement. This includes an allowance for additional services that were requested by the City as part of the RFP and accounts for the potential need for additional surveying boundary work where available right-of-way information is insufficient and/or additional topographic surveys at crossings and structures.

Basic Services	\$211,080
Additional Services	\$48,809
<b>Maximum Compensation</b>	<b>\$259,889</b>

Sustainability Impact  
Not applicable.

Fiscal Impact

No appropriation is required for this action. Subject to Council approval of this Agreement between the City and Alta, the requisite funds will be encumbered from the 2016 Bicycle Plan Implementation budget in the Council-adopted 2017/18 Capital Improvement Program.

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Approved for Submission by: David Brandt, City Manager  
Attachments:  
A – Draft Agreement