APPROVE FINDINGS FOR EMERGENCY REPAIR OF WILSON WAY BRIDGE OVER MORMON SLOUGH

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council approve a motion to adopt findings pursuant to Stockton Municipal Code (SMC) section 3.68.070 in support of an exception to the competitive bidding process for the emergency repair of the Wilson Way Bridge over Mormon Slough. Final costs are not known; however, staff will return to the City Council for ratification of final expenditures.

It is also recommended that the City Manager be authorized to take appropriate and necessary actions to carry out the purpose and intent of this motion.

Summary

On the morning of Sunday, February 28, 2016, the Wilson Way Bridge at Mormon Slough was damaged due to a fire related to a homeless encampment under the bridge structure. The fire damaged the bottom of the bridge deck and the supports on the north side of the structure. This condition prompted emergency action to provide temporary shoring to reopen the bridge, and to make permanent repairs. Due to the critical need to act quickly, the Public Works Department was granted authority through the City Manager to bypass the competitive bidding process in accordance with provisions of SMC section 3.68.070, which provides an exception to the competitive bidding process under certain circumstances, including cases of emergencies. SMC section 3.68.070 addresses exceptions in the case of emergency and requires that a written report, including the findings upon which the emergency was based, shall be provided to the City Council no later than its next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

If approved, this motion will result in the approval of findings associated with the emergency repair of the Wilson Way Bridge over Mormon Slough.

DISCUSSION

Background

On the morning of Sunday, February 28, 2016, the Wilson Way Bridge at Mormon Slough was damaged due to a fire related to a homeless encampment under the bridge structure. Mattresses, furniture, wood, and other debris burned for approximately two hours until the fire was contained and ultimately extinguished. The fire damaged the bottom of the bridge deck and the supports on the north side of the structure. The bridge was closed to traffic for two days to assess damage. Based on the recommendations from a bridge engineer, the bridge was temporarily limited to one lane of traffic in each direction and completely closed to truck traffic to limit the load. The bridge was
reopened once temporary shoring was installed. This work was completed by contract on an emergency basis on March 15, 2016.

Present Situation

Staff is proceeding to process emergency contract(s) for structural engineering and permanent repair work for the City Manager’s approval. Design work for the repair of the bridge is in progress. Staff anticipates the permanent repair work to begin in April 2016, and be completed by June 2016.

Final costs for the emergency repair are still unknown. Once the final amount is known, staff will return to the City Council for ratification of the final expenditures.

The findings for this emergency repair purchase pursuant to SMC section 3.68.070 are as follows:

1. The bridge damage was an emergency situation that resulted in partial closure of the bridge, including complete prohibition of truck traffic.

2. Failure to undertake temporary shoring installation would have necessitated ongoing traffic restrictions and truck prohibitions, resulting in significant congestion and traffic delays.

3. The competitive bidding process would delay the permanent repairs for several months, during which the temporary shoring would be vulnerable to damage and would require constant monitoring to ensure public safety.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Sufficient funds are available in the Streets Operating Budget (030-3062-540) for the anticipated emergency repair services.

Upon completion of the work and a determination of final costs, staff will present the City Council with a final report requesting ratification of the actual expenditures. Staff will also be pursuing potential grant and insurance sources for reimbursement.

There is no impact to the General Fund or any other unrestricted fund from this action.