

AGENDA ITEM # \_\_\_\_\_

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**CITY OF GOODYEAR  
CITY COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT:** Approve a budgeted expenditure exceeding \$500,000 to construct the Goodyear Blvd Improvements – Yuma Road to Estrella Pkwy project

**STAFF PRESENTER:** Regis Reed  
**COMPANY CONTACT:**  
Steven Haws - Combs Construction Company Inc.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve a budgeted expenditure exceeding \$500,000 to construct Project No. ST1404 Goodyear Blvd. Improvements – Yuma Road to Estrella Pkwy.

**PURPOSE:**

Approval of this expenditure allows the City to enter into a construction contract with Combs Construction Company, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$2,750,000.00 to construct the first phase of a two phase roadway and utility improvement project along Goodyear Blvd between Yuma Road and Estrella Pkwy, and along Sherman Street west of Goodyear Blvd. (Regis Reed, Project Manager)

**BACKGROUND AND COMMUNITY BENEFIT:**

The City of Goodyear has planned and designed a vision for the Goodyear City Center at the northwest quadrant of Yuma and Estrella Pkwy. The Goodyear Blvd Improvement Project is the first phase of this vision being realized. The completion of this Project will support the future development of the Goodyear City Center and will provide improved access to the existing Desert Edge High School and the new BASIS School on Sherman St.

In September 2014 the City entered into a design contract with Ritoch-Powell and Associates for the design of this Project, the design was completed in January 2015. The overall project includes constructing Goodyear Blvd to its full width between Yuma Road and Estrella Pkwy to include 5 lanes and a raised median, with Sherman Street being constructed to include 3 lanes west of Goodyear Blvd. Utilities will be constructed as part of this project including City water and sewer as well as other dry utilities.

The project will be constructed in two phases to avoid disrupting the City's current permitted use of the existing Soil Aquifer Transfer (SAT) site. The City is currently discharging treated effluent water at the SAT to provide valuable water recharge to the aquifer and obtain much needed water storage credits through ADWR. The current permit for the SAT site will expire in June 2016.

The project being considered for award tonight is the first phase of the overall Goodyear Blvd Improvement project. The first phase of the project will complete the north half of

Goodyear Blvd from Sherman St. to Estrella Pkwy, and the north half of Sherman Street west of Goodyear Blvd, along with all associated wet and dry utilities. This project will also create a permanent signalized intersection at Goodyear Blvd. and Estrella Parkway, an interim signal at Goodyear Blvd. and Sherman, and the addition of a right turn lane for southbound Goodyear Blvd at Yuma Road.

The second phase of the Goodyear Blvd Improvement Project will begin after July 2016 and is planned to be complete by December 2016. The second phase of this project will complete the 2 northbound and eastbound lanes of Goodyear Blvd between Yuma Road and Estrella Pkwy along with completion of the median and associated landscaping for this section of roadway. The second phase will replace the interim traffic signal at Goodyear Blvd and Sherman St. with a permanent traffic signal.

The infrastructure improvements being constructed under this contract are consistent with the City of Goodyear's vision for the City Center Area and will further promote this area for future development.

The City met with Agua Fria District Staff and the principal and Assistant Principal of Desert Edge High School to discuss current challenges they are facing with traffic during peak times. Based on these conversations, the addition of a driveway off of Goodyear Blvd into the student parking lot would significantly reduce current traffic volumes on Sherman St. It is recommended the construction of this driveway be added to the construction contract to complete this work with the Phase 1 project. Both the District and High School staff and the Goodyear Engineering Department believe this addition would be effective means of further enhancing the management of peak traffic volumes in this area.

#### **PREVIOUS ACTIONS AND DISCUSSION:**

This project was approved during the FY15 budget process and included in the FY15 CIP program. Ritoch-Powell and Associates was selected in September 2014 to design the project and completed the design in January 2015.

An Invitation for Bid was advertised in January and five contractors submitted bids on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Combs Construction Company, Inc. is the lowest responsive bidder. It is recommended that the City Council award a construction contract to Combs Construction Company, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$2,750,000.00.

The work to be performed with this project will be completed within 120 days of the issuance of the Notice to Proceed, which will occur after the contract is awarded and upon receipt of the required bonds and insurance certificates. The contract requires that this project be substantially complete and the roadways are open to traffic prior to August 2015.

The Engineering Department has managed the design efforts and will be responsible for managing the project during construction.

#### **FISCAL ANALYSIS:**

Funding for this project is available in Fiscal Year 14-15 Capital Improvement Program  
Project No. ST1404.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Construction Contract (CON-CX-3204-15)