

STAFF REPORT

Date: July 31, 2024

To: Mayor and City Council

Through: Jackie Bryant, Interim City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Award of Construction Contract to Soil-Tech, Inc. for the Horse Protection Project - North Phase in an amount not to exceed \$457,188.70. (ARPA Fund, General Capital Projects Fund)

From: Jonathan Smith, Senior Civil Engineer

Department: Public Works

Summary:

Virginia Range Horses have become a safety concern over the last few decades for vehicles and pedestrians throughout the Southeast Reno area. Council allocated American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to provide fencing improvements to better contain this horse population. This item is a contract for the Horse Protection Project – North Phase. Staff received and opened two bids for the Horse Protection Project – North Phase on July 2, 2024. One bid was nonresponsive and therefore not considered. Soil-Tech, Inc. submitted the only best bid pursuant to the requirements established in Chapter 338 of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS). The project’s scope of work primarily consists of installing a cattle guard, pedestrian access gate, and fencing on Alexander Lake Road with bid alternatives to provide additional fencing and gates near Western Skies Drive and Bucephalus Parkway. The work is scheduled to be completed by the end of September 2024. Staff recommends awarding the bid to Soil-Tech, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$457,188.70.

Consent Review	Yes	No
1. Is this item an annual or standard item that comes before Council for regular approval?		X
2. Is this item an agreement required based on an item previously approved by Council?	X	
3. Is this item included in the current budget approved and adopted by Council?	X	
Other Considerations		
What percent of the total City budget does this item represent?	0.04%	

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Infrastructure, Climate Change, and Environmental Sustainability
Public Safety

Previous Council Action:

June 12, 2024 – Council allocated contingency funds (\$865,000) for fiscal year (FY) 23/24, which included \$315,000 for the Emergency Horse Fencing Project. These funds were moved to the General Capital Projects Fund for the stated purpose.

May 22, 2024 – Council approved the use of contingency funds for the fencing in South Reno to improve safety for the traveling public and horses in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.

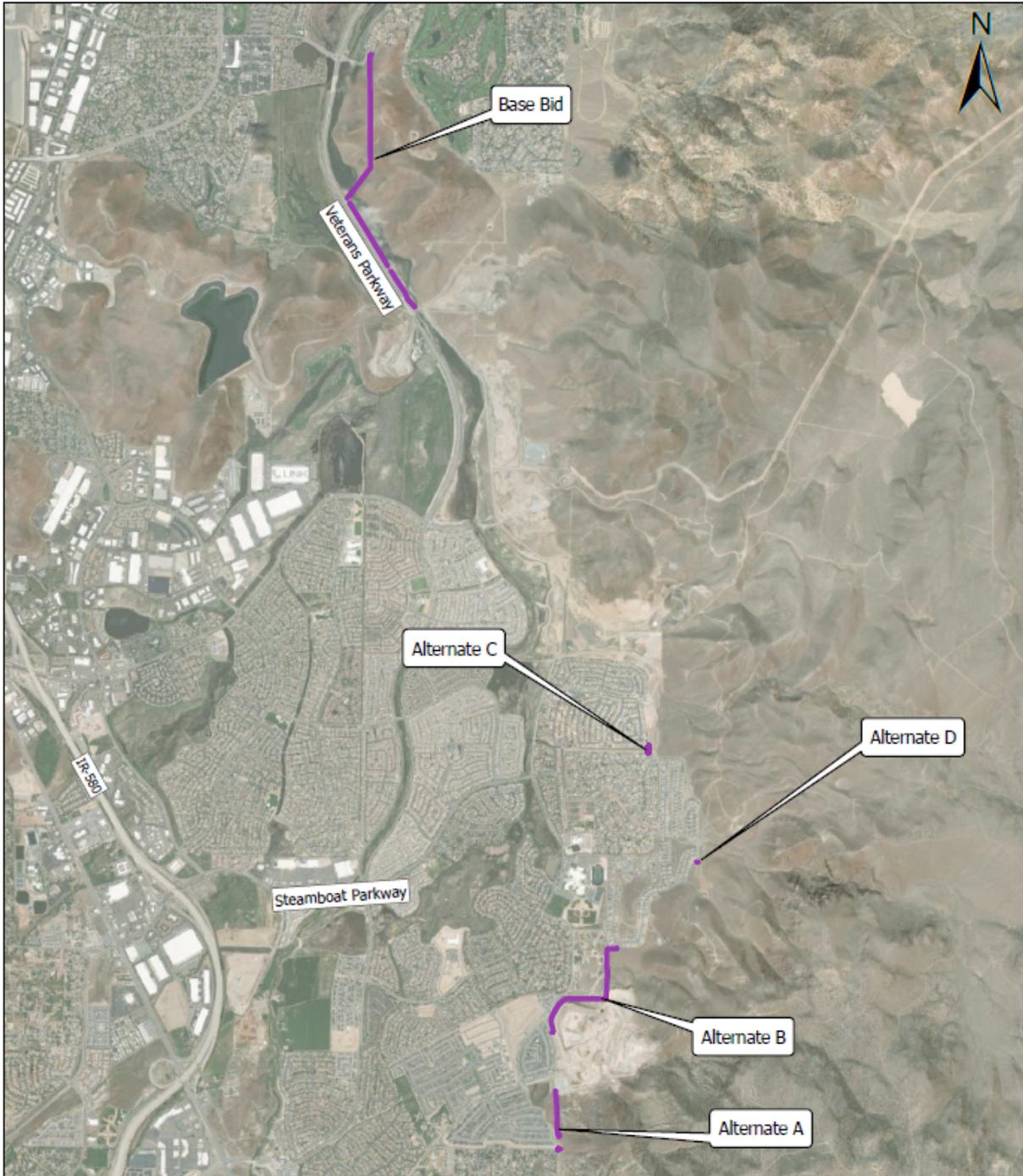
March 8, 2023 – Council approved the allocation of the remaining \$28,150,044.9 in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) received through ARPA on May 19, 2021, including the possible allocation to specific projects identified through the public, Council, and staff engagement process of general spending categories identified by Council as a priority for fund allocation by December 31, 2024. This includes \$500,000 for Virginia Range Horses Fencing.

Background:

As development in Nevada continues to increase in major metropolitan areas, including Washoe County, Virginia Range horses will continue to pose challenges along unfenced area roadways, creating a safety concern when they encounter vehicles. The City of Reno held three public meetings in 2022 to engage with the public and develop solutions to improve safety. Representatives from Washoe County, the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), Wild Horse Connection, and the American Wild Horse Campaign participated in these discussions. As a result of the feedback, speed radar feedback signs and a specific nighttime speed limit were installed on Veterans Parkway. In addition, uniform fencing standards were incorporated for future developments within the Virginia Range interface with the City of Reno.

The vicinity and location maps below show the general location of the Emergency Horse Fencing Project.

Vicinity Map



City of Reno
Department of Public Works
1 E. First Street
Reno, NV 89501

Horse Protection Project North Phase WA-2024-418

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The information herein is approximate and is intended for display purposes only.

Location Map



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Discussion:

The Horse Protection Project – North Phase consists of placing a cattle guard, pedestrian access gate, and fencing on Alexander Lake Road with additional bid options to provide additional fencing and gates near Western Skies Drive and Bucephalus Parkway. This work is scheduled to start in August/September 2024 and will be completed by the end of September 2024.

The project was advertised for a public bid beginning in June 2024. Staff received and opened two bids for the Horse Protection Project – North Phase on July 2, 2024. One bid was nonresponsive and therefore not considered. Soil-Tech, Inc. submitted the only best bid pursuant to the requirements established in NRS Chapter 338. Soil-Tech, Inc. is a general contractor licensed in Nevada. Table 1 below shows the bid results.

Table 1 – Bid Summary

Horse Protection Project - North Phase	Engineer’s Estimate	Soil-Tech, Inc.
Total Bid	\$442,000	\$397,188.70

Four bid alternates for a total of \$190,406.70 were included for additional fencing items. Staff has evaluated the bid results and recommends awarding the contract to Soil-Tech, Inc. for the Horse Protection Project – North Phase for \$397,188.70, which includes all four bid alternates and a \$60,000 contingency for unforeseen items encountered during construction.

Table 2 – Recommended Bid Award

Base Bid	\$206,782.00
Bid Alternate A	\$42,976.85
Bid Alternate B	\$121,644.25
Bid Alternate C	\$19,945.60
Bid Alternate D	\$5,840.00
Contingency	\$60,000.00
Award Amount	\$457,188.70

The consequences of not awarding this bid today will continue to pose challenges along unfenced area roadways, creating a safety concern when they encounter vehicles.

Financial Implications:

This project will be funded with \$401,011.68 through the federally funded ARPA Fund and \$56,177.02 from the General Capital Projects Fund.

Legal Implications:

This contract was competitively bid in accordance with Chapter 338 of the NRS. NRS 338.147 provides that a local government shall award a contract for a public work for which the estimated cost exceeds \$250,000 to the contractor who submits the best bid pursuant to the requirements of the chapter. Soil-Tech, Inc. is properly licensed to perform the project and submitted the only best bid pursuant to state law.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Council award the construction contract for the Horse Protection Project – North Phase to Soil-Tech, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$457,188.70 and authorize the Mayor to sign the Contract.

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve staff recommendation.

Attachments:

Soil Tech Contract SR