



TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY

TOWN COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

To: Honorable Mayor and Town Council **Date:** March 22, 2016

From: Brad Miller, Town Engineer **Item No:** 4
Engineering Department

Subject: BEAR VALLEY BIKE PATH PROJECT

T.M. Approval: _____ **Budgeted Item:** Yes No N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. Reject all bids for the Bear Valley Road Bike Path Project.
2. Direct staff to create two (2) construction phases for the project.
3. Authorize staff to solicit bids for the construction of Phase 1.
4. Authorize staff to apply for both Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds and Active Transportation Program (ATP) funds to construct Phase 2 of the project.

SUMMARY:

Staff advertised the Bear Valley Road Bike Path Project for construction, contingent upon fully funding the project. The design engineer's construction cost estimate for the project was \$719,000. On March 3, 2016, the Town received two (2) bids for the Bear Valley Bike Path. The following are the bid results:

Sully-Miller Contracting Company	\$1,495,000
Vance Corporation	\$1,411,787

BACKGROUND:

The Town of Apple Valley is the lead agency on a bike path planned along the north side of Bear Valley Road from Reata Road to Jacaranda Avenue. This bicycle path will be an important link to a network of bikeways in Victorville, Apple Valley and Hesperia. It will connect to both the Mojave Riverwalk Project and also to Hesperia's Bear Valley Road By-Pass Phase II Bikeway Project at Jacaranda Avenue.

Because the project bids exceed the current available funding sources, it is recommended to reject all bids and to construct the project in two (2) phases. The first phase would be from Reata Road to Mojave Fish Hatchery Road. The second phase would be from Mojave Fish Hatchery Road to Jacaranda Avenue.

In December, 2011, the San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) Board approved an allocation to the Town of Apple Valley in the amount of \$386,370, utilizing Article 3, Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds for the construction phase of the project. The Town is providing matching funds of 20%. In addition, the City of Victorville has committed to paying an additional \$270,000 toward the project.

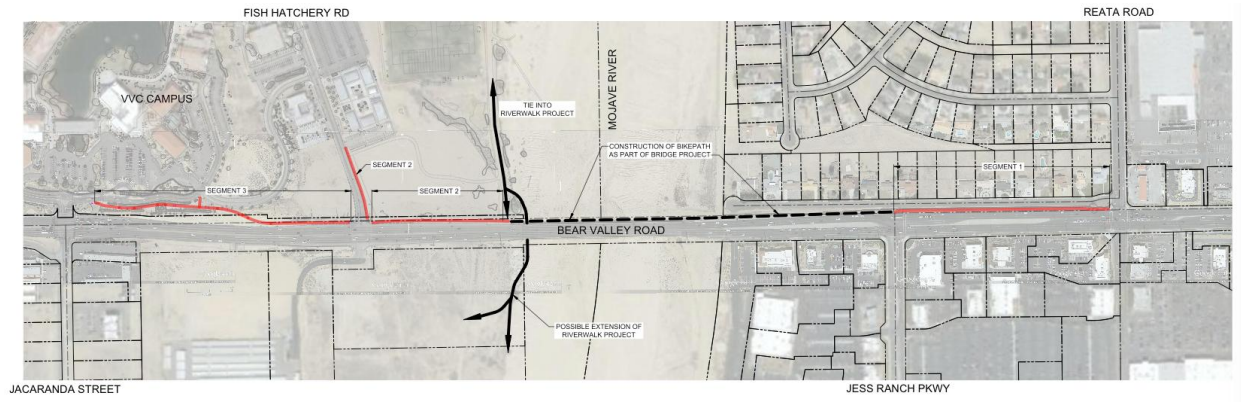
Because the low bid amount exceeds the budget for the project, staff contacted SANBAG to determine if there were additional funding sources available for the project. It was suggested to divide the project into two (2) construction phases and utilize the Article 3, Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds (current grant of \$386,370) for the first phase. It was also suggested that the Town apply for additional TDA funds and ATP funds. The funding application deadlines for these funding opportunities are this April, for TDA funds, and this June for ATP funds.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for this project has been appropriated in the Town Council approved 2015-2016 Capital Improvement Projects Budget. There is no immediate fiscal impact with approval of the bid documents and authorization to advertise for bids of phase 1.

ATTACHMENT:

Location Map



LOCATION MAP