The County of Yuba

Community Development and Services Agency

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Community Development and Services Agency, Samuel Bunton

SUBJECT: Community Development and Services: Approve Agreement with Dokken Engineering for Professional Engineering and Construction Support Services for the Forty Mile Road Shared-Use Path Project, and authorize the Chair to execute.

DATE: January 13, 2026

NUMBER: 633/2025

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Public Works recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve the agreement with Dokken Engineering for Professional Engineering and Construction Support Services for the Forty Mile Road Shared-Used Path Project, and authorize the Chair to execute.

BACKGROUND:

In 2019, Yuba County completed an overlay and re-striping project along Forty Mile Road to support increasing traffic demands generated by the opening of the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino. The project included realignment of the turn lanes serving the casino entrance, repair of localized pavement failures, installation of updated roadway signage, and re-striping of the newly paved surface. In addition, new lighting was installed at the casino entrance to enhance nighttime visibility and overall roadway safety.

Despite these improvements, the section of Forty Mile Road between Rosser Road and the north entrance to the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino is the County's highest fatal and serious-injury crash concentration. Five pedestrian collisions over the most recent three-year period, three resulting in fatalities and two resulting in serious injuries. The posted speed limit of 55 miles per hour, combined with an average daily traffic volume of approximately 6,800 vehicles, creates an environment incompatible with low-cost or minor safety enhancements.

Under these operational conditions, the only appropriate and effective bicycle and pedestrian facility type is a Shared Use Path, which provides physical separation from high-speed traffic and a meaningful reduction in vulnerability for non-motorized users.

DISCUSSION:

The Department of Public Works advertised for proposals on June 27, 2025, and proposals were opened on August 1, 2025. Two consultants proposed on this project, and Dokken Engineering was selected as the consultant with a cost of $1,004,484.67.

Yuba County applied for the HSIP (Highway Safety Improvement Project) Cycle 12 grant and was awarded the grant based off the BCR (Benefit-Cost Ratio) of the corridor that was analyzed. This grant will help support the design of improvements including but not limited to a shared-used path, segment lighting, thermoplastic markings, and signage that will promote safer active transportation routes for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists along this corridor.

Consultant tasks required to do the work include project and program management, preliminary engineering studies, environmental studies, the preparation of plans, specifications, and estimates, right-of-way determination, bidding assistance, and construction support.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Land Use & Public Works Committee was bypassed as this project is included in the approved Public Works Budget.

FISCAL IMPACT:

General Fund:	$0.00	
Non-General Fund:	$1,004,484.67	
Source of Funds:	$904,036.20	Highway Safety Improvement Program Grant (HSIP)
	$100,448.47	Road Fund

ATTACHMENT:

Signed Agreement with Dokken Engineering