



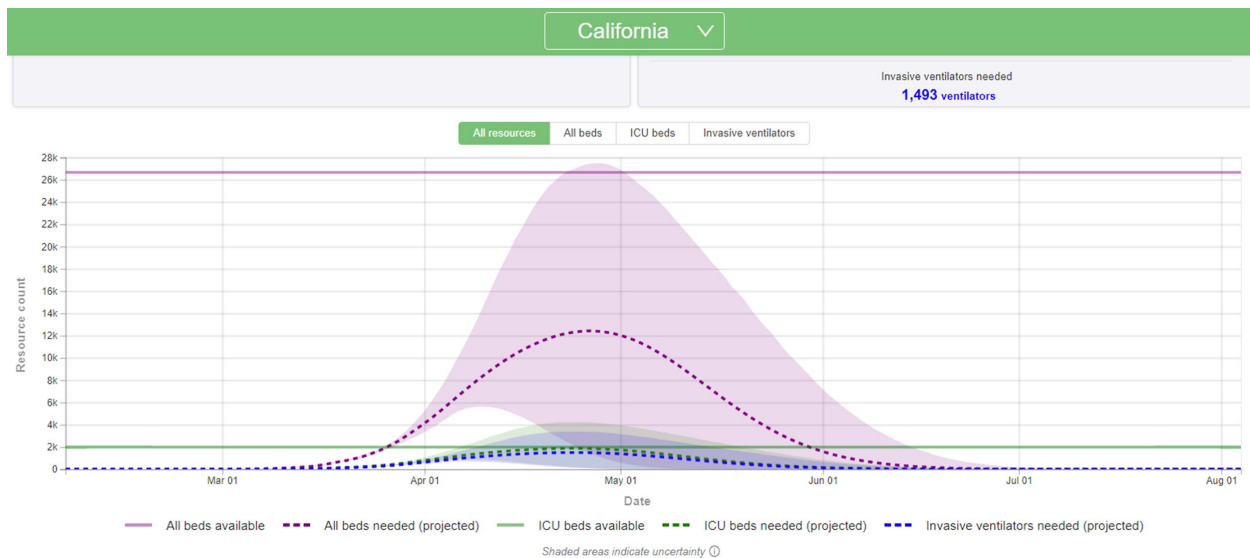
Memorandum

Date: April 3, 2020

To: Downtown Project Design Advisory Committee

From: Ahmed Aly, Project Manager

Subject: Downtown Project Update



Current models of the COVID-19 Pandemic extend the crisis into early June.

COVID-19 - Public Health Order

In response to the COVID-19 public health crisis, on March 16, 2020, the County Health Officer issued an order limiting activity, travel, and business functions to the most essential needs. On March 31, 2020, Marin County Health officers extended the stay-at-home order through May 3, 2020.

Public Works Projects “Essential” - Downtown Project Will Proceed

In the Public Health Order, Public Works projects are identified as “Essential Businesses.” The City’s sewer system is considered critical infrastructure, and providing safe public sewer systems and treatment is considered an essential service.

On February 20, 2020, the City Council adopted a Resolution approving the Downtown Paving and Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project Phase I Plans, Specifications, and Estimate, accepted

the filing of a CEQA Notice of Exemption, and authorizing the City Manager to award the bid to the Lowest Responsive Bidder. On March 26, 2020, Council received an update on the Business Support Task Force which included a discussion of the Downtown Project. Council concurred with Staff interpretation of the Downtown Project as “Essential Business” and that work on the project will remain ongoing.

The City's overarching objective in providing sewer service to its residents is to maintain and operate critical sewer infrastructure and to protect public health, safeguard water quality, sustain natural resources and comply with environmental regulations. The EPA requires that the City submit Annual Sewage Spill Reduction Action Plan which include annual sewer system rehabilitation. The City committed to the EPA in the 2019 annual report to conduct this year the sewer rehabilitation work identified in the project scope of Phase I of the Downtown Project .

The City must comply with Americans with Disabilities Act provisions to upgrade infrastructure. The Downtown area has been identified in the City’s Draft ADA Transition Plan for a number of upgrades including City sidewalks, curb ramps, crosswalks.

Role of DAC

In light of the COVID-19 public health crisis, the role of the Design Advisory Committee remains the same. The DAC’s role is to assist the City in reviewing design concepts and the scope of work for the Downtown Project.

Next Steps

- On April 2, 2020, Staff received 7 bids for the project with the low bid from K. J. Woods Construction Inc. from San Francisco.
- On April 3, 2020, Staff issued Notice to Award Contract to K. J. Woods Construction.
- April 7 DAC meeting see attached meeting agenda.
- April 20 City Council to approve Construction Management contract with Anchor CM.