



AGENDA STAFF REPORT

Control: 26001459

MEETING DATE: 10/27/2026
LEGAL ENTITY TAKING ACTION: Board of Supervisors
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT(S): All Districts
SUBMITTING AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: OC Public Works
DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSON(S): Hugo Pineda, 714-955-0302
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SUBJECT: Approve Contract for Roadway Analysis & Distress Surveys

CEO CONCUR

Concur

COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW

Approve agreement to form

CLERK OF THE BOARD

CONSENT CALENDAR

3 Votes Board Majority

Budgeted: Yes

Current Year Cost: \$130,104

Annual Cost:

FY 2027-28 \$53,400

FY 2028-29 \$136,452

FY 2029-30 \$54,905

FY 2030-31 \$137,163

FY 2031-32 \$52,409

Staffing Impact: No

Current Fiscal Year

Revenue: N/A

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Completed? Yes

Prior Board Action: N/A

Funding Source: Fund 115: 100%

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County Audit in Last 3

years: No

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. Find that the proposed project is statutorily exempt from the CEQA pursuant to Section 21083 of the Public Resources Code and Section 15262 (Feasibility and Planning Studies) of the CEQA Guidelines.
2. Authorize the Director of OC Public Works or designee to execute a Contract with Nichols Consulting Engineers, CHTD., for 7-Year Roadway Analysis and Distress Surveys County Roads, for a six-year term effective upon execution of all necessary signatures, in an amount not to exceed \$564,433.

SUMMARY:

Approval of a contract for 7-Year Roadway Analysis and Distress Surveys County Roads will support OC Public Works in completing required evaluations and reporting to remain in compliance with Orange County Transportation Authority requirements to receive Measure M2 funding.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The County of Orange (County) is mandated by the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) to perform biennial updates to the Pavement Management Program to inform policy makers regarding allocation of County funds for street maintenance. The updates are an eligibility requirement of the Measure M2 program which provides funds to the County that contribute to various road improvement and maintenance projects.

The Measure M2 program requires participating agencies to:

- Show measurable improvement of paved street conditions by at least one Pavement Condition Index (PCI) point with no reduction in the overall weighted (by area) average PCI in the County's Master Plan of Arterial Highways or local street categories; or
- Maintain a good street pavement condition within the highest 20 percent of the scale in conformance with OCTA Ordinance No. 3, which is defined as a PCI of 75 or higher.

7-Year Roadway Analysis and Distress Surveys County Roads (Services) will provide annual roadway analysis and pavement distress evaluations that will support OC Public Works' compliance with the mandated OCTA M2 eligibility requirements. Services include the collection of imaging and evaluations to update pavement management software StreetSaver, which is used to manage roadway data for County-maintained roads. Services also include the preparation and submission of Condition Surveys required by OCTA every other year.

On November 14, 2025, OC Public Works issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Services on the County online bidding system. A total of two bids were received and deemed responsive. The Orange County Preference Policy (OCP) was applicable and incorporated into this solicitation, however, no OCP-qualified proposals were submitted.

On March 11, 2026, the evaluation panel, composed of representatives from OC Public Works and OC Community Resources/OC Parks reviewed and scored the responsive proposals in accordance with the evaluation criteria established in the RFP. The evaluation included written proposals, interviews and objective cost scoring. See Attachment C for Solicitation Results.

Section 3.4-108 of the 2026 Contract Policy Manual (CPM) requires that evaluation solicitation results be presented to the Board, with subsequent Board selection of contractors and delegation of authority to the County Procurement officer or Deputized designee to negotiate and execute contracts. The recommended contract deviates from this provision as the procurement process was conducted in accordance with the 2024 CPM and the contract terms have already been negotiated. Board approval of the recommended contract will allow OC Public Works to proceed without reinitiating the procurement process while maintaining consistency with the intent of the CPM.

The evaluation results are as follows:

Score	Respondent
3093	Nichols Consulting Engineers, CHTD. (Contractor)
2701	Applied Research Associates, Inc.

OC Public Works recommends that the Board approve Contract MA-080-26011583 (Contract) with Contractor for Services, for a six-year term effective upon execution of all necessary signatures, in an amount not to exceed \$564,433.

An analysis was completed to verify the Contracts provide the County with persons specially trained, experienced, expert and competent to perform the special services in accordance with the law.

The Contractor's professional license number was verified as current and active through the State Licensing Board database on January 12, 2026. A copy of the verification is on file.

OC Public Works has conducted due diligence on the Contractor. Reference checks were satisfactory and completed with OCTA and the cities of Anaheim Yorba Linda regarding similar projects.

This Contract includes subcontractors. See Attachment B for information regarding subcontractors and Contract Summary Form.

Compliance with CEQA: The proposed activity is statutorily exempt from review under CEQA as a feasibility and planning project pursuant to Section 21083 of the Public Resources and Section 15262 of the CEQA Guidelines, as it involves a feasibility or planning study for possible future actions, which the Board has not yet approved, adopted or funded.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Appropriations for this Contract are included in Fund 115, OC Road, FY 2026-27 Budget and will be included in the budgeting process for future years.

The proposed Contract includes provisions allowing the County to terminate the Contract, reduce the level of services and/or renegotiate the levels of services provided, as necessary.

STAFFING IMPACT:

N/A

REVIEWING AGENCIES/DEPARTMENTS:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A - Contract MA-080-26011583 with Nichols Consulting Engineers, CHTD.

Attachment B - Contract Summary Form

Attachment C - Solicitation Results