



# Resource Management Agency

## COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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**AGENDA DATE:** August 27, 2024 - REVISED

Public Hearing Required	N/A
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	N/A
Published Notice Required	N/A
Advertised Published Notice	N/A
Meet & Confer Required	N/A
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	N/A
Personnel Resolution attached	N/A
Agreement(s) attached	YES

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**SUBJECT:** Award Contract of Construction for the 2024 Slurry Seal Program Project

**REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, VSS International Inc., of Sacramento, California for the construction of the 2024 Slurry Seal Program Project, at various locations throughout the County, in the amount of \$613,000.
2. Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign the contract.
3. Allow funds for contingencies in the amount of \$43,150 to cover unexpected construction conditions.
4. Authorize the Resource Management Agency Director or designee to approve the contract change order up to the amount of allowed funds for contingencies.

**SUMMARY:**

The Slurry Seal Program was first introduced in the 2020/2021 County Transportation Improvement Program (CTIP). The purpose of this program is to preserve and protect underlying pavement structures and provide a new driving surface. County staff proposes to perform slurry seal work on approximately nine (9) miles of County roads within various unincorporated communities (more specifically, road segments located within subdivisions that have curbs and gutters).

Provided below is a summary of the 2024 Slurry Seal Program Project ("Project") locations:

- Location 1: Tulare – Lewis Lane

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- Location 2: Tulare – Allen Road, Avenue 226, Gregory Avenue, Munson Road, Brian Road, and Avenue 230
- Location 3: Orosi – Miller Avenue, Avenue 419, Sequoia Avenue, Twin Peaks Court, Wilsonia Avenue, Road 125, Granite Court, Paradise Court, Badger Avenue, Colony Street, Buena Vista Avenue, Whittaker Avenue, Avenue 417, Walnut Avenue, Van Tassel Road, Dennison Avenue, Stewart, Street, Miller Road, and Barton Avenue
- Location 4: Orosi – Olympic Street, Birch Road, Ash Avenue, Aceves Avenue, Richau Street, Wilma Street, Rancho Court, Albert Avenue, Central Drive, Edward Avenue, Frances Drive, and David Road
- Location 5: Lindsay – Laurel Avenue, Sycamore Avenue, Hickory Street, Page Avenue, Lafayette Avenue, Sierra View Street, Alameda Street

The County, in the spirit of collaboration and public benefit, and with the goal of improving transportation infrastructure in our communities, will be collaborating with the City of Lindsay on this Project. On June 25, 2024, the Board approved a Cooperative Agreement with the City of Lindsay (Resolution No. 2024-0610) for the design and construction of Sycamore Avenue, Hickory Street, and Sierra View Street (Location 5), in an amount of \$53,276.

**Construction Bids:**

The Project was authorized to bid by the Board on June 25, 2024 (Resolution No. 2024-0601). Bids were opened on July 26, 2024, and three (3) bids were received, summarized as follows:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Base Bid</b>
VSS International, Inc.	\$613,000.00
Pavement Coatings Co.	\$684,352.50*
Roy Allan Slurry Seal, Inc.	\$884,125.38*
<b>Engineers Estimate:</b>	<b>\$799,588.20</b>
<b>*Based on calculated amount</b>	

The lowest bid in the amount of \$613,000 was submitted by VSS International, Inc. of Sacramento, California. This bid is \$186,588.20 (approximately 23%) lower than the Engineer’s Estimate. Based on the staff’s analysis of the bids, the reduced project cost is a result of lower than estimated cost of Mobilization and Paint Traffic Stripe bid items.

Staff recommends that the Board award the contract in the amount of the base bid to VSS International, Inc., the apparent lowest responsive and responsible bidder. VSS International, Inc. has satisfactorily performed similar projects, where it has demonstrated that it (1) has adequate financial resources to perform the contract, (2) is able to comply with the associated legal or regulatory requirements, (3) obtain necessary data, equipment, and facilities, and (4) is otherwise eligible and qualified to received award.

Construction is anticipated to begin in October 2024.

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**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

No net County cost to the General Fund.

This Project (RMA No. 190100120-005) was approved by the Board as part of the 2023/2024 County Transportation Improvements Program (CTIP). The 2024 Slurry Seal Program Project will be funded through Measure R Local Program funds. A summary of the total project cost for the 2024 Slurry Seal Program is as follows:

Engineering Design:	\$60,000
Construction:	\$613,000
Contingencies:	\$43,150
Construction Engineering:	\$40,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$756,150</b>

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

Safety and Security: This project will enhance the safety and security of the public by improving the transportation infrastructure for both the general population in the region and the motorists using these facilities.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

**/s/ Reed Schenke**

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Reed Schenke, P.E.  
Director

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment A: Vicinity Map  
Attachment B: Contract