

Wall 508 Stabilization Project Change Order

Overview

Emergency measures are underway to stabilize a portion of Retaining Wall 508 constructed under the Elvira to Morena Doubletrack project. To do this work, SANDAG awarded a \$5.5 million construction contract based on preliminary estimates with the available information at the time. With more recent information available, and with the final design now complete, the actual projected construction cost is estimated at \$10 million. The mechanism to add additional funding to this existing construction contract is through Contract Change Order. Per [Board Policy 16](#), change orders where the value of such change order exceeds 25% of the price of the original contract shall be brought before the Board for decision.

Background

On May 30, 2025, the Board authorized the emergency project to stabilize a portion of retaining wall 508 constructed under the Elvira to Morena Doubletrack project. The total CIP budget amount authorized by the Board was \$15.6 Million dollars. Using this capacity, SANDAG awarded an initial construction contract to Mid-Coast Construction Contractors for \$5.5 million to proceed with geotechnical borings and investigation, stabilization design and construction. Based on this new information, additional piles, tiebacks, and architectural treatment were added to the original conceptual basis of estimate to maximize stability. Current estimates are now in the range of \$10 million and a construction change order in the amount of \$4.5 million is recommended to complete the stabilization project.

Key Considerations

The \$4.5 million contract change order is within the approved total budget for Capital Improvement Program Project No. 1239825. A budget amendment is not required.

Construction is currently anticipated to be completed by February 2026.

Next Steps

If approved, staff will proceed with issuing a contract change order in the amount of \$4.5 million and proceed to complete the stabilization of retaining wall 508.

David Cortez, Director of Engineering and Construction

Action: Approve

Per Board Policy No. 16, the Board of Directors is asked to approve a Construction Change Order worth more than 25% of original contracted amount.

Fiscal Impact:

No overall fiscal impact to the agency. Additional amount requested for change order is within total budget.

Schedule/Scope Impact:

If the Board approves the Change Order, the emergency stabilization project may continue.