



September 1, 2026

Ref: Contract No. 25059

Board of Supervisors
Kern County Administrative Center
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301

**CONTRACT NO. 25059, PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND NOTICE TO BIDDERS,
FOR GUARDRAIL UPGRADES AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT KERN
COUNTY (All S.D.s)**

(Fiscal Impact: \$1,241,866; Highway Safety Improvement Program; Budgeted;
Discretionary)

The Public Works Department requests your Board's approval of plans and specifications and to authorize the Department to publish the Notice to Bidders for the guardrail upgrades at various locations throughout Kern County project. Sufficient funds have been budgeted for this project.

The work to be performed consists, in general, of paving hot mix asphalt, cold planing asphalt concrete, placing hot mix asphalt dikes, removing exiting guardrail and object markers, removing exiting slope paving, installing Midwest guardrail systems and end terminal systems, installing concrete barrier type 60M, installing crash cushions, install flume down drain, rumble strips, constructing curb, gutter, and concrete slope paving

Plans and specifications are on file at the Clerk of the Board's office.

Therefore, IT IS RECOMMENDED that your Board make a finding that this project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, per Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines; approve the plans and specifications, authorize Chairman to sign the plans; and authorize the Public Works Department to publish the Notice to Bidders in a newspaper of general circulation, pursuant to Section 20392 of Public Contract Code. Bid opening date is to be Wednesday, September 30, 2026, 11:00 A.M., at 2700 "M" Street, Bakersfield, CA 93301.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joshua Champlin".

Joshua Champlin
Director

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Attachments

cc: CAO, County Counsel, Contract File, Construction File

GROUND  BOUNDLESS

**Public Works Department
County of Kern, State of California**

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS
CONTRACT NO. 25059**

1. The County of Kern (**County**) will receive sealed Bids for construction on a highway in accordance with the plans and special provisions therefor to which special reference is made as follows: **FOR CONSTRUCTION OF GUARDRAIL UPGRADES AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT KERN COUNTY** , until 11:00 a.m. on **September 30, 2026**, at the following locations:
 - (a) Mailed via United States Postal Service to Kern County Public Works Department, 2700 "M" Street, Suite 400, Bakersfield, California, 93301;
 - (b) Delivered in person or by courier service to the Kern County Public Works Department, Suite 400, 4th Floor, Public Services Building, 2700 "M" Street, Bakersfield, California; or
 - (c) From 10:45 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. delivered in person to the first floor meeting room of said Public Services Building.
2. No bid will be considered unless it is made on a Bid form furnished by the County's Public Works Department (**Department**) and accompanied by bidder's security in an amount equal to 10% of the amount bid in accordance with the provisions set forth under Section 2, "Bidding," of the Standard Specifications of the State of California Department of Transportation, dated 2025, as modified by the special provisions. Plans, specifications, any addenda, and standard Bid form to be used for bidding on this project may be obtained at <https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/59079/portal-home>.
3. The successful bidder must complete the work, including plant establishment work, within **50** working days.
4. The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids. If the contract is to be awarded, it will be awarded by the Board of Supervisors to the lowest responsible bidder whose bid complies with all prescribed requirements. The successful bidder must furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond each in the amount of 100% of the contract price and on the County's form. Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22300, the substitution of securities for money withheld by Kern County to ensure performance of the contract will be permitted. All documents submitted in compliance with the requirements of this bid package and the contract must be scannable and photocopyable.
5. Each bidder must be licensed as required by law at the time the contract is awarded. Failure of the bidder to obtain proper and adequate licensing for an award of a contract shall constitute a failure to execute the contract and shall result in the forfeiture of the security of the bidder. The contractor license classification required for this project is: **A or C-13**.
6. This contract is subject to state contract nondiscrimination and compliance requirements pursuant to Government Code Section 12990.
7. No discrimination shall be made in the employment of persons for this project. Labor Code Section 1735 and all other applicable State and Federal requirements relating to employment discrimination shall be complied with.
8. Pursuant to the provisions of Labor Code Section 1771.1, a contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to bid on, be listed in a Bid, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, as defined in Chapter 1 of Part 7 of Division 2 of the California Labor Code, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Civil Code Section 1725.5. ***Please note: It is not a violation of Section 1771.1 for an unregistered contractor to submit a bid that is authorized by Section 7029.1 of the Business and Professions Code or by Section 10164 or 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code, provided the contractor is registered to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 at the time the contract is awarded.*** Any bids submitted without proof that Bidder and any listed subcontractor(s) are currently registered and qualified to perform public work, pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5, shall not be accepted by the County.

9. In accordance with Labor Code Section 1771.4, the project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.
10. Interested subcontractors may obtain a list of plan-holding general contractors at <https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/59079/portal-home>. Interested subcontractors should then contact general contractors for possible participation in their Bids on this project.
11. County shall not accept a Bid from a Bidder who is ineligible to bid or work on, or be awarded, a public works project pursuant to Labor Code Section 1777.1 or 1777.7. No bidder shall include in its Bid any subcontractor who is ineligible to bid or work on, or be awarded, a public works project pursuant to Labor Code Section 1777.1 or 1777.7.
12. Each bidder is hereby informed that, upon submittal of its Bid to the County, the Bid is the property of the County. The County shall consider each Bid subject to the public disclosure requirements of the Public Records Act (Government Code section 6250, et seq.) after Bid opening, unless there is a legal exception to public disclosure.
13. County specifically reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject any or all Bids, or re-bid, or to waive inconsequential deviations from Bid requirements not involving time, price, or quality of the work.
14. Pursuant to Part 7 of Division 2 of the California Labor Code (Section 1720 et seq.) the Contractor shall not pay less than the prevailing rate of wages to workers on this project as determined by the Director of California Department of Industrial Relations. The Director's schedule of prevailing rates is on file and open for inspection at the Kern County Public Works Department, may be obtained at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/oprl/DPreWageDetermination.htm>, and is incorporated herein by this reference.
15. All insurance (other than Workers Compensation/Employers' Liability) shall be issued by a company or companies admitted to do business in California and listed in the current "Best's Key Rating Guide" publication with a minimum of an A-, VII rating or in special circumstances, issuers pre-approved by both the Risk Management Division of the Office of County Counsel and the Public Works Department at least 5 business days prior to bid opening. Request for pre-approval to be submitted by RFI.
16. On March 4, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-6-22 (the EO) regarding Economic Sanctions against Russia and Russian entities and individuals. "Economic Sanctions" refers to sanctions imposed by the U.S. government in response to Russia's actions in Ukraine, as well as any sanctions imposed under state law. By submitting a bid or proposal, Contractor represents that it is not a target of Economic Sanctions. Should the State determine Contractor is a target of Economic Sanctions or is conducting prohibited transactions with sanctioned individuals or entities, that shall be grounds for rejection of the Contractor's bid/proposal any time prior to contract execution, or, if determined after contract execution, shall be grounds for termination by the State.
17. Subcontractors wishing information regarding bidding procedures, insurance or bonding requirements may contact the Public Works Contracts Group at PW-Contracts@kerncounty.com.
18. This contract has a delayed start. Contractor's working days shall begin on **March 15, 2027**. Contractor shall begin work within 15 calendar days after the date working days begin and shall diligently prosecute the same to completion by the time set forth in contract documents.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF WORK

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NOTICE: CONTRACTORS ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE LICENSED, AND REGULATED BY CONTRACTOR'S STATE LICENSE BOARD. QUESTIONS CONCERNING A CONTRACTOR MAY BE REFERRED TO THE REGISTRAR OF THAT BOARD, WHOSE ADDRESS IS: CONTRACTORS' STATE LICENSE BOARD, 1020 "N" STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814.

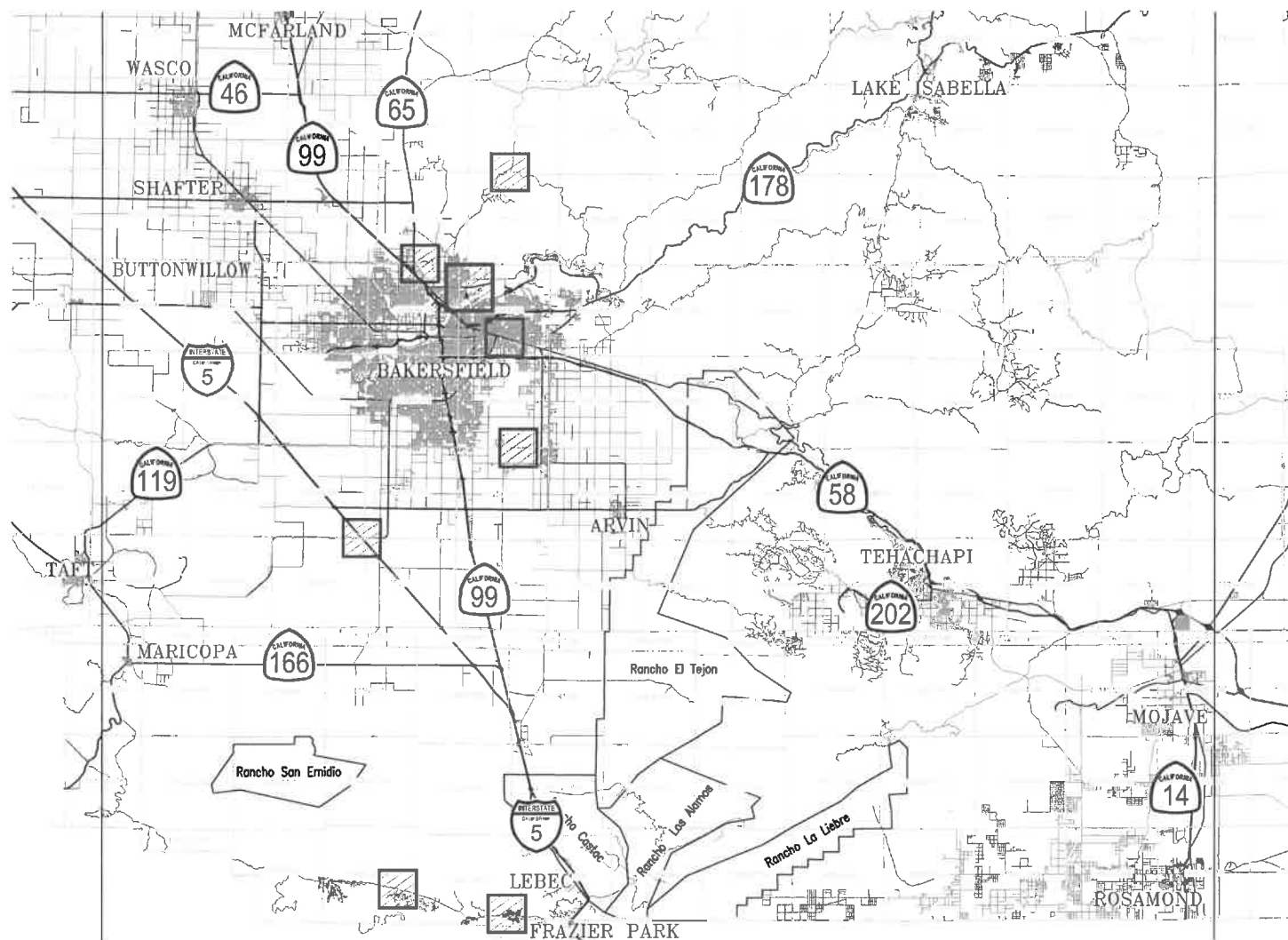
COUNTY OF KERN



Joshua R. Champlin

Director, Public Works Department

Date: September 1, 2026



LEGEND

 PROJECT LOCATION

COUNTY OF KERN - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

SCALE IN INCHES				0	1	2	3
CALCULATED- DESIGNED BY		A. NASER		DRAFTED BY		J. AMARO	
CHECKED BY		M. ENSMINGER		DATE DRAFTED		8/17/2026	

GUARDRAIL UPGRADES AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT KERN COUNTY

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SCALE: N.T.S

USERNAME: AMAROJ