

# Mayor and Council Communication

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**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 23-0026

**LOG NAME:** 20ALTAMESA BLVD AND WOODWAY DR INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

**SUBJECT**

(CD 6 / Future CD 6 and CD 9) Authorize Execution of a Contract with GEI Consultants, Inc. in the Amount of \$324,529.00 for Engineering Services for the Altamesa Boulevard and Woodway Drive Intersection Improvements (2022 Bond Program)

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council authorize execution of a contract with GEI Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$324,529.00 for engineering services for intersection and signal improvements for the Altamesa Boulevard and Woodway Drive Intersection Improvements project (City Project No. 103306).

**DISCUSSION:**

This Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to authorize execution of a contract with GEI Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$324,529.00 for engineering services for intersection and signal improvements at the Altamesa Boulevard and Woodway Drive intersection in the City of Fort Worth. GEI Consultants, Inc. was selected based on the pre-qualification list of firms from the Category 2 of the Request for Qualifications advertised in August 2020 for various capital project improvements. The Intersection Improvement Category 2 required a Request for Additional Information (RFAI) submission for the final selection process. City staff performed this RFAI process this summer which resulted in GEI Consultants, Inc. being selected for the Altamesa and Woodway Intersection Improvement project. The Altamesa Boulevard and Woodway Drive Intersection Improvements project consists of realignment of northbound and southbound left turn lanes for improved visibility using the existing median space, constructing an additional left turn lane from southbound Woodway, construct new traffic signals and new pedestrian American Disabilities Act accessible curb ramps, any and all of which are expected to improve pedestrian and motorist safety and mobility.

Project	Engineering Consultant	Not to Exceed Contract Amount
103306- Altamesa Boulevard and Woodway Drive Intersection improvements (CD 6)	GEI Consultants	\$324,529.00

As part of the 2022 Bond Program a Request for Qualifications (RFQs) process was conducted to determine qualifications for engineering firms for multiple types of mobility projects. Panels of four staff evaluated each of twenty categories of project, based upon a fixed scoring method. Scores were collected and tabulated and each consultant received an overall ranking for each project type in which the firm was interested. Projects were assigned in the order of ranking. Several projects were awarded in the first step of the process after an extensive ranking process including 20 categories of scoring for 79 firms.

The second step was a Request for Additional Information (RFAI) that specifically requested the 13 firms that qualified for projects in the first phase but did not receive one to present qualifications for 17 additional projects that were funded after the first step of the process. The city received 13 responses for the 17 projects so each firm was evaluated again using more additional criteria for the type of work. Each firm was assigned scores for the projects in which they were interested. Following is the ranking of the firms that qualified for this project but had not yet been previously had a project assigned to them.

	Firm	GEI Consultants	Bartlett & West	Dannebaum	Multatech
Project Name	Rank	1	2	3	4
Altamesa Boulevard and Woodway Intersection Improvements		49.4	49.2	47	46

Based upon the rankings and qualifications, GEI Consultants, Inc. was awarded the project.

Funding is budgeted in the 2022 Bond Program Fund for the purpose of funding the Altamesa Boulevard and Woodway Drive Intersection Improvements project, as appropriated. The funding for this intersection project was included in the Proposition A - Streets and Mobility

Improvements section of the appropriation ordinance for costs associated with projects in the 2022 Bond Program adopted via M&C 22-0599 in the cumulative amount of \$300,000,000.00.

This project is included in the 2022 Bond Program. The City's Extendable Commercial Paper (ECP) (M&C 22-0607; Ordinance 25675-08-2022) provides liquidity to support the appropriation. Available resources will be used to actually make any interim progress payments until debt is issued. Once debt associated with a project is sold, debt proceeds will reimburse the interim financing source in accordance with the statement expressing official Intent to Reimburse that was adopted as part of the ordinance canvassing the bond election (Ordinance 25515-05-2022).

GEI Consultants, Inc. is in compliance with the City's Business Equity Ordinance by committing to 23% Business Equity participation on the Altamesa Boulevard and Woodway Drive Intersection Improvement project. The City's Business Equity goal on City Project No. 103306 is 12%.

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**FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are available in the current capital budget, as previously appropriated, in the 2022 Bond Program Fund for the Altamesa Blvd at Woodway Dr project to support the approval of the above recommendation and execution of the contract. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Transportation and Public Works Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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