

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 09/27/22

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 22-0780

**LOG NAME:** 20E BERRY ST & E SEMINARY DR SIDEWALK PROJECT

**SUBJECT**

(CD 8 and 9) Authorize Execution of an Engineering Services Agreement with TranSystems Corporation d/b/a TranSystems Corporation Consultants in the Amount of \$179,320.00 for East Berry & East Seminary Fort Worth & Western Railroad Project (2018 Bond Program)

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council authorize execution of an engineering services agreement with TranSystems Corporation d/b/a TranSystems Corporation Consultants, in an amount not to exceed \$179,320.00 for East Berry & East Seminary Fort Worth & Western Railroad project (City Project No.104219).

**DISCUSSION:**

This Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) will authorize execution of an Engineering Services Agreement with TranSystems Corporation d/b/a TranSystems Corporation Consultants in the amount of \$179,320.00 for the East Berry & East Seminary Fort Worth & Western Railroad (FWWRR) project (City Project No.104219).

The Engineering Services Agreement with TranSystems Corporation includes design plans and specifications for sidewalk improvements on East Berry Street from Illinois Avenue to S Riverside Drive and on East Seminary Drive from Cole Street to Fair Park Boulevard (City Project No. 104219). The contract scope for this project includes connecting the existing sidewalk system with new sidewalk, new ADA Ramps and pedestrian crossings of the Union Pacific Railroad Company tracks (Leased to and Operated by Fort Worth & Western Railroad) which will provide access for pedestrians and transit riders on East Berry Street, which is a TOP 10 location on the High Injury Network (HIN) and on East Seminary Drive access to Carter Park Elementary School on Fair Park Boulevard. The project will include any needed right-of-way acquisition, pedestrian facilities, and coordination with the Union Pacific Railroad Company and Fort Worth & Western Railroad.

In April 2020, the Transportation and Public Works Department (TPW), Capital Delivery Division, published a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for various engineering consulting services. Category 15 – Specialty Area – Roadway-Rail Grade Crossing/Quiet Zone Task Order Contracts was utilized for this selection. An evaluation team of City staff subject matter experts from the Capital Delivery Division of TPW scored the submitted SOQ's based on company experience, prior projects, workload and team experience. A pool of four (4) firms were prequalified for Category 15-Specialty Area- Roadway-Rail Grade Crossing/Quiet Zone. This firm was first on the list and selected for this project as the most qualified consultant to perform design services for this project.

Funding for the E Berry & E Seminary FWWRR project is summarized in the table below:

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Existing Funding</b>	<b>Project Total</b>
34018 – 2018 Bond Program	\$525,000.00	\$525,000.00
<b>Project Total</b>	<b>\$525,000.00</b>	<b>\$525,000.00</b>

This project is included in the 2018 Bond Program. Available resources within the General Fund will be used to provide interim financing until debt is issued. Once debt associated with the project is sold, bond proceeds will reimburse the General Fund in accordance with the statement expressing official Intent to Reimburse that was adopted as part of the ordinance canvassing the bond election (Ordinance No. 23209-25-2018) and subsequent actions taken by the Mayor and Council.

Funding is budgeted in the TPW Dept Highway & Streets Department Department's 2018 Bond Program Fund for the purpose of funding E Berry & E Seminary FWWRR project, as appropriated.

M/WBE Compliance with the City's Business Equity Ordinance has been achieved by the following method:TranSystems Corporation is in compliance with the City's Business Equity Ordinance by committing to 12% Business Equity participation on this project. The City's Business

Equity goal on this project is 12%.

This project is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 8 & 9.

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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 2018 Bond Fund for the E Berry & E Seminary FWWRR project to support the approval of the above recommendation and execution of the agreement. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the Transportation & Public Works Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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