

City of Fort Worth, Texas

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 06/10/25M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 25-0545

LOG NAME: 20MCCART AVE FROM IH-20 TO SYCAMORE SCHOOL RD SCHEMATIC

SUBJECT

(CD 6 and CD 9) Authorize Execution of an Engineering Services Agreement with Halff Associates, Inc. in the Amount of \$870,841.00 for the Preliminary Design and Preparation of Construction Documents for the McCart Avenue Corridor from Interstate Highway-20 to Sycamore School Road Schematic Project (2022 Bond Program)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize execution of an Engineering Services Agreement with Halff Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$870,841.00, for the Preliminary Design and Preparation of Construction Documents for the McCart Avenue Corridor from Interstate Highway-20 to Sycamore School Road Schematic Planning project (City Project No. 104221).

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to authorize an engineering services agreement with Halff Associates Inc. in the amount of \$870,841.00 for the McCart Avenue Corridor from Interstate Highway-20 (IH-20) to Sycamore School Road Schematic Planning project (McCart Avenue Schematic).

On May 7, 2022, City of Fort Worth voters approved the 2022 Bond Program, Proposition A, Streets and Mobility Infrastructure Improvements, which includes \$2.5 million in funding for implementation of the McCart Avenue Capital Improvements project (City Project No. (CPN) 104221) from IH-20 to Sycamore School Road. This corridor schematic planning project will encourage complete street designs to enhance safety and comfort for all users, support transit and greater community connectivity, facilitate expedient project delivery, and economic development.

On June 25, 2024, the City Council approved M&C 24-0568, which authorized funding and the execution of a professional services agreement with Halff Associates Inc. (Halff) for the McCart Avenue Corridor Plan project, which included recommendations for the redesign of McCart Avenue. The project extends from IH-20 (SW Loop 820) to the Burleson City Limits. The 12-month corridor project included preliminary engineering for a multi-modal, walkable mixed-use corridor that will eventually connect the City of Fort Worth to the Cities of Burleson and Crowley (CPN 104757).

For this project phase, Halff will use the recommendations and the findings in the study (including public input) and create a preliminary design schematic of the roadway corridor from IH-20 to Sycamore School Road. The schematic will get the project ready for environmental clearance and future funding opportunities.

The Funding for the McCart Avenue Capital Improvements project (CPN 104221) is summarized in the table below:

| Fund | Existing Funding | Additional Funding | Project Total |
|---------------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 34027 - 2022 Bond Program | \$2,500,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,500,000.00 |
| Project Design Total | \$2,500,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,500,000.00 |

The actions in this M&C will not amend the 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program. All funds are currently in the project budget as shown in the table above. Current Transportation and Public Works (TPW) Department funding is budgeted in the McCart Avenue Capital Improvements project within the 2022 Bond Program Fund for the purpose of funding the McCart Avenue Schematic, as appropriated.

The Business Equity Division placed a 12.6% business equity goal on this solicitation/contract. HALFF ASSOCIATES, INC. will be exceeding the goal at 23.43%, meeting the City’s Business Equity Ordinance. Any changes in subcontractors will be reviewed by the Business Equity Division.

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 make any interim progress payments until the 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).

The McCart Avenue Corridor is located in COUNCIL DISTRICTS 6 AND 9.

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 McCart Avenue Capital Imps project to support the approval of the above recommendation and execution of the agreement. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the Transportation and Public Works Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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