

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 04/11/23

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 23-0269

LOG NAME: 2020 SOUTH HULEN ST AND SOUTH DR HSIP ENGINEERING CONTRACT

SUBJECT

(CD 6 / Future CD 6) Authorize Execution of an Engineering Services Agreement with Halff Associates, Inc. in the Amount of \$170,502.00 for the South Hulen Street and South Drive Highway Safety Improvement Project (2022 Bond Program)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the execution of an engineering services agreement with Halff Associates Inc., in the amount of \$170,502.00 for the South Hulen Street and South Drive Highway Safety Improvement Project (City Project No. 104095).

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to authorize execution of an engineering services agreement with Halff Associates, Inc. for the design of improvements at the intersection of South Hulen Street and South Drive. This agreement will allow the engineer to produce preliminary and final plans; perform traffic analyses, geotechnical investigations and subsurface utility engineering; create specifications, cost estimates and right-of-way exhibits; and provide bidding and construction management services for the project.

The scope of this project includes full reconstruction of the existing traffic signals, addition of flashing yellow arrow left turn signals, improvements to the offset of the northbound and southbound left turn lanes, changing lane assignments for the eastbound and westbound approaches, installation of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant curb ramps and signing and striping improvements.

This project qualified for funds from the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) administered through Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). As part of the program, the City of Fort Worth is responsible for funding design engineering, right of way (ROW), environmental studies, utility relocations and project management services for this project. The City will also provide 10% of the construction funds. TxDOT will provide the remaining 90% of the construction funds and also administer the construction contract. HSIP funded projects are required to let within three years of the time funding was approved for the project. To stay within this requirement, the project is planned to be let by TxDOT in June of 2024.

Halff Associates, 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 thirteen firms being chosen to award these design agreements, including Halff Associates, Inc. for this S. Hulen St. and South Dr. HSIP.

Funding for this 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.

The following table summarizes the current funding for the South Hulen Street and South Drive Highway Safety Improvement Project:

Fund	Existing Funding	Additional Funding	Project Total
34027 - 2022 Bond Program Fund	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$200,000.00
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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).

Funding is budgeted in the 2022 Bond Program Fund for the purpose of funding the S Hulen St & S Drive W Inter Im project.

M/WBE Office: Halff Associates, Inc. is in compliance with the City's Business Equity Ordinance by committing to 14% Business Equity participation on this project. The City's Business Equity goal on this project is 13%.

This project is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 6/FUTURE COUNCIL DISTRICT 6.

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 S Hulen St & S Drive W Inter Im 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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