

Mayor and Council Communication

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M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 22-0778

LOG NAME: 20STOCKYARDS MOBILITY STUDY

SUBJECT

(CD 2) Authorize Execution of a Professional Services Agreement in the Amount of \$219,942.00 with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for a Transportation Infrastructure Study in the Stockyards, Adopt Appropriation Ordinance, and Amend the Fiscal Years 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Program

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize execution of a Professional Services Agreement in the amount of \$219,942.00 with Kimley-Horn and Associates Inc. for a Transportation Infrastructure Study in the Stockyards (City Project No. 104335);
2. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the General Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$297,000.00, from available funds, for the purpose of funding the Stockyards Mobility Study in the Stockyards project (City Project No. 104335); and
3. Amend the Fiscal Years 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Program.

DISCUSSION:

The Stockyards has been experiencing substantial growth over the past few years with increased numbers of visitors (both local and out of area) likely due to the recently completed hotel and related shopping/entertainment venues as well as a renewed comfort by the general public to visit this unique Fort Worth attraction since the impacts of COVID-19 have been diminishing. This Mayor and Council Communication is to authorize a professional services agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates to conduct a transportation infrastructure study to assess issues and identify solutions to improve vehicular circulation, on-street parking, Americans with Disability Act (ADA) accessibility, and pedestrian safety. The study will collect traffic count data and perform extensive observations to make recommendations that could be implemented as short-term operational improvements and will also provide long-term recommendations that will be used as a roadmap for future infrastructure improvements.

Study area roadway segments are (map attached):

1. N Main Street from NE 23rd Street to Stockyards Boulevard
2. East Exchange Avenue from N Main Street to Packers Avenue
3. Stockyards Boulevard from N Main Street to Packers Avenue
4. NE 23rd Street from N Main Street to Niles City Boulevard
5. Packers Avenue from NE 23rd Street to Stockyards Boulevard
6. Niles City Boulevard from NE 23rd Street to E Exchange Avenue
7. Mule Alley from NE 23rd Street to E Exchange Avenue

The study is scheduled to begin in October 2022 and to be completed in May 2023. The City of Fort Worth will engage various agencies and stakeholder groups during the study.

Funding for this project was not included in the Fiscal Years 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) because the project and funding sources were unknown at the time of its development. This action in this M&C will amend the Fiscal Years 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Program as approved in connection with Ordinance 25073-09-2021.

Funding is available for appropriation in the Unspecified-All Funds project of the General Capital Projects Fund.

DVIN BE: Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. is in compliance with the City's Business Equity Ordinance by committing to 9% Business Equity participation on this project. The City's Business Equity goal on this project is 9%.

This project is located in Council District 2.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are currently available in the Unspecified-All Funds project within the General Capital Projects Fund and upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the General Capital Projects Fund for the Stockyards Mobility Study project. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Transportation Public Works Department has the responsibility of verifying the availability of funds.

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