

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 09/27/22

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 22-0781

**LOG NAME:** 20NORTH TARRANT AT NORTH BEACH ENGINEERING CONTRACT

**SUBJECT**

(CD 4) Authorize Execution of an Engineering Services Agreement with Freese and Nichols, Inc. in the Amount of \$474,040.00 for the North Tarrant Parkway at North Beach Street Project

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council authorize execution of an engineering services agreement with Freese and Nichols, Inc. in the amount of \$474,040.00 for the North Tarrant Parkway at North Beach Street project (City Project No. 103309).

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**DISCUSSION:**

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to authorize execution of an engineering services agreement with Freese and Nichols, Inc. for the design of improvements at the intersection of North Tarrant Parkway and North Beach Street. 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 North Tarrant Parkway at North Beach Street Intersection Improvements project is anticipated to consist of rebuilding the existing signals and constructing an additional left turn lane for the westbound and eastbound approaches, adding a northbound left turn lane and relocating the southbound left turn lane to the east, adding right turn lanes for the southbound and westbound approaches, adding channelized right turn islands for all four corners, adding new traffic signals with upgraded detection and communications, adding updated accessible pedestrian signals, installing new signing and striping, constructing utility adjustments, reconstructing the existing curb ramps and constructing new pedestrian curb ramps for ADA compliance.

The funding for this project was authorized on March 8, 2022 with M&C 22-0187 in the amount of \$4,500,000.00 budgeted in the TPW Dept Highway & Streets Department's General Capital Projects Fund for the N Tarrant Parkway at N Beach Street project, as appropriated.

Freese and Nichols, Inc. was selected for this project based on the pre-qualified list of firms from Category-2 of the Request for Qualifications advertised in August 2020 for various capital project improvements and after a second Request For Additional Information process was conducted between thirteen different engineering firms in April of 2022.

Freese and Nichols, Inc. is in compliance with the City's Business Equity Ordinance by committing to 23.00% Business Equity participation on this project. The City's Business Equity goal on this project is 15%.

This project is location in COUNCIL DISTRICT 4.

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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 General Capital Project Fund for the N Tarrant Pkwy at N Beach St project to support the approval of the above recommendation and execution of the engineering agreement. 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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