



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of May 6, 2025

DATE: May 6, 2025

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<p><u>Professional Services Contract</u> Holly Road Train Trestle</p>

CAPTION:

Motion authorizing a professional services contract with Freese & Nichols, Inc., for design, bid, and construction phase services for Holly Road Train Trestle project in an amount not to exceed \$1,263,059.00, located in Council District 4, with FY 2025 funding available from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund.

SUMMARY:

This motion authorizes professional services contract with Freese & Nichols, Inc., for design, bid, and construction phase services for Holly Road Train Trestle project in an amount not to exceed \$1,263,059.00.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

City of Corpus Christi Holly Road Train Trestle to Tourism Trail Project received a grant from Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT), Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Program under the 2023 Call for Projects on October 26, 2023.

The project involves constructing a 15-foot-wide shared-use path from the existing path on the west side of Oso Bay along Division Road to Flour Bluff Drive, and along Flour Bluff Drive from Division Road to Don Patricio Road. It will also include building a pedestrian bridge across Oso

Bay using existing pilings from the abandoned train trestle bridge.

The project was awarded \$13,577,158 of which \$11,797,839 is for construction and \$1,779,319 is for State direct and indirect costs. The Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) with the TXDOT was authorized by City Council in April 2025. The City is responsible for all other soft costs such as design and permitting. The grant requires the construction project be advertised and constructed by City per the project scope listed in the AFA. The city is responsible for any overage. Additionally, during the April 2025 City Council meeting the city approved the appropriation of \$1,300,000 of interest income from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for design costs.

The project is also a Bond 2022 project. On November 8, 2022, voters approved the City of Corpus Christi's Bond 2022 Program for a total of \$125 million, encompassing thirty-two projects. All four propositions passed on election day included projects for streets, parks, public safety, and library improvements. Proposition B included \$500K for the planning and preliminary design for Holly Road Train Trestle project. The preliminary design, survey and geo-technical investigation has been completed.

This item will authorize the execution of a professional services contract with Freese & Nichols, Inc., for design, bid, and construction phase services for Holly Road Train Trestle project.

PROJECT TIMELINE:

2025 - 2026	2026	2025 - 2027
June - February	July - October	November - November
Design	Bid/Award	Construction

Project schedule reflects City Council award in May 2025 with anticipated construction completion by November 2027.

COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION PROCESS:

On September 30, 2024, the Contracts and Procurement Department issued a Request for Qualification with RFQ #6146 for the Professional Engineering and Design Services. There were eight categories listed on this RFQ including General, Streets, Gas, Solid Waste, Testing Services, Water, Wastewater and Stormwater. Holly Road Train Trestle was one of the projects listed under the General Category. This is a professional service agreement. The selection committee comprised of representatives from the Engineering Services Department and the Executive Leadership Team. The firms are evaluated based on the below listed criteria:

1. Experience on projects of similar scope & complexity
2. Demonstrated capability & capacity on comparable projects
3. Team members with experience & qualifications
4. Team members experience with work of similar scope & complexity
5. Availability of resources to accomplish the work
6. Demonstrated understanding of the scope of services

The final evaluation graded Freese & Nichols, Inc. as the highest ranked firm. Freese & Nichols, Inc. has designed and successfully completed numerous projects for the City of Corpus Christi and for other surrounding cities like City of Portland, Aransas Pass, Alice, San Benito,

Raymondville, Freer, Orange Grove, Agua Dulce, Nueces County, Jim Wells County, and Duval County.

Some of these projects include:

- Yorktown Road (Mud Bridge) Repairs
- Master Channel 31 Drainage Channel Excavation
- Schanen Ditch Bank Failure Investigation
- Six Points Intersection
- Everhart from SPID to Alameda
- Ayers from Ocean to Alameda
- Ocean Drive from Louisiana to Buford

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council could choose not to award the contract to Freese & Nichols, Inc. This would jeopardize completing the construction project within the three-year TASA program grant deadline and risk losing the construction award of \$11,797,839 from the TASA Program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact for FY 2025 is an amount not to exceed \$1,263,059.00, with funding available through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund.

Funding Detail:

Fund: Parks & RecGrnts (Fund 1067)
Department: Parks & Rec (27)
Org: Grants and Capital Projects (89)
Account: Design (Outside Consultants) (550950)
Activity: 23169-1067-L
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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend approval of the professional services contract with Freese & Nichols, Inc. for design, bid, and construction phase services for Holly Road Train Trestle project in an amount not to exceed \$1,263,059.00. The design phase will begin in May 2025, with anticipated completion in October 2026. Construction is expected to start in November 2026 and be completed by November 2027.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Evaluation Matrix
Location Map
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Proposal
Presentation