



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of September 23, 2025

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<u>Professional Services Contract</u> Williams Drive – Rodd Field Road to Lexington Road

CAPTION:

Motion authorizing a professional services contract with Freese and Nichols, Inc., Corpus Christi, Texas for the design, bid, and construction phase services of Williams Drive from Rodd Field Road to Lexington Road, located in Council District 4, in an amount not to exceed \$1,995,282.00, with FY 2025 funding available from the Type B Sales Tax fund, and Water, Waster and Gas Revenue Bond funds.

SUMMARY:

This motion authorizes the approval of a professional services contract to provide design, bid, and construction phase services for extending Williams Drive from Rodd Field Road to Lexington Road. The project elements include a new two-lane roadway with dedicated turning lanes for a new development, curb and gutters, sidewalk with ADA compliant curb ramps, signage, pavement marking, upgrade street illumination, stormwater improvements, new water and wastewater improvements, replacement of Lexington Road bridge, signalization improvements at Rodd Field/Williams Intersection along with signage/stripping and IT conduit improvements.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Williams Drive Extension Project was approved with the FY 2025 City of Corpus Christi's Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Williams Drive Extension Project will extend the roadway approximately 2,800 linear feet (0.53 miles) from Rodd Field Road to Lexington Road, improving connectivity between Rodd Field Road and Lexington Road and also providing an additional access point to the Cinergy Family Entertainment Center that is being proposed to be construed. The preliminary engineering study was completed by FNI in January 2025. The preliminary engineering study was in an amount of \$215,398 for preliminary hydraulic analysis, to review roadway alignment options and Williams Ditch Flood Mitigation project flood infrastructure fund report. The preliminary engineering study was completed in 3 months. The preliminary study recommended reclassifying Williams Drive from a C3 to a C1 collector roadway to better reflect its intended function.

The project will be designed in two phases. The proposed first design package (Phase 1A) will include the new roadway from Rodd Field Road to midway between Lexington Road (approx. 1400 LF). All water and wastewater improvements, signalization, and required improvements will be included in Phase 1A. The storm water improvements for Phase 1A will include the closed conveyance system, outfall improvements, and ditch widening improvements up to Ennis Joslin Road. Phase 1A will include replacement of the roadway segment at Lexington Road required for the stormwater improvements.

The second design package (Phase 1B) will include the second portion of Williams Drive up to Lexington Road (approx. 1400 LF) and continuation of improvements from Phase I to Lexington Road. FNI's current scope of contract includes design, bid, and construction phase services for Phase 1A, and design phase services only for Phase 1B.

The Williams Road project has Type B Sales Tax funds in FY2025 in an amount of \$4,327,599 for design and construction. The street and stormwater design will be funded through the Type B Sales tax funds. The Williams Road project also has the revenue bond funds in an amount of \$430,000 for water, wastewater and gas design services. The estimated cost for construction is in the amount of \$47.7 Million.

PROJECT TIMELINE

2025-2027	2027	2027 -2028
October - July	July - September	October - October
Design	Bid/Award	Construction

The project schedule reflects the City Council award design services in October 2025.

COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION PROCESS:

On August 07, 2023, the Contracts and Procurement Department issued a Request for Qualifications for engineering services with the RFQ Number 5036 for Professional Engineering Services for Capital Improvement Projects. There were three street projects listed under the Street category: Corn Products Rd (IH 37 to Hopkins Rd), Williams Dr - (Rodd Field

to Lexington Rd) and the North Padre Island paper streets. T

The city received a total of thirteen Statements of Qualifications for Street Design projects. The selection committee comprised of representatives from the Public Works, 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

FNI was graded as the highest ranked firm and selected for the Professional Design Serviced in May 2024 under RFQ 5036, Professional Engineering Services for Williams Drive - (Rodd Field to Lexington Rd), Project No. 24024.

FNI has designed and successfully completed numerous major roadway projects for the City of Corpus Christi. Some of these recent projects include:

- Everhart Road Reconstruction (South Padre Island Drive to Holly Road)
- Everhart Road Improvements (South Padre Island Drive to Alameda Street)
- Long Meadow Drive (Hunt Drive to St. Andrews Drive)
- Flato Road (Bear Lane to Bates Road)
- Staples Street Reconstruction (Brawner Parkway to Kostoryz)

ALTERNATIVES:

Council could choose not to award this contract. This would delay the project and future economic development in the area including causing traffic congestion to the Cinergy Family Entertainment Center that will be constructed at the corner of Rodd Field and South Padre Island Drive.

The second alternative is to award the project to the second highest ranked firm, LJA Engineering. This action will delay the project by nine months. The professional services agreement with LJA has to be negotiated and some of the tasks that were previously completed by FNI will have to be reworked.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact in FY 2025 is an amount not to exceed \$1,995,280.00 with funding available from the Type B Sales Tax fund in an amount of \$1,558,809.00, and the remaining funds are aligned from Water, Waster and Gas Revenue Bonds.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund: Street B Corp (3250)
Department: Streets (33)
Org: Grants and Capital Projects (89)
Account: Outside Consultants (550950)
Activity: 24024
Amount: \$ 1,558,809.00

Fund: Wastewater 2023 CIP (4260)
Department: Wastewater (46)
Org: Grants and Capital Projects (89)
Account: Outside Consultants (550950)
Activity: 24024
Amount: \$287,414.00

Fund: Water 2023 CIP (4486)
Department: Water (45)
Org: Grants and Capital Projects (89)
Account: Outside Consultants (550950)
Activity: 24024
Amount: \$120,101.00

Fund: Gas 2024 CIP (4566)
Department: Gas (11)
Org: Grants and Capital Projects (89)
Account: Outside Consultants (550950)
Activity: 24024
Amount: \$ 28,958.00

TOTAL: \$1,995,282.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend approval of the professional services contract in an amount not to exceed \$1,995,282.00 for Williams Drive from Rodd Field to Lexington. The design phase will begin in October 2025, with anticipated completion by June 2027.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Location and Vicinity
Maps CIP Page
RFQ Selection Score Sheet
PowerPoint