



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of April 01, 2025

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**Bond 2024 Program (Proposition A – Streets Projects), Sales Tax
Reauthorization Proposition E - Arterial & Collector Streets
and CIP FY 2025 Street Projects**

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing the negotiation and execution of fifteen professional services contracts for Professional Engineering Services in an amount not-to-exceed \$22,022,500.00 with the fifteen engineering consultants who submitted Statements of Qualifications for the Bond 2024 Proposition A-Street Projects, Sales Tax Reauthorization Proposition E-Arterial & Collector Streets, and FY 2025 CIP Streets projects, located Citywide, with funding available from the Streets Bond 2024, Sales Tax Reauthorization Proposition E- Arterial & Collector Streets and Storm Water, Wastewater, and Gas Funds.

SUMMARY:

This item is to approve the mass selection of engineering design consultants for the Bond 2024 Proposition A- Street Projects, Sales Tax Reauthorization Proposition E - Arterial & Collector Streets and CIP FY 2025 Streets projects and authorize staff to negotiate and execute contracts up to a cumulative maximum amount. A total of fifteen professional services contracts will be executed. Staff recommends the selection of the top fifteen firms to receive design contracts.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

On November 5, 2024, voters approved the City of Corpus Christi's Bond 2024 Program for a total of \$175 million with thirty-eight projects and the Sales Tax Reauthorization Program.

The propositions passed on election day for Bond 2024 include projects for streets, parks and recreation, public safety, and cultural facilities improvements. Sales Tax Reauthorization Proposition E - Arterial & Collector Streets includes city-wide improvements to arterial and collector streets which support commercial activity. The FY 2025 CIP was adopted by City Council on September 17, 2024.

The city implemented a mass selection of design consultants for Bond 2020 (twenty-two professional services contracts in an amount not-to-exceed \$16,340,000) and Bond 2022 projects (thirteen professional services contracts in an amount not-to-exceed \$14,938,000.00) that expedited the execution of the bond projects design. City is implementing a similar process with Bond 2024, Sales Tax Reauthorization Proposition E, Purpose #1 and CIP FY 2025 Street Projects. In the past, Engineering Services has taken design contracts for individual consideration. That prior approach created a large volume of agenda activity requiring additional staff time, council time, and delaying Bond program execution.

This agenda item will authorize the professional engineering services for the street projects in Bond 2024, Proposition A, Sales Tax Reauthorization Proposition E - Arterial & Collector Streets and CIP FY 2025 Street Projects. Listed below is the breakdown of projects:

- Bond 2024, Proposition A Streets projects includes a total of eighteen projects with an estimated cost of \$89.5 million. The streets projects are located Citywide. The estimated cost of \$89.5 million includes designing, constructing new streets or rehabilitating existing streets, sidewalks, and any related surface improvements. The Utilities costs (stormwater, wastewater, water and gas) have historically averaged approximately the same value as the surface improvements. General Obligation bonds are used to fund wastewater, water and gas utilities. Surface improvements and stormwater and funded with Bond 2024. Out of the eighteen projects, twelve projects require design services. The remaining three of the five projects (Holly Road, North Beach Road Improvements, JFK causeway) are design funded with the Bond 2018 and Bond 2022 and construction is budgeted with Bond 2024. Sam Rankin will be a fund transfer to Port of Corpus Christi and DS 5 Trail Connectivity will be designed using Master Service Agreement.
- Sales Tax Reauthorization Proposition E, Arterial & Collector Streets: There are a total of four projects under this proposition with an estimated cost of \$35 million. These four arterial and collector streets identified as priorities for the first 5 years of the 20-year reauthorization. Once completed, additional arterial and collector streets will be identified for improvement. There are two projects that require design services.
- CIP FY 2025 Street Projects – There is one project (Bear Lane) under the CIP that require design services with an estimated design cost of \$3.6 million. Construction budget for Bear Lane is not budgeted with the current CIP.

The scope of work for these projects includes designing new streets or rehabilitating existing streets, sidewalks, and any related surface improvements, storm drainage improvements, water, wastewater and storm drainage improvements.

This item will grant staff the ability to negotiate and execute professional services contracts with fifteen design consultants for the fifteen streets projects with a total amount not to exceed \$22,022,500.00. The estimate of \$22,022,500.00 is based on previous design contracts for prior Bond projects, calculated at around 10-11 percent of the projected construction cost for the design fee budget. Since there are 11 projects funded for design only with Bond 2024, the overall design budget is higher than ten eleven percent of the total construction budget.

Upon the passage of this item, all projects will proceed to scoping, negotiation and contracting. All Bond 2024 street projects should enter the design phase by May/June 2025. The Sales Tax Reauthorization and CIP FY2025 projects are anticipated to begin the design phase at the start of fiscal year 2026. The subsequent construction contracts for these projects will be competitively bid on and presented to the council for action as individual action items.

COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION PROCESS:

On October 30, 2024, the Contracts and Procurement Department issued a Request for Qualifications for the engineering services with the RFQ Number 6146 for Professional Engineering Service. The city received a total of 20 Statements of Qualifications for Bond 2024 Proposition A Streets, Sales Tax Reauthorization Proposition E - Arterial & Collector Streets and CIP FY 2025 Street Projects. The selection committee consisted of representatives from the City Manager's Office, Engineering Services, and Public Works. On December 5 and December 6, 2024, the selection committee conducted interviews for 15 firms that were recommended by the evaluation committee. Firms were ranked based on five factors: 1) the firm's experience and qualifications of firm; 2) experience and qualifications of the project manager and key staff; 3) project approach and management plan; 4) respondent capacity; and 5) respondent past performance.

The selection committee is recommending the award to the following fifteen design consultants:

- AG3 Group, LLC, San Antonio, Texas
- Ardurra Group, Corpus Christi, Texas
- CDS Muery, San Antonio, Texas
- CivilCorp, LLC, Corpus Christi, Texas
- CP&Y, Inc. dba STV Infrastructure (STV), San Antonio, Texas
- Freese and Nichols, Inc., Corpus Christi, Texas
- Halff Associates, Inc., Corpus Christi, Texas
- Hanson Professional Services, Corpus Christi, Texas
- HDR Engineering, Inc., Corpus Christi, Texas
- J. Schwarz & Associates, Corpus Christi, Texas
- LJA Engineering, Inc., Corpus Christi, Texas
- Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam, Inc., Corpus Christi, Texas
- Munoz Engineering, Corpus Christi, Texas
- Pape-Dawson Consulting Engineers, LLC, Corpus Christi, Texas
- Urban Engineering | DCCM, Corpus Christi, Texas

The consultants were matched with appropriate projects based on the evaluation criteria. Attached is the City's recommendation of award for each street project. The 15 street projects have a first-choice recommendation and a second-choice recommendation in the event that successful contract negotiations cannot be completed with the first-choice recommendation.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is to present these contracts to Council for individual consideration which will delay execution of the Bond 2024 Program, Sales Tax Reauthorization Proposition E - Arterial & Collector Streets and CIP FY 2025 Street Projects.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact for FY2025-FY2026 is an amount of \$22,022,500.00 with funding available from Streets Bond 2024 Fund, Sales Tax Reauthorization Proposition E - Arterial & Collector Streets and CIP FY 2025 Street Projects, Storm Water, Wastewater, and Gas Funds.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Funding will be allocated from the appropriate Streets Bond 2024 Fund, Sales Tax Reauthorization Proposition E - Arterial & Collector Streets and CIP FY 2025 Street Projects, Storm Water, Wastewater, and Gas Funds.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize staff to negotiate and execute all documents and contracts as needed in connection with the delivery of the Bond 2024 Program, Proposition A – Streets projects and FY 2026 Type B Projects.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

List of Recommended Consultants & Streets Project Presentation