

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting June 28, 2022

DATE: June 28, 2022

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Safe Routes to School Program

CAPTION:

Motion authorizing a one-year service agreement with two additional one-year extension options with A. Ortiz Construction and Paving, Inc. of Corpus Christi, in the amount of \$1,078,500.00 to provide construction services for improvements related to the Safe Routes to School Program for the Public Works Department, with FY 2022 funding in the amount of \$269,625.00 from the Street Maintenance Fund.

SUMMARY:

This motion approves a one-year service agreement with two additional one-year extension options with A. Ortiz Construction and Paving, Inc. of Corpus Christi to provide construction services for improvements intended to enable and encourage walking and biking near a school or community center.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Traffic Engineering Division within the Public Works Department is responsible for management of the City's Vision Zero Initiative. This initiative seeks to eliminate all traffic-related deaths and severe injuries while increasing the safety, equity, and mobility for all users of our transportation systems.

As part of this initiative, the Public Works Department requested a decision package for FY 2022 to develop an annual Safe Routes to School Program. City Council approved the request as part of the FY 2022 Budget. The program and service agreement will help to accomplish the Vision Zero mission through improvement of our transportation systems by constructing infrastructure that promotes safe walking and biking to schools and community centers. The Traffic Engineering Division will with engage and partner with school districts and community members to understand concerns that will determine how to utilize this program for education, enforcement, and engineering solutions that increase the safety and convenience to walk or bike to a nearby school or public center.

This service agreement will provide the design, construction and/or reconstruction of improvements intended to enable and encourage walking and biking within a quarter mile of a school or community center. Improvements include, but are not limited to, sidewalks, curb ramps, curb and gutter, signs, pavement markings, and traffic and pedestrian signals.

The list below summarizes the targeted schools and pedestrian safety and mobilityfocused improvements that will be constructed as part of the FY 2022 Safe Routes to School Program:

- Tuloso-Midway Primary School (Council District 1) Installation/Replacement of School Zone Sign Assemblies, ADA curb ramps, upgraded crosswalks, and allway stop signs.
- James W. Fannin Elementary School (Council District 2) Installation/Replacement of School Zone Sign Assemblies, ADA curb ramps, upgraded crosswalks.
- C.P. Yeager Elementary School (Council District 3) Installation/Replacement of School Zone Sign Assemblies, ADA curb ramps, upgraded crosswalks.

Construction under this contract is anticipated to begin July 2022 and conclude no later than September 2022.

PROCUREMENT DETAIL:

The Finance and Procurement Department conducted a competitive Request for Bids process to obtain bids. The City received two responsive, responsible bids and staff is recommending the award to A. Ortiz Construction and Paving, Inc.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is to not select A. Ortiz Construction and Paving, Inc., to provide construction services to install pedestrian related improvements. This would hinder the ability of the Public Works Department to install infrastructure that promotes safe walkable and bikeable paths to nearby schools and community centers.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The FY 2022 fiscal impact is to the Street Maintenance Fund in the amount of

\$269,625.00 for this service agreement, with the remaining contract balance of \$808,875 to be budgeted through the annual budget process.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund: 1041 Street Maintenance Fund

Organization/Activity: 12300 Traffic Engineering

Mission Element: 051 Maintain Pavements Associated Improvements

Project # (CIP Only): N/A

Account: 530215 Maintenance and repairs-contracted

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the motion authorizing this service agreement with A.Ortiz Construction and Paving, Inc. of Corpus Christi as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Bid Tabulation Service Agreement Presentation