



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Future Item for the City Council Meeting of October 11, 2016
Action Item for the City Council Meeting of October 18, 2016

DATE: September 9, 2016

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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Engineering Design Services</u> Downtown Road and Streetscape Improvements BOND 2014 Prop. 2</p>

CAPTION:

Motion authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute a contract for engineering design services with Freese and Nichols, Inc. of Corpus Christi, Texas in the amount of \$115,067 for the Downtown Road and Streetscape Improvements. (BOND 2014 Proposition 2).

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Agenda Item is to obtain authority to execute an engineering design contract for the Downtown Road and Streetscape Improvements project. (BOND 2014 Proposition 2).

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

This project was approved in the Bond 2014 Proposition 2 Street Safety, Revitalization and Capacity Improvement Projects by the community in the general election held on November 4, 2014.

Bond 2014 Brochure description: "Downtown Road and Streetscape Improvements – Improvements to the downtown streetscape such as new trash cans, improvements to the gateways (Laredo, Agnes, Mesquite area) and wayfinding signage to help create a sense of arrival to the district and enhance downtown image. Other various street, sidewalk, lighting and landscaping improvements such as improvements to People or Lawrence Street."

This item provides for the engineering and design phase services to develop streetscape and wayfinding concepts that can be translated into physical infrastructure improvements to achieve the enhanced image and sense of arrival into the Downtown. The specific work planned includes new signage, light

pole medallions, benches, trash and recycle bins, planters and other miscellaneous improvements. This project will consider the areas bounded by Shoreline Blvd to Lower Broadway and IH-37 to Coopers Alley.

All work will be coordinated through meetings and discussions with key stakeholders including the Downtown Management District, affected property owners, the Texas Historical Commission and with City Departments of Parks & Recreation, Streets & Signals, Engineering Services, Business Liaison Office, Utilities and others as needed.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Authorize execution of an engineering design contract.
2. Do not authorize execution of an engineering design contract. (Not Recommended)

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Freese and Nichols, Inc. is the design engineer that was selected for this project under RFQ 2014-08.

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

Complies with statutory requirements for architectural and engineering contracts. Conforms to FY 2016-2017 Street Capital Improvement Planning (CIP) Budget. This item requires a 2/3 majority vote as per City Charter requirements.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Not applicable

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Street Department

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

☐ Operating ☐ Revenue ☒ Capital ☐ Not applicable

Fiscal Year 2016-2017	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Budget	\$49,959	\$1,450,041		\$1,500,000
Encumbered / Expended Amount	49,959	0		49,959
This item	0	115,067		115,067
Future Anticipated Expenditures This Project	0	1,281,244		1,281,244
BALANCE	\$0	\$53,730		\$53,730

Fund(s): ST 23

Comments: N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

City staff recommends approval of the engineering design contract with Freese and Nichols, Inc. in the amount of \$115,067 for the Downtown Road and Streetscape Improvements BOND 2014 Proposition 2 project.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Project Budget
Engineering Design Contract
Form 1295
Location Map
Presentation