

Legislation Text

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Discuss and consider approving a professional services agreement with Freese and Nichols, Inc. in the amount of \$120,028.00 for professional engineering services associated with the Old Austin-Hutto Road project.

This Professional Services Agreement would serve to reimburse the increased project scope and city funds would be directed for anticipated increased construction costs to include a roundabout that will serve to enhance economic development and provide pedestrian connectivity East-to-West along Old Austin-Hutto Road (OAHR).

City staff has investigated an opportunity for establishing an access connection for a future development just northeast near the terminus of the Old Austin-Hutto Road (OAHR) project with FM 685. A request and coordination with the property owner to consider a roundabout to the proposed Old Austin-Hutto Road (OAHR) design at the northern end of the project would increase the marketability and/or development potential of one or more properties. The project may support an economic development goal and objective or other relevant City-adopted planning goals (trails connectivity and a continuous roadway connection for North-South movements parallel to FM 685).

City staff has received concurrence from the property owner for the "Addition of a Roundabout" and the impacts to the current Old Austin-Hutto Road (OAHR) Bond Project would include:

- Need for Additional ROW (28,710 SF)
- Increased design (scope and fee; 3 Months/\$120,028)
- Increase Construction (Cost & schedule of completion; \$505,000/3-4 Months)
- Modification of the Pedestrian Trail currently at the northern portion of the project, beginning at the current low-water crossing (increased safety with tunnel feature)
- Allows connection of pedestrians to cross from Park side to sites along west side of OAHR, while still maintaining pedestrian access along east side under FM 685
- Would provide for future continuation of Shared Use path along both sides of Roundabout northward
- · Require additional public involvement
- Allows separation sufficient for increased driveway throat at Existing Site driveway at west side of roundabout

## **Prior City Council Action**

A professional services supplemental agreement (No. 4) with Freese and Nichols, Inc. for engineering services associated with the Old Austin-Hutto Road was approved at the February 26, 2019 City Council Meeting.

## Deadline for City Council Action

Action is requested on June 25, 2019.

Funding Expected: Revenue \_\_\_ Expenditure X\_ N/A \_\_\_

Budgeted Item: Yes \_X\_ No \_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_ Amount: <u>\$120,028.00</u> 1295 Form Required? Yes \_X\_ No \_\_\_ Legal Review Required: N/A \_\_ Required \_X\_ Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

# Supporting documents attached:

Professional Services Agreement Project Map Proposed Roundabout Conceptual Layout

## **Recommended Action**

Approve a professional services agreement with Freese and Nichols, Inc. in the amount of \$120,028.00 for professional engineering services associated with the Old Austin-Hutto Road project.