

CIP EXPENSE DETAIL

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
CONTACT DEPARTMENT(S):

2/14/13
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SUBJECT:

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and Waller Creek Conservancy for the City to contribute an amount not to exceed \$270,000 toward the Waller Creek Conservancy's hiring of Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates/Thomas Phifer & Partners for design services related to coordination of the Waller Creek Tunnel Program with the Waller Creek Design and to evaluate and initiate limited construction revisions to accommodate the MVVA site design.

CURRENT YEAR IMPACT:

Department:	Watershed
Project Name:	Waller Creek Trail Development
Fund/Department/Unit:	4850 6307 9999
Funding Source:	Block 21 Proceeds
Current Appropriation:	1,237,500.00
Unencumbered Balance:	939,440.00
Amount of This Action:	<u>(270,000.00)</u>
Remaining Balance:	<u>669,440.00</u>

ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

With the selection of Michael Van Valkenburg and Associates (MVVA) as the winner of the Waller Creek Conservancy Design Competition, the City has an opportunity to coordinate with MVVA to evaluate possibilities for modifying Waller Creek Tunnel Inlet and associated Waterloo Park restoration and to initiate limited construction revisions to accommodate certain elements of the MVVA design.

The goal of this evaluation is to save time and money by ensuring that current construction facilitates, or minimizes conflicts with, future park improvements envisioned by MVVA in its design concept. If the current tunnel design plans can be modified to accommodate the MVVA design concept, the result may be reduced costs for the tunnel project and more timely implementation of the MVVA design concept. In the event the changes are not incorporated into the current tunnel construction schedule, they would have to be made at a future date after completion of the tunnel project, potentially incurring additional cost and construction in the park.

The Waller Creek Conservancy will utilize the proposed funding to enter into an agreement with the MVVA team to assess potential design changes to the tunnel infrastructure, and work with City staff and the tunnel consultants to evaluate the feasibility, timing, and cost impacts of incorporating the MVVA design concept into tunnel project construction.