

## AGENDA



## Recommendation for Council Action

## AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: October 4, 2018

Item Number: 004

## Capital Contracting Office

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the professional services agreement with Sasaki Associates, Inc., for planning and urban design services for the Congress Avenue Streetscape Improvements - Urban Design Initiative project in the amount of \$136,178.72, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$694,178.72. [Note: This amendment will be awarded in compliance with City Code 2-9B (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). Current participation to date is 11.39% MBE and 19.50% WBE.]

District(s) Affected: District 9

<b>Lead Department</b>	Capital Contracting Office  <b><u>Managing Department(s)</u></b> Public Works Department
<b>Fiscal Note</b>	Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Capital Budget of the Public Works Department.
<b>Purchasing Language</b>	Original contract was awarded through a qualifications-based selection process.
<b>Prior Council Action</b>	November 3, 2016 - Council approved a professional services agreement with Sasaki Associates, Inc. for the Congress Avenue Streetscape Improvements - Urban Design Initiative project.
<b>For More Information</b>	Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov.

	NOTE: Direct inquiries to Rolando Fernandez, 512-974-7749, or to the Project Manager, David Kim Taylor, 512-974-7132.
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### **Additional Backup Information:**

In November 2016, City Council approved a professional services agreement with Urban Design consultant, Sasaki Associates, Inc., to assist the City in the creation of an urban design and implementation strategy for Congress Avenue. The design area encompasses a 1.25 mile stretch of Congress Avenue from the Capitol to the intersection with Riverside Drive - the central spine of downtown Austin.

The project has developed the Vision for Congress Avenue through review and analysis of existing plans and regulations through public and City staff engagement and input. The project is expected to produce an urban design that includes a mobility plan, design standards/guidelines, regulatory recommendations, management plan, and an implementation strategy. The implementation strategy will include cost estimates, identify major barriers, and identify potential partnership opportunities to leverage resources. It will include a phasing plan for recommended improvements and identify opportunities for initial implementation efforts.

In order to ensure buy-in from the Program Direction Group on the new proposed lane configurations, this amendment will provide funding of additional services related to planning and design including:

- Development of diagrams and presentation materials associated with the expanded Mobility Study currently under review;
- Two additional workshops with the Project Directions Group to validate proposed design;
- Coordination and project management associated with an 8-month extension of scheduled project completion, and
- The addition of financing strategy and economic impact analysis.

Public Engagement included three sets of public presentations. An additional presentation of the proposed recommendation is scheduled for early 2019. Progress briefings have also been made to relevant Boards and Commissions.

Sasaki Associates, Inc. is located in Watertown, Massachusetts.