



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-2405, **Agenda Item #:** 170.

7/28/2022

Posting Language

Authorize additional contingency funding for the construction contract with ASD Consultants, Inc. (MBE) for the Red River Enhancement project in the amount of \$94,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,306,707.

[Note: This contract was awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9A of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). Current Participation to date is 16.20% MBE and 0.96% WBE].

Lead Department

Financial Services Department

Managing Department

Public Works Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of the Economic Development Department.

Purchasing Language:

Original contract was awarded through a competitive Invitation for Bids solicitation process.

Prior Council Action:

April 22, 2021 - Council awarded a construction contract with ASD Consultants, Inc. for the Red River Enhancement project.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

In 2013, Council designated blocks 600 thru 900 of Red River Street as the Red River Cultural District through Council Resolution 2010107-036. This action recognized Red River Street (Red River) as a nationally acclaimed area with a decades-long tradition and a unique historic, economic, and cultural heritage that significantly contributes to Austin's credibility as one of the world's premier creative cities.

In 2014, the Red River Cultural District approached the City's Economic Development Department to initiate District support through the Souly Austin Program. Extensive engagement efforts identified enhancements sought by district stakeholders and prioritized them in the Red River Cultural District Economic Strategy.

In 2017, Council passed Council Resolution No. 20170608-033 to explore options related to streetscape and public safety enhancements along Red River. Furthermore, in 2019, Council passed Council Resolution 20190808-144 directing the City Manager to use available funds from the Great Streets Program to

expeditiously deliver projects described in Council Resolution 20170608-033.

Staff from various City Departments have collaboratively worked on the planning, design, and project scoping for these improvements. Identified projects are trash receptacles, alley closure, lighting, temporary art, and pedestrian mobility improvements including sidewalk redesign. Additionally, costs associated with design, engineering, and project management fees are to be included.

An extensive community organization and engagement effort supported the identification of the enhancements outlined in both resolutions mentioned above. Ninety percent of business and property owners participated in the engagement effort. Consensus on priorities for the Red River Cultural District are outlined in the Red River Cultural District Economic Strategy. Implementing both Council resolutions relied on the programmatic support of Souly Austin.

The proposed improvements are intended to achieve safe, continuous, functional enhancements in the District. Contemplated improvements will honor the commitment the Council has made to support place-making and otherwise enhance the Red River Cultural District.

This additional contingency will allow us to expedite excavation needed to alleviate sub-surface conflicts with unmarked and unknown water, power, and communication lines encountered during construction.

This project is in the public right-of-way and temporary daily roadway lane closures and sidewalk closures will be utilized to facilitate the construction phase. Phasing of project implementation will be in place to ensure minimal impact to the business community during construction.

Delaying this project could impact the much-needed improvements to the Red River Cultural District.

This action has been approved by the City's Change Control Committee. The Change Control Committee was established to comply with Council Resolution No. 20120126-048, which required the establishment of consistent criteria and process to evaluate contractual changes for all contracts administered by the Capital Contracting Office. The Change Control Committee is comprised of management-level subject matter experts.

The contract allows 180 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78701 (District 9).

ASD Consultants, Inc. is located in Austin, Texas.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety, Culture and Lifelong Learning, Economic Opportunity and Affordability, Mobility.