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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Sondra Creighton, P.E., Director
Public Works Department

DATE: January 10, 2005

SUBJECT: Ratification RCA for Salas Constructors, Inc. ACWP South Congress Avenue Wastewater Project-- 01/13/05 Council Agenda

A ratification RCA for execution of a change order in the amount of \$138,590.35 with Salas Constructors, Inc., for the ACWP South Congress Avenue Wastewater Project is on the January 13, 2005 Council Agenda. Change orders executed prior to this request were funded by a ten percent contingency included with the award of the original contract.

Previous change orders were for unforeseen conditions caused by utility conflicts, an increase in the number of manholes, installation of business access signs, construction of a temporary parking area for an affected business and existing thicker pavement cross-sections than anticipated. These conditions became apparent immediately after commencing the work, but were not addressed or detected during the design and utility coordination phases of the project.

The current change order addresses subsequent utility conflicts and disposal of additional quantities of contaminated soils. This change order also includes exploratory excavation and repair of an existing telephone ductbank resulting from incorrect franchise utility information. The change order also includes additional line and manhole construction, additional traffic control, and additional costs for trench safety.

This ratification provides for payment of work entailing a health and safety declaration invoked for the disposal of contaminated soils. The situation arose after it was determined that the earlier sampling of a localized area on Wasson Road had yielded concentration levels of contaminants lower than actually found when the material was excavated.

In order to reduce the impact of construction on the neighborhood and traveling public, the contractor was directed to proceed with the changes. Stopping work would have delayed completion of construction and incurred additional costs to the City for contractor overhead, demobilization and re-mobilization of resources. Approximately 95 percent of the work in the proposed change order has already been completed by the contractor. It is anticipated that travel lanes on South Congress Avenue will be re-opened to traffic by mid-February.

Please contact me at 974-7175 if you have any questions concerning this matter or if you would like a more in-depth briefing.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sondra Creighton", written over a horizontal line.

Sondra Creighton, P.E., Director
Public Works Department

cc: Toby Hammett Futrell, City Manager
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Chris Lippe, P.E., Austin Water Utility