

November 21, 2025

Jessica Daidone Project Manager Traylor & Associates, Inc. P.O. Box 7035 Tyler, Texas 75711

RE: City of Bandera Rural Economic Development Project

Contract No. CRC23-0540

Scope Amendment Justification Letter

Dear Ms. Daidone,

While reviewing the Rural Economic Development (RED) Project in the City of Bandera with City Staff, an alternative sidewalk route was proposed for the project. Figure 1 has been provided on the following page of this letter for visual reference. The original application included a switchback from the added parking adjacent to 12<sup>th</sup> street over to Maple St. Additionally, it included a sidewalk and associated retaining wall plus appurtenances along Maple St.

Several key factors led to exploring an alternate sidewalk route for the project. The alternate route proposed will better compliment an adjacent sidewalk improvements project the City is pursuing and improve the overall connectivity to the downtown area. In addition, a portion of Maple St. is within the FEMA regulatory floodway, posing permitting challenges and safety concerns with proposed sidewalk location. Steep side slopes on the north/west side of Maple St. would require constructing a retaining wall to install the sidewalk increasing accessibility challenges and limitations.

The alternate sidewalk route does not affect the beneficiaries for the project. Additionally, the City expressed interest in exploring overhead lighting in the new parking area on Cedar St. to improve visibility and safety in the area. The added lighting fits within the original construction budget. Despite the proposed revisions, the project addresses the same problem outlined in the performance statement.

Based on the above reasons, we believe proposing the new sidewalk along SH 16 S and Main St. creates more synergy, pedestrian accessibility, and connectivity options to the downtown area.



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Thank you for your consideration in approving this application revision. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Best Regards,

Samuel A. Leighton, PE

