



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 12, 2023

TITLE:

Consider action to approve Resolution R-2023-139 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas approving a professional services contract with MWM Design Group (MWM), for the Blakey Lane Extension project for a not to exceed amount of Six Hundred Seven Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-Four Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$607,744.50); authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents; providing a repealing clause; and establishing an effective date.

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:

Fabiola M. de Carvalho, CFM, AMP MIAM, Director of Engineering and Capital Project Management

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

The City of Bastrop has been experiencing rapid growth along the Highway 71 Corridor to Austin.

In 2015 a housing study commissioned by the Bastrop Economic Development Corporation suggested Bastrop could become the next housing hot spot in Central Texas. At the time, the housing study found that Bastrop's proximity to Austin and Houston, its quality of life, and community amenities, would increase its share of the Austin regional housing market.

Texas Highway 71 through Bastrop is a designated major hurricane evacuation route as well as an evacuation route for other flood-related events throughout central Texas. During these times when traffic is heavy or stopped along the route through Bastrop, Highway 71 is impassable. The extension of Blakey Lane will create street connectivity, reduce the response time of first responders, improve traffic flow and level of service.

The City of Bastrop has requested and received a professional services proposal for design and bidding phase services for the Blakey Lane Extension project, attached as Exhibit B. The purpose of the improvements is to extend Blakey Lane from Edward Burleson Lane to Jessica Place and Old Austin Highway/Hwy 71. This is anticipated to be accomplished by installing approximately 4,000 feet of roadway (Blakey Lane) and related storm system drainage infrastructure, water and wastewater extensions, sidewalks/streetscape, and possibly a roundabout. The consultant, MWM, will coordinate with owners and developers of properties directly adjacent to the proposed improvements to resolve conflicts and maintain consistency between proposed designs. MWM will also coordinate with TxDOT for the Blakey Lane/Old Austin Highway 71 intersection roundabout.

The City of Bastrop has chosen MWM from a selection of qualified consulting firms identified during the Request for Qualifications process published in November 2022. Resolution NO. R-2022-105.

We expect to issue the Notice to Proceed to MWM in October 2023 and the design should last approximately 12 months. We are anticipating bidding this project in the Fall of 2024.

There is One Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$135,000) added as contingency funds, part of the contract with MWM, to be used at City's discretion and written authorization, in case needed. The City anticipates using this contingency, for example, for additional survey to identify location for a possible wastewater line, a water transmission line and a water distribution line, that may be needed to serve additional growth west of this extension on Blakey Lane.

After the design is completed, we anticipate following up with the City Council for a separate request for consideration and authorization of another professional services contract for Construction Administration services to assist in the completion of the construction of the Blakey Lane Extension project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

FY23 Annual Budget

- BEDC: the City has a Resolution NO. R-2023-0006 from BEDC to fund \$1M to this project.

RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

- Exhibit A: Resolution No R-2023-139
- Exhibit B: Professional Services Contract between the City of Bastrop MWM DesignGroup
- Exhibit C: Map Location