



# STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** December 12, 2023

**TITLE:**

Consider action to approve Resolution No. R-2023-173 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, approving a professional engineering services contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. to the Agnes Street Widening project to a not to exceed amount of One Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$144,700); authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents, providing for a repealing clause, and establishing an effective date.

**AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:**

Fabiola de Carvalho, CFM, AMP MIAM, Executive Director of Engineering and Construction Management

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

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, and first responders have difficulty providing service south of the highway and west of the river due to no alternate east-west connector roads other than Highway 71. The extension of Agnes Street will reduce the response time of first responders to these rapidly developing areas on the southwest side of the City by providing an alternate route.

The City submitted an application through the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for the Community Development Block Grant Mitigation funds (CDBG-MIT) and was approved in May 2021 for the amount of four million two hundred and forty thousand, three hundred twenty-nine dollars and twenty cents (\$4,240,329.20). Approximately three hundred and twenty-nine thousand dollars (\$329,000) is to cover engineering costs. Any additional costs with engineering will have to be funded by a different source. In addition, the grant does not cover water and wastewater utilities, which will have to be designed and built at the same time.

The City Council authorized the approval of two professional services contract with Kimley-Horn in a total combined amount of four hundred fifty-nine thousand four hundred dollars (\$459,400) to extend Agnes Street east of the existing Agnes Street. These two contracts include the design of portions of the work covered by the GLO, and also portions of the work not covered by GLO.

The contract subject of this Staff Report includes the design to widen the existing Agnes St from a 2-lane section to a 4-lane section, which will match the design of the Agnes St planned to be extended to the east of the existing. By widening existing Agnes Street to match the design of the extension of Agnes to the east, will facilitate a better design and avoid traffic flow merging from a 4-lane section to a 2-lane section. In addition, it will reduce the construction costs by bidding and constructing all portions together. This work will not be covered by GLO, but will be designed and constructed together with the current design to extend Agnes St.

The City selected Kimley-Horn as part of the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process completed in July 2018, Resolution NO. R-2018-54

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

FY24 Annual Budget

- Bastrop Economic Development Corporation (BEDC): per Resolution NO. R-2023-0012, EDC will fund \$123,000.
- General Fund CIP (Streets): \$21,700.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Exhibit A: Resolution No. R-2023-173
- Exhibit B: Professional Services Contract with Kimley-Horn

