

# City of Burnet City Council



## Item Brief

### **Meeting Date**

July 8, 2025

### **Agenda Item**

Discuss and consider action: Pedestrian Bridge Environmental Assessment Engineer Selection and authorize City Manager to negotiate a contract: E. Belaj

### **Information**

The City of Burnet has secured a federal grant to build a pedestrian bridge over State Highway 281. In a previous meeting, the City Council approved a crossing concept near 4th Street, connecting the west side of town to the middle school, through Resolution R2025-45.

The grant, totaling \$5,035,425, requires the City to conduct an environmental assessment to determine if any mitigation measures are necessary and to confirm that the proposed location is free of environmental concerns. To fulfill this requirement, the City issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to identify firms qualified to perform the assessment. The RFQ was advertised on May 21, with Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) due by June 5. The City received six SOQs, which were evaluated and ranked by the project team, as shown in the attached rating sheet.

Among the submissions, Pape Dawson demonstrated the strongest qualifications and capabilities to support the City in this effort.

Per state law, engineering firms must be selected based on qualifications before negotiating pricing. This agenda item authorizes the selection of the firm and empowers the City Manager, or a designated representative, to negotiate a contract. If the contract exceeds \$50,000, it will be brought before the City Council for approval.

### **Fiscal Impact**

All expenses related to the design and construction of the pedestrian bridge are anticipated to be covered by the \$5,035,425 CPF grant.

### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends selecting Pape Dawson Engineering and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate a contract.