

Staff Report

March 4, 2024 Council Workshop Meeting

Lake and Sierra Intersection Improvements Professional Services Agreement Amendment

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Time Estimate: 5 minutes

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BACKGROUND: The NW Lake Road and NW Sierra Street intersection is a three-legged intersection with stop control on NW Sierra Street. This intersection serves as a critical link between the Southern Lake shore and upper Prune Hill area of the City. The Intersection has current traffic volumes of 15,500 vehicles per day (10,300 Lake Road, 5,200 Sierra Street) and is listed on the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) as a priority project.

In July 2023 Staff entered into a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with MacKay Sposito for professional engineering services to complete preliminary engineering including alternatives analysis of intersection improvement options. This process included looking at two options for improvements: signalized intersection or roundabout. In addition, staff analyzed the future performance of the intersection if no improvements were to be constructed (no-build scenario). The results of the completed Alternatives Analysis work was presented to Council on February 5, 2024. Staff sought feedback from Council on a preferred alternative. Council consensus was to have staff and the consultant prepare a PSA amendment to engage the public regarding intersection improvement options.

SUMMARY: PSA Amendment 1 in the amount of \$62,183.52 is for a public engagement and community outreach campaign. The major objective of this campaign is to inform the public of the design alternatives while gaining feedback through engagement of the at-large community, public partners, and project stakeholders. This PSA Amendment includes, but is not limited to, project management and administration, Citywide public outreach campaign, Community and stakeholder engagement, stakeholder meetings, property owner meetings, a community openhouse, community surveys, and online education campaign to educate and gather input on design alternatives.

BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY: This design task is to educate the community and gain feedback on design alternatives. The aim of this project is to reduce NW Sierra Street delays and increase intersection safety.

POTENTIAL CHALLENGES: While challenging for staff to ensure public engagement, PSA Amendment 1 is intended to provide several avenues for community members to participate.

BUDGET IMPACT: PSA Amendment 1 for public engagement totals \$62,184 (rounded). When adding this amendment to the original professional services, the total contract to date is \$156,530. This project has dedicated funding within the 2024 Biennial budget. Adequate funding is present for completion of public engagement and future design of a selected alternative. However, Additional funding will be needed for construction. Staff will report back on the updated cost of completion of the PSE design package after public engagement is completed and a selected alternative is made.

Contract Summary		
Description	Task	Amount
PSA	Alternative Analysis	\$94,346
PSA Amendment 1	Public Engagement	\$62,184
	Total	\$156,530
	Budget Amounts	
Budget Year	Task	Amount
2023	Design	\$100,000
Unused 2023 Budget	-	\$(18,370)
2024	Design/Construction	\$500,000
	Total Funding	\$581,630
	Remaining Funding	
	*Total Funding Remain	\$425,100

^{*}Assumes no carry-over of 2023 remaining budget.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends this item be placed on the March 18, 2024 Council consent agenda for Council's Consideration.