



STAFF REPORT
2/26/2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Andrew Simmons, P.E., City Engineer

SUBJECT: Amendment No. 4 to the Professional Services Agreement with KOA Corporation, Inc. for an amount of \$47,657 to provide grant writing services for the improvements of Avenue 50 from Calhoun Street to Cesar Chavez Street – City Project ST-93.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment #4 to the Professional Services Agreement with KOA Corporation, Inc. for an amount of \$47,657 to provide grant writing services for the improvements of Avenue 50 from Calhoun Street to Cesar Chavez Street – City Project ST-93.

BACKGROUND:

The total cost to complete improvements for this project is an amount of \$9,250,000, currently there is a reimbursement agreement between CVAG and The City of Coachella to provide funding with the regional share of 75% (CVAG) for an amount \$6,937,500 of the total cost. The Project is among the Top 10 projects listed in the 2015 Transportation Project Prioritization Study (TPPS).

The City is the lead agency for this proposed work. The project will widen the existing street and construct concrete curb and gutter, and landscape median islands within areas where none exists between Calhoun Street and Cesar Chavez Street. The finished project will complete the planned widening of Avenue 50 to two traffic lanes in each direction, and include pedestrian, bicycle and drainage facilities. Phase 1 of the Avenue 50 widening project will include Calhoun Street to Pavon Palma and Phase 2 of the project will be from Avenida De Oro to Cesar Chavez Street.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

On January 22, 2025, City Council approved an Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement for an amount of \$34,945 to provide grant writing services. However, shortly after the approval of that amendment, and prior to the ratification of the Amendment, the Federal Administration made significant changes to the entire Raise grant procedures and policies. Due to this significant revision, the grant work had to be redone and revised to meet the current federal guidelines. This additional work resulted in the grant writing project to exceed the original estimated budget of \$34,945. The revised Amendment No 4 budget for the completed grant writing operation totaled \$47,657.

On October 9, 2019 City Council authorized an agreement with KOA Corporation for professional design services. The consultant has completed the environmental document and finalized project scope, which includes right-of-way acquisition. Phase 1 of the Avenue 50 widening project is currently under construction and phase 2 is in design. Due to increasing R/W costs the City is seeking additional funds to complete this project.

City Staff recommends authorizing the amendment for KOA to provide grant writing services for the 2025 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant. The Office of the Secretary (OST) posted the U.S Department of Transportation (DOT) FY 2025 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program on November 1, 2024. The funding application is due at 11:59 pm EST on January 30, 2025.

The goal of the RAISE program is to fund eligible surface transportation projects that will have a significant local or regional impact that advance the Departmental priorities of safety, equity, climate and sustainability, and workforce development, job quality, and wealth creation, consistent with law, and as described in the Department's Strategic Plan and in executive orders. The FY 2025 RAISE BIL funds have appropriated \$1.5 billion. The DOT will distribute these funds on a competitive basis in a manner consistent with the selection criteria.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for these services will be reimbursed at the rate previously specified of 75% CVAG (\$35,742.75), and 25% City (\$11,914.25) from Measure A funds. No fiscal impact to FY 24/25 budget.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Amendment No. 4 to the Professional Services Agreement
2. Amendment Proposal