



STAFF REPORT
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Submitted By: Gray Lahrman, Utilities Director

Council Meeting Date: 07/21/2026

Agenda Item Wording: Discussion and possible action regarding Change Order request for the West Interceptor Segment 2 Project.

Agenda Item Requestor: Gray Lahrman

Summary/Background: In Fall 2025, we met with the contractor to finalize plans. Minor water seepage was identified at the low water crossing and reported to the structural engineer. The contractor stated that, because the structure is self-supporting, the seepage should not create an issue.

In early 2026, as the structural engineer reviewed submittals and Request for Information, a structural redesign became necessary. The design was revised to a pier system that extends the structure to the limestone wall closest to the creek.

After heavy rainfall, the structural engineer visited the site and observed water seepage moving through the crossing at higher volumes than anticipated. This finding led to the recommendation to use flowable fill to create a more monolithic trench backfill structure.

City staff and consultants recommend approval of this \$121,550 change order. The current contract amount is \$3,337,049.03, and approval of Change Order No.4 would increase the contract amount to \$3,458,599.03 resulting in a 3.64% increase in contract amount.

This project is funded by TWDB loans.

**Commission
Recommendations:**

**Recommended
Council Actions:** City Staff recommends approving the change order for this project.

Attachments: Engineer's letter of recommendation.

Next Steps/Schedule: FY26 Budget Amendment.
Execute Change Order.