



STAFF REPORT
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Council Meeting Date: 06/08/2021

Agenda Item Wording: **Discuss and consider approval of a professional service agreement with Freese & Nichols Engineering for PS&E design of the Rob Shelton pedestrian improvements CSJ 0914-33-087 funded by the 2019 TxDOT TASA grant program.**

Agenda Item Requestor:

Summary/Background: The City was awarded funding for pedestrian improvements along Rob Shelton Blvd in the 2019 TxDOT Transportation Alternatives Set Aside program. The City published an RFQ for PS&E design and received three SOQs. Using the TxDOT approved selection process, Freese & Nichols was selected and City staff negotiated a scope and fee. The scope, fee, and PSA have all been approved by TxDOT. The cost of PS&E design will be paid by the City and applied as an in-kind contribution for the 20% match required for the TASA grant. The in-kind contribution in the grant application was listed as \$220,329. The PS&E design cost negotiated with the consultant is \$239,139. The City negotiated the Environmental clearance cost (\$61,476) as time and materials not to exceed. The Environmental clearance is anticipated to be a categorical exclusion so the cost for the clearance should be significantly less than the \$61,476. The project let date is June 2022 and design can begin as soon as the PSA is executed.

**Commission
Recommendations:**

**Recommended
Council Actions:** City staff recommends approval.

Attachments:

Next Steps/Schedule: Send to City Secretary for execution.