



Folsom City Council Staff Report

MEETING DATE:	7/9/2024
AGENDA SECTION:	Consent Calendar
SUBJECT:	Resolution No. 11228 - A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Amendment No. 4 to the Contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for Additional National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Studies for the Folsom Placerville Rail Trail Project (Contract No. 173-21 17-013) and Appropriation of Funds
FROM:	Parks and Recreation Department

RECOMMENDATION / CITY COUNCIL ACTION

Staff Recommends the City Council Approve Resolution No. 11228 – A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Amendment No. 4 to the Contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for Additional National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Studies for the Folsom Placerville Rail Trail Project (Contract No. 173-21 17-013) and Appropriation of Funds.

BACKGROUND / ISSUE

The City of Folsom Bikeway Master Plan identifies a Class I bike trail, referred to as the Folsom Placerville Rail Trail, extending from the Humbug-Willow Creek Trail near Mercy Hospital to White Rock Road, with plans to eventually extend into El Dorado County to the City of Placerville. The total alignment would stretch approximately 30 miles through Sacramento and El Dorado counties.

The proposed project would provide Class I trail improvements for bicycles and pedestrians for approximately 1.25 miles. This stretch extends from Humbug-Willow Creek Trail, between Creekside Drive and Oak Avenue Parkway on the west, to Iron Point Road on the east. Most of the project will parallel East Bidwell Street along the Southern Pacific Placerville Branch right-of-way within the existing Sacramento-Placerville Transportation Corridor (SPTC) Joint Powers Authority (JPA).

In March 2017, the City Council awarded a contract to Kimley-Horn and Associates to prepare the environmental analysis and design/engineering plans (up to 30% complete) for the Folsom Placerville Rail Trail project.

In December 2015, the project received a federal grant funding as part of Sacramento Area Council of Government (SACOG) Regional Active Transportation Funding Program. Using federal funds requires the project to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

In June 2019, Caltrans approved the Preliminary Environmental Study (PES) for the project listing the various studies needed to comply with NEPA. Over the last four months, Caltrans has approved all the studies except the biological resources and cultural resources studies.

For the biological resources study, Caltrans' format and requirements have changed since work first started in 2019. Much of the original work must be redone and updated to reflect the Phase 2 water pipeline alignment, meet new requirements, and address new listed species. The Rail Trail project follows the Phase 2 water pipeline alignment from Oak Avenue to Iron Point Road. Most of the work for the cultural resources study has been completed, but the reports need to be resubmitted and meet current formatting requirements.

This contract amendment would fund Kimley-Horn and Associates to complete the biological and cultural resources studies and navigate the required consultation periods with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and State Historic Preservation Officer.

POLICY / RULE

In accordance with Chapter 2.36 of the Folsom Municipal Code, public works projects or purchases costing \$73,209 or greater shall be awarded by the City Council.

ANALYSIS

On December 3, 2015, the SACOG Board approved the City's grant application to the Regional Active Transportation Funding Program, awarding \$1,048,036 to provide partial funding for environmental, preliminary design, and construction of the Folsom Placerville Rail Trail. The original scope of work for Kimley-Horn and Associates included environmental and preliminary engineering design services to develop plans up to 30% complete. Staff is now seeking to fully fund the project for design/engineering and construction through the Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 6 Medium Infrastructure grant application.

The Folsom-Placerville Rail Trail Contract Amendment No. 1 authorized Kimley-Horn and Associates to prepare additional environmental studies requested by Caltrans during the environmental review phase of the project. The Folsom-Placerville Rail Trail Contract Amendment No. 2 authorized additional services from Kimley-Horn and Associates to prepare the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration. Contract Amendment No. 3 authorized Kimley-Horn and Associates to assist the City with the preparation of a grant application for the ATP Cycle 6 Medium Infrastructure grant. Contract Amendment No. 4 authorizes

additional services to prepare the NEPA biological and cultural resources studies and consultations for the proposed project.

The cost for the extra work associated with the proposed grant assistance services is \$71,600 for an updated total contract amount not-to-exceed \$384,167.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The City Council approved Resolution No. 9895 at the March 28, 2017 City Council meeting authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Kimley-Horn for design services for the Folsom Placerville Rail Trail Project (Project PK1604) for a total amount not to exceed \$262,765. The City Council subsequently approved Resolution No. 10406 at the April 28, 2020 City Council meeting for Contract Amendment No. 1 for environmental studies for an additional \$25,865 and Resolution No. 10755 at the December 14, 2021 City Council meeting for Contract Amendment No. 3 for assistance in writing the grant application for the ATP Cycle 6 Medium Infrastructure grant. The Folsom Placerville Rail Trail Project (Project PK1604) is included in the Capital Improvement Plan with a Fiscal Year 2024-25 total project budget of \$3,233,838.

The Parks and Recreation Department recommends that Contract Amendment No. 4, which provides additional consulting services, be executed with Kimley-Horn for \$71,600 for a new contract total amount not-to-exceed \$384,167. Staff is requesting an appropriation of \$71,600 in the Transportation Development Act Fund (Fund 248) to fund Contract Amendment No. 4. Sufficient funds are currently available in the Transportation Development Act Fund (Fund 248) for the cost of the amendment. If approved the updated Folsom Placerville Rail Trail Project (Project PK1604) Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget will be \$3,305,438.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

An environmental analysis will be prepared in accordance with the (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. §4321-4370) and the California Environmental Policy Act (CEQA), (Public Resources Code [PRC] 21000 et seq.).

ATTACHMENT

1. Resolution No. 11228 – A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Amendment No. 4 to the Contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for Additional National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Studies for the Folsom Placerville Rail Trail Project (Contract No. 173-21 17-013) and Appropriation of Funds

Submitted,

Kelly Gonzalez,
Parks and Recreation Department Director

RESOLUTION NO. 11228

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO THE CONTRACT WITH KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR ADDITIONAL NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA) ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES FOR THE FOLSOM PLACERVILLE RAIL TRAIL PROJECT (CONTRACT NO. 173-21 17-013) AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, the City Council approved Resolution No. 9895 at the March 28, 2017 City Council meeting authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Kimley-Horn for design services for the Folsom Placerville Rail Trail Project (Project PK1604); and

WHEREAS, it was determined that additional funding is necessary to complete the required National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) environmental studies; and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds available in the Transportation Development Act Fund (Fund 248) in Fiscal Year 2024-25 for the additional appropriation in the amount of \$71,600 for an updated total contract amount not-to-exceed \$384,167.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Folsom authorizes the City Manager to execute Contract Amendment No. 4 in the amount of \$71,600 to the contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates for additional consultant services for the Folsom Placerville Rail Trail Project (Project PK1604).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Finance Director is authorized to appropriate \$71,600 in the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Fund (Fund 248).

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of July 2024, by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Councilmember(s):
NOES: Councilmember(s):
ABSENT: Councilmember(s):
ABSTAIN: Councilmember(s):

Michael D. Kozlowski, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Christa Freemantle, CITY CLERK