

City Council Agenda Item

Subject: Discussion to enter into a contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. to develop a Feasibility Study for a pedestrian bridge over Forest Parkway-Department of Planning & Community Development

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Work Session Date: January 16, 2024

Council Meeting Date: January 16, 2024

Background/History:

The City issued a request for proposal from qualified proponents to procure the services to develop a feasibility study and concept plan to facilitate the construction of a pedestrian bridge that will connect Starr Park and the proposed City Center-City Hall Complex to the Downtown Main Street District. The bridge will provide better connectivity in the city, and access to the city's amenities (Starr Park, City Center-City Hall Complex, and the Recreation Center), as well as other government facilities. The railroad impedes connectivity in the city and there is a multi-lane highway, (SR 331) Forest Parkway that causes pedestrians to compete with automobile traffic and trains. A pedestrian overpass bridge will provide safer crossing over the railroad tracks and Forest Parkway.

Kimley-Horne was the only participant in the RFP process and met the requirements as outlined in the scope of services.

Cost: \$221,254 (\$160,000 ARC Grant Funds and \$61,254 General Funds)	Budgeted for:	*	Yes	No
Financial Impact: No negative impact on the general funds				

Action Requested from Council:

Approval to enter into a contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. to develop a Feasibility Study for a pedestrian bridge over Forest Parkway