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Texas General Land Office
Community Development & Revitalization
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Re: Change Order #1 for Astroland Drainage Improvements Project
CDBG-DR Project Number 24-067-006-E193
Mission, Texas

This letter serves as justification for the proposed changes listed under Change Order #1 for the above-mentioned CDBG DR Project.

Perez Consulting Engineers (PCE) is providing this letter to document and justify the proposed change in work associated with an unforeseen utility conflict encountered during construction at the intersection of Lomita Avenue and Del Mar Street for the above-mentioned CDBG DR Project.

During construction, the Contractor encountered an existing AT&T fiber line encased in a concrete conduit that conflicts with the proposed storm sewer improvements. The conduit is located directly above the existing 48-inch reinforced concrete pipe (RCP), which was scheduled for removal and replacement with the proposed 54-inch RCP as part of the project.

After discovering the conflict, the Contractor coordinated with AT&T representatives, City of Mission personnel, and PCE to evaluate potential solutions. AT&T advised that relocating or adjusting the existing concrete-encased fiber facility was not feasible because of the fiber line's critical nature. Therefore, an alternative storm sewer configuration was required to avoid disturbing the existing AT&T infrastructure while allowing the proposed drainage improvements to proceed.

After evaluating the available alternatives, it was decided to leave the existing 48-inch storm sewer pipe as existing at the utility conflict area and then upsize the storm sewer system immediately downstream of the conflict. The proposed revision allows the storm sewer improvements to be completed without disturbing or relocating the critical AT&T fiber facility.

This modification is necessary because an unforeseen utility condition was encountered during construction. The additional work was not included in the original construction scope because the location and configuration of the existing concrete-encased fiber facility, and the resulting conflict with the proposed storm sewer improvements, were unknown prior to construction.

The plans were updated to reflect the proposed modifications. These changes do not alter the original project scope or the identity, location, or population of the beneficiaries served by the project. The proposed modifications are limited to addressing the unforeseen utility conflict and will not result in any change to the project area or to the conditions evaluated in the previously completed environmental review. Therefore, the proposed changes will not alter or adversely affect the environmental clearance provided for the project.

The Contractor also requests an additional 60 calendar days to complete the required work. The requested extension will not exceed the allotted grant time frame or affect the project's compliance with the established grant completion requirements.

The proposed change preserves the intent of the original drainage improvements while providing a practical way to complete the work around an existing utility that cannot be relocated.

PCE has reviewed the proposed modification and considers the revised storm sewer configuration necessary and appropriate to address the existing field condition and allow construction to proceed.

Therefore, PCE recommends approval of the associated Change Order as necessary work resulting from an unforeseen existing utility conflict and required for the successful completion of the project.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 956.631.4482 or email me at dp@perezce.com. We look forward to working with you on this important project.

Respectfully submitted,
Perez Consulting Engineers, LLC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. David Perez'.

J. David Perez, P.E.
President