



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 11/26/2024

REQUESTER: Joseph Hill, Streets Program Manager

PRESENTER: Scott Sturtz, Interim Public Works Director

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF AMENDMENT ONE TO CONTRACT K-2324-153: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND H.W. LOCHNER INC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$136,162.30 FOR A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$359,212.30 FOR THE DESIGN OF THE FRANKLIN ROAD BRIDGE OVER LITTLE RIVER BOND PROJECT AND BUDGET APPROPRIATION.

BACKGROUND:

On October 10, 2023, the citizens of Norman voted in favor of a \$50 million bridge replacement and rehabilitation general obligation bond issue. The projects listed in the bond are intended to be completed with bond funds; however, supplemental federal funds will be pursued at every opportunity.

On October 11, 2023, City staff advertised Request for Proposal RFP 2324-29 to solicit Consulting Engineering Services for the bond projects still requiring design. Five (5) consultant teams were selected to complete the designs on the bond projects:

- Garver, Norman
- H.W. Lochner, Oklahoma City
- MKEC, Oklahoma City
- Aguirre & Fields, Oklahoma City
- CEC, Oklahoma City

These consultants are being assigned the various projects by City staff based on capacity, performance during the interview process, and capabilities of their firm to complete a specific project.

On April 9, 2024, City Council awarded contract K-2324-153 to H.W. Lochner, Inc. (consultant), in the amount of \$223,050 for the first phase of this project which included a preliminary

engineering report and a detailed topographic survey and hydraulic and hydrologic study for the Franklin Road Bridge over Little River located 0.1 miles west of 36th Avenue Northeast.

DISCUSSION:

The consultant began work on the first phase of this project on April 21, 2024. The reason for the preliminary engineering study is due to the fact that this section of Franklin Road runs parallel in the Little River Zone A floodplain.

On September 25, 2024, the consultant submitted the preliminary engineering report which discussed various bridge replacement options. Following an in-depth discussion with the consultant, staff selected to proceed with the design solution deemed most appropriate. This amendment will cover the cost of completing the selected design solution, to include a geotechnical evaluation.

The Franklin Road Bridge Replacement, located 0.1 miles west of 36th Avenue Northeast, will also include roadway work necessary to tie the existing road into the new bridge approaches.

Amendment 1, if approved, will expand the scope of the project to complete the designs of the new structure and assist with the necessary environmental permitting. City staff anticipates a Spring 2026 bid opening with construction estimated to take approximately 9 months to complete.

On April 10, 2024, the City closed on the sale of a \$16,000,000 general obligation bond (Series 2024A) with the proceeds being purposed for bridge repair and replacement. An appropriation of these bond funds will be needed to pay for Amendment 1 in the amount of \$136,162.30.

If approved, H.W. Lochner, Inc., will begin work immediately on the critical path items.

RECOMMENDATION 1:

Staff recommends approval of Amendment 1 to Contract K-2324-153 between the City of Norman and H.W. Lochner, Inc., in the amount of \$136,162.30 for a revised contract amount of \$359,212.30 for completion of the designs of the Franklin Road Bridge over Little River Bond Project.

RECOMMENDATION 2:

Staff further recommends appropriation of \$136,162.30 from the Capital Fund, General Obligation Bond Balance (Account 50-29000) to Franklin Road Bridge Replacement Bond Project, Design (Account 50595367-46201; Project BP0613).