



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 10/13/2026

REQUESTER: Joseph Hill, Streets Program Manager

PRESENTER: Scott Sturtz, Public Works Director

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2627-66: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND AGUIRRE & FIELDS, L.P., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$202,997.16 FOR THE DESIGN OF THE IOWA STREET BRIDGE REHABILITATION OVER MERKLE CREEK BOND PROJECT AND FUNDS TRANSFER AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT. (WARD 2)

BACKGROUND:

On October 10, 2023, the citizens of Norman voted in favor of a \$50 million bridge replacement and rehabilitation bond issue. The projects listed in the bond are intended to be completed with bond funds. However, federal funds will be pursued at every opportunity. Please see the attached project list and map showing the project locations.

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. The selection committee, consisting of three (3) City staff (Joseph Hill – Streets Program Manager, Jeff Fordice – Capital Projects Engineer, and Brandon Brooks – Capital Projects Engineer) and two (2) citizens, shortlisted eight (8) consultant teams for interviews held on January 18, 2024. Also present at the interviews were the acting City Engineer and the City Auditor. The five (5) consultant teams selected after interviews to complete the design on these projects are:

- Garver, Norman
- EGIS USA Inc, Oklahoma City (formerly known as H.W. Lochner)
- 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.

Tonight's agenda item is to award the contract for design of Iowa Street Bridge Rehabilitation over Merkle Creek located 150 feet east of Merkle Drive.

DISCUSSION:

The Iowa Street Bridge Rehabilitation includes sidewalk replacement, replacement of culvert slab, replacement of end sections, concrete repair, and roadway work necessary to tie the existing road into the rehabilitated bridge.

Once the design is completed, Aguirre & Fields will assist with the necessary environmental permitting. City staff anticipates a 2030 bid opening with construction estimated to take approximately 9 months to complete.

Aguirre & Fields' Scope of Services includes:

- Hydraulic Analysis
- Environmental Permitting
- Design Plan submittals at 30%, 60%, 90% and Final Plan stages
- Bidding Assistance
- Construction Administration
- As Built Drawing Services

Funds are available to pay for these design services in the amount of \$202,997.16 in the Capital Fund, General Obligation Bond, Series 2024A Fund Balance (Account 50-29000). However, the funds will need to be appropriated into the project Design Account (BP0876, Account 50595367-46201)

If approved, Aguirre & Fields will begin work immediately on the critical path items.

RECOMMENDATION 1:

Staff recommends an appropriation in the amount of \$202,997.16 from the Capital Fund, General Obligation Bond, Series 2024A Fund Balance (Account 50-29000) to the Iowa Street Bridge Rehabilitation project (BP0876 design, Account 50595367-46201).

RECOMMENDATION 2:

Staff recommends approval of Contract K-2627-66 between the City of Norman and Aguirre & Fields, L.P., in the amount of \$202,997.16 for the design of the Iowa Street Bridge Rehabilitation Bond Project.