



## CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** 12/09/2025

**REQUESTER:** Joseph Hill, Streets Program Manager

**PRESENTER:** Scott Sturtz, Public Works Director

**ITEM TITLE:** CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF AMENDMENT ONE TO CONTRACT K-2425-102:  
BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND AGUIRRE & FIELDS, L.P., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$399,872.18 FOR A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$491,222.18 FOR THE DESIGN OF THE EAST ROBINSON STREET BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT. (Ward 5)

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### **BACKGROUND:**

In January 2022, the City contracted with H.W. Lochner, Inc. (K-2122-91) to consult on a Bridge Maintenance Program Site Discovery project. This project provided detailed cost estimates for the replacement and rehabilitation of bridge locations identified as being in most need, based on the City's inventory ranking system within the Bridge Maintenance Program. This Site Discovery was the basis for the Bridge Maintenance General Obligation Bond which was approved by voters on October 11, 2023. Among the bridges included in the Site Discovery project was the East Robinson Street Bridge over a tributary to Little River, (National Bridge Inventory Number 05850), located approximately 0.5 miles east of 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NE in rural Norman.

According to the most recent inspection report, this is a load rated bridge and classified as structurally deficient. Of the bridges not included in the Bridge Maintenance Bond, the inventory ranking system ranks this bridge as needing replacement.

On October 11, 2023, City staff advertised Request for Proposal RFP 2324-29 to solicit Consulting Engineering Services for the bridge bond projects 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 (Mike Zorba and Tyler McManaman), “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
- H.W. Lochner, Oklahoma City
- MKEC, Oklahoma City
- Aguirre & Fields, L.P., Oklahoma City
- CEC, Oklahoma City

Aguirre & Fields, L.P., was selected for this project using the qualification-based selection process for the bridge bond program due to the project criteria matching the needs of this project.

On March 25, 2025, Contract K-2425-102 was awarded to Aguirre & Fields, L.P., for the preliminary engineering study of the bridge structure in the amount of \$91,350. This work included preliminary investigation of structure and surrounding topography, preliminary drainage analysis and evaluation of three proposed alternatives for replacement of the structure.

The proposed agenda item is to award Amendment Number 1 to Contract K-2425-102 for final plans, specifications, estimate, bidding services, construction administration, and as-built drawings for the East Robinson Street Bridge over an unnamed creek located approximately 0.5 miles east of 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NE to Aguirre & Fields, L.P.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

On March 25, 2025, Aguirre & Fields, L.P., was tasked with performing a preliminary engineering study to investigate alternatives to the design, and following an in-depth discussion with the consultant, staff selected to proceed with the most appropriate design solution. This proposed amendment will cover the cost of completing designs for the selected design solution, including a geotechnical evaluation.

The East Robinson Road Bridge Replacement, located 0.5 miles east of 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NE, 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 support. With completion of design, anticipated in summer 2027, staff will evaluate funding options to determine the schedule of construction for the project.

Funds are available to pay for these design services, in the amount of \$399,872.18, in the Capital Fund, Bridge Maintenance Program, Design (Account 50596687-46201; Project TC0254).

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

#### **RECOMMENDATION 1:**

Staff recommends approval of Amendment Number 1 to contract K-2425-102 between the City of Norman and Aguirre & Fields, L.P., in the amount of \$399,872.18 for a revised contract amount of \$491,222.18 for the design of the East Robinson Street Bridge over an unnamed creek (tributary to Little River).