



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 04/12/2022

REQUESTER: Paul D'Andrea, Capital Projects Engineer

PRESENTER: Shawn O'Leary, Public Works Director

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF AMENDMENT NO. THREE TO CONTRACT K-1617-105: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND GARVER, L.L.C., INCREASING THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$34,400 FOR A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$469,350 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE JAMES GARNER AVENUE PROJECT FROM ACRES STREET TO FLOOD AVENUE.

BACKGROUND:

On November 8, 2016, the Norman City Council approved programming Resolution R-1617-49 requesting federal funds to widen James Garner Avenue from Acres Street to Flood Avenue. This Resolution states the City's commitment to adhere to the terms and conditions of a federally funded project. Through the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG), the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) agrees to provide 80% of the cost of construction with a 20% matching share from the City of Norman. In order to receive the federal funding, the City of Norman is required to enter into an agreement with ODOT to complete the design, acquire all rights-of-way and relocate existing utilities/encroachments at the City's cost.

This Norman Forward Street Improvement Project will create a new entry into downtown and will help alleviate traffic on both Flood Avenue and Porter Avenue.

In March of 2017, the Norman City Council approved the design contract (K-1617-105) with Cabbiness Engineering, in the amount of \$427,000, for the James Garner Avenue Project from Acres Street to Flood Avenue, and Cabbiness began preliminary design for the project.

On August 27, 2019 the Norman City Council approved Contract Amendment No. One for Contract K-1617-105, between the City of Norman and Cabbiness Engineering, in the amount of \$2,275, for the design of the James Garner Avenue Project from Acres Street to Flood Avenue.

On March 23, 2021 the Norman City Council approved Contract Amendment No. Two for Contract K-1617-105, between the City of Norman and Garver, LLC, as successor to Cabbiness,

in the amount of \$5,675, for the design of the James Garner Avenue Project from Acres Street to Flood Avenue.

On March 22, 2022, the Council/Norman Municipal Authority adopted an amendment to the contract with the Norman Arts Council (Contract K-1516-132) to administer public art components of the James Garner Avenue project.

DISCUSSION:

The James Garner Avenue Project will create new access into and out of downtown Norman, the Norman Municipal Complex, Cleveland County Courthouse Campus, and will help alleviate traffic on both Flood Avenue and Porter Avenue. The project is part of the Norman Forward sales tax approved by voters in 2015. The approved project scope consisted of an extension of James Garner Avenue, providing continuous travel from Acres Street north to Flood Avenue.

The James Garner Avenue Bridge over Robinson Street presents an opportunity to incorporate aesthetics into the bridge design. These elements must be integrated into the design of the bridge prior to construction, which will ensure that the bridge has adequate structural capacity to accommodate the additions and that the enhancements fit seamlessly within the bridge design.

On January 27, 2022, city staff and Garver presented a concept to the City Council Community Planning and Transportation Committee for bridge aesthetics for the new James Garner Avenue Bridge over Robinson Street. After receiving the Committee's feedback, a final revised concept for the bridge aesthetics was presented to City Council on February 8, 2022. The City Council directed staff to proceed with the design of the bridge aesthetics as shown in the conceptual design. The bridge aesthetics cost estimate presented to the City Council on February 8, 2022 included funds for this design contract amendment.

This amendment to the design contract is to increase the design fees for the additional work required to incorporate the bridge aesthetics into the final design of the James Garner Avenue Project from Acres Street to Flood Avenue. The additional scope of work and cost is outlined in Attachment C to Amendment No. 3. Funds for this engineering contract amendment are available in the James Garner Avenue, Acres to Flood Street Project, Design (Account 51594405-46201; Project NFP 109).

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Amendment No. Three for Contract K-1617-105, with Garver, LLC, in the amount of \$34,400 for the design of the James Garner Avenue Project from Acres Street to Flood Avenue.