

STAFF REPORT



SUBJECT: Tarleton Memorandum of Understanding Amendment No. 1
MEETING: Council Meeting - 04 Jan 2022
DEPARTMENT: Public Works
STAFF CONTACT: Nick Williams

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Amendment No. 1 to the previously executed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Tarleton State University (TSU) whereby TSU commits to providing \$1.4 million to assist with stormwater improvements in conjunction with the Harbin Drive Improvements Project.

BACKGROUND:

Development standards discussions with TSU yielded an MOU indicating Tarleton would complete a stormwater project to offset requirements for parking lot construction or would construct the detention identified in the originally identified and approved plans. The original MOU was approved by the city council at the August 6, 2019 regular business meeting.

PROJECT:

Discussions with staff and consultants have produced the proposed amendment. The proposed Amendment No. 1 to the MOU identifies stormwater improvements within and adjacent to the TSU campus along the limits of the Harbin Drive Improvements Project.

The proposed MOU amendment is supported by city staff as well as university staff and has also been reviewed and approved by the city attorney. Additionally, the proposed MOU amendment has been signed by the university. A copy of MOU Amendment No. 1 is attached to this memo.

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY:

The original MOU indicated TSU would commence a project costing no more than \$1 million to address watershed issues on the Tarleton campus. During the development of the Harbin project, TSU added approximately \$400,000 in improvements along the pecan orchard property and the adjacent athletic fields.

The Harbin Drive Improvements Project was awarded to Jay Mills Construction Company for \$10,097,474.50 at the October 4, 2021 regular business meeting. The \$1.4 million contribution by TSU will offset the construction cost of the Harbin Drive Improvements Project and will address watershed issues from an adjacent portion of the university campus.

ALTERNATIVES:

The following alternatives are provided for consideration:

1. Do not recommend approval of the MOU amendment; or
2. Recommend alternate language to the MOU amendment.

ADVANTAGES:

1. Recommending approval of the MOU amendment provides formal documentation identifying the university's intent to contribute some stormwater relief in association with the Harbin project.

DISADVANTAGES:

1. No disadvantages are identified at this time.

ATTACHMENTS:

[MOU Amendment – Tarleton Drainage](#)