

STAFF REPORT



SUBJECT: Tarleton Memorandum of Understanding – Convocation Center
MEETING: Council Meeting – 03 Jan 2023
DEPARTMENT: Public Works
STAFF CONTACT: Nick Williams

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Tarleton State University (TSU) to provide for the installation of storm water drainage line under Turner Street as part of the Harbin Drive Improvements Project.

BACKGROUND:

A separate MOU was originally executed with a subsequent Amendment No. 1, whereby TSU committed to providing \$1.4 million to provide for campus stormwater improvements in conjunction with the Harbin Drive Improvements Project, that was approved by the city council on August 6, 2019. Amendment No. 1 was approved at the January 4, 2022 regular business meeting. The proposed MOU is related to, but separate from, the previous MOU.

PROJECT:

Discussions with city and university staff have produced the proposed MOU. The proposed MOU serves to accommodate the university's request to abandon the stormwater line that was installed using the original project alignment under Tarleton Street and install new, larger diameter, stormwater line under Turner Street.

The proposed MOU has been reviewed and approved by the city attorney. Additionally, the proposed MOU has been signed by the university. A copy is attached for reference.

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY:

The proposed MOU indicates the university will reimburse the city for the additional design services cost, not to exceed \$28,000 as well as the cost of the construction improvements at \$534,397.50. An appropriate change order and exhibits are included as part of the MOU.

ALTERNATIVES:

The following alternatives are provided for consideration:

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

ADVANTAGES:

1. Recommending approval of the MOU provides formal documentation identifying the university's continued partnership to provide for the cost of some campus stormwater relief in association with the Harbin project.

DISADVANTAGES:

1. No disadvantages are identified at this time.

ATTACHMENTS:

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