

## Kaydi Smith

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**To:** Lindsay Koskiniemi; Ruiz, Morgan  
**Cc:** Kaydi Smith; Terrence Bell; Elizabeth Brown  
**Subject:** RE: Questions on Pecan St Task Order Proposal

Since the grant has been applied for and approved, you will loose out on the funding if you don't move forward with the project. There may be a possibility of recovering those funds in a later year to get a larger project, but some of the expenses (like environmental and application admin) will have to be covered out of pocket by the City.

As part of the grant, the City would need to provide some matching funds. Sweeny typically uses those matching funds to pay for engineering so that solicitation for engineering isn't necessary. If the City wanted to use the grant money for engineering, then you would need to do an RFQ. You will still have to use matching funds, but in this scenario, it would go to construction instead.

As for the timeframe, we usually overestimate on our agreements to make sure everything is covered. You are correct, a 4 block waterline project should not take that long with a good contractor and good weather. However, we know that sometimes bad weather or poor performing contractors can lengthen the schedule for completing the work. We will likely have a slightly shorter contract time in the construction contract and liquidated damages will definitely be included. The goal for any good contractor is to get in and get out as quickly as possible.

The grant funds should be available now, if I understood Daphne correctly. If not, they should be available soon.

If you think of any other potential questions, let me know. It's best to think these through before the meeting to be prepared. I do a similar thing myself but eventually get asked something I never thought about, so it's good to work this out together.

Thanks,

William

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**From:** Lindsay Koskiniemi <citymanager@sweenytx.gov>  
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Hi William and Morgan,

I am writing my agenda memos on action items for the 23<sup>rd</sup>. In doing so, I am trying to think like a council members to anticipate any questions that may arise.

First, I am uncertain of where we are in the process with Pecan St. concerning the County. It was my understanding after asking Daphne if we could delay a year to apply future funding to this project, the City would be on the hook for

environmental. What I still do not understand is are we able to directly use Strand under our professional services agreement without the need for soliciting for qualifications?

In thinking like a council member, I can anticipate the first question will be: Why will it take 4 months for construction for a 4-block line to be installed?

Other questions I think will come up:

- Can engineering be paid from the grant award?
- When will we be funded by the county?

Any help is greatly appreciated.

Thanks,

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