



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Public Works Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Razi Hosseini

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: District 5

SUBJECT:

Contract Amendment: West Commerce Street (Frio Street to Colorado Street) (2017 Bond)

SUMMARY:

An ordinance approving a contract amendment in the increased amount of \$501,070.48 to the \$11,450,320.98 construction contract with Harper Brothers Construction, LLC for construction services related to street reconstruction as part of the West Commerce Street (Frio Street to Colorado Street) project, a 2017 General Obligation Bond funded project located in Council District 5. Funds are available from 2017 General Obligation Bond funds included in the FY 2023 - FY 2028 Capital Improvement Program.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Project Background

On May 6, 2017, voters approved the 2017 Bond Program, which authorized \$10,000,000.00 for street and drainage work related to the West Commerce Street (Frio Street to Colorado Street) project in Council District 5. The design for this project was developed in coordination with Council District 5, Public Art San Antonio, the San Antonio River Authority, Union Pacific Railroad, and the surrounding community. Through an extensive public engagement process, input was obtained from the community to identify improvements to help serve existing businesses, spur

economic development opportunities and improve connectivity and mobility to create more pedestrian and business-friendly areas within the West Commerce Street Corridor.

This project provides for the reconstruction of West Commerce Street from Frio Street to Colorado Street, including the addition of bike facilities, pedestrian lighting, landscaping and drainage improvements to Alazan Creek. Joint-bid utility work and structural bridge improvements to the Commerce Street, Buena Vista Street and Guadalupe Street bridges are also included in the project. Construction completion is estimated to be in March 2023.

Previous Council Action & Contract Amendment

On September 10, 2020, City Council approved the construction contract with Harper Brothers Construction, LLC for the West Commerce Street (Frio Street to Colorado Street) project in the total amount of \$10,384,984.94, of which \$1,417,706.50 would be reimbursed by San Antonio Water System and \$538,868.00 would be reimbursed by CPS Energy through Ordinance 2020-09-10-0630. Contract amendments to modify and enhance the project have increased this contract by \$1,065,336.04. This proposed amendment will increase the contract capacity by \$501,070.48 to a revised contract amount of \$11,951,391.46.

The following table illustrates the previously authorized amendments which have occurred since the construction of this project began:

Item	Amount
Original Contract Value	\$10,384,984.94
Previous Contract Amendments	\$1,065,336.04
Proposed Contract Amendment	\$501,070.48
Revised Contract Value	\$11,951,391.46

This contract amendment will compensate the contractor for work and costs associated with the removal of unforeseen trolley tracks encountered during the construction of the West Commerce Street project.

ISSUE:

This ordinance approves a contract amendment in the increased amount of \$501,070.48 and authorizes payment to Harper Brothers Construction, LLC for the West Commerce Street (Frio Street to Colorado Street) project, a 2017 General Obligation Bond funded project.

During the construction of the West Commerce Street project, abandoned trolley rail tracks were discovered and conflicted with the proposed roadway reconstruction. To avoid project delay, the City worked with Harper Brothers Construction, LLC, to proceed with removal of the tracks. This contract amendment will compensate the contractor for work and costs associated with the unforeseen removal of the trolley rail tracks and confirmed final quantities and payment to the contractor.

ALTERNATIVES:

As an alternative, City Council could require staff to complete a bid process for the work. However, a rebid of this work could lead to project delays and potentially an increased cost to the City. The most cost-effective option is to approve this contract amendment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is a one-time capital improvement expenditure in the amount of \$501,070.48, payable to Harper Brothers Construction, LLC for construction services related to street reconstruction as part of the West Commerce Street (Frio Street to Colorado Street) project, a 2017 General Obligation Bond funded project. Funds are available from 2017 General Obligation Bond funds included in the FY 2023 - FY 2028 Capital Improvement Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of executing a contract amendment in the increased amount not to exceed \$501,070.48 for construction services related to street reconstruction as part of the West Commerce Street (Frio Street to Colorado Street) project.