



AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Capital Projects/Engineering/Public Works

ACM: Cassandra Ogden

DATE: December 5, 2023

SUBJECT

Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, authorizing the City Manager, or Designee, to execute an interlocal agreement between the City of Denton (“City”) and Texas Woman’s University (“TWU”) for funding the City’s MSE Walls Aesthetics Package Project, providing financial assistance through the Texas Department of Transportation (“TxDOT”) IH-35 Corridor Aesthetics Project; CSJ 0195-03-087, in an amount not to exceed Eight Hundred Sixty-Seven Thousand, One Hundred Sixty-Two And 84/100 (\$867,162.84) dollars; authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute and deliver the agreement; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing for an effective date.

BACKGROUND

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is in the process of redesigning and reconstructing its overpasses and underpasses along a section of the Interstate-35 (IH-35) corridor named the Gateway Character Zone. The City of Denton is one of two cities identified in this zone to receive baseline and accent aesthetic treatments for the proposed improvements.

As part of their community outreach, they have contacted the City of Denton to be able to incorporate design elements that are reflective of our community. TxDOT has developed and offers its Aesthetic Design Guidelines to help communities create an overall corridor of design continuity while maintaining our City of Denton identity.

In February 2022, the City of Denton retained Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. (K-H), by way of a professional services agreement (PSA 7599-007) for the completion of the TxDOT I-35 Aesthetics Package.

Through the plan preparation process, the City reached out to TWU as a possible stakeholder to participate in the project. Together they identified the IH-35 & University Drive intersection as being designed with wall aesthetic enhancements representing the local university.

Both the City and TWU wish to partner together through the execution of an interlocal agreement. The agreement defines the design and construction cost that TWU will be responsible for.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the passing of the ordinance approving the interlocal agreement between the City of Denton and TWU for the installation of aesthetic wall enhancements at IH-35 and University Drive.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE OF PROJECT

City

On December 5, 2023, the City will approve an advance funding agreement with TxDOT. The executed AFA and final plan set will be delivered to TxDOT thereafter.

TxDOT

In December 2023, TxDOT will incorporate the City's plan set into theirs for the project to be let. It is anticipated that the construction of the interstate highway improvements will begin in early 2024.

FISCAL INFORMATION

City

The City's financial obligation for the completion of the project will be identified within an executed advance funding agreement (AFA). Under the local participation column in Attachment A of the AFA the City will be responsible for an amount of \$1,695,497.41.

TWU

With the passing of this ordinance, TWU will pay for its portion of the project in the amount of \$867,162.84.

TxDOT

During construction, TxDOT will bear the cost for baseline aesthetic treatments at the various overpasses and underpasses.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1 – Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2 – Ordinance, Interlocal Agreement

Exhibit 3 – Presentation

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