



City of Denton

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Materials Management

CM: Todd Hileman

DATE: December 12, 2017

SUBJECT

Consider adoption of an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement for traffic engineering and planning services relating to a traffic study to be performed in an area within and adjacent to the University of North Texas specifically the area bounded by Scripture Street on the north, Bonnie Brae on the west, IH-35E on the south, and Carroll Boulevard/Fort Worth Drive on the east; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (File 6633 awarded to Walter P. Moore and Associates, Inc. in the not-to-exceed amount of \$224,700).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The UNT campus has been an integral part of the City of Denton for a long time. In 2013, UNT prepared a Campus Master Plan which envisioned the campus core as a pedestrian and bicycle friendly area. Subsequently, in 2015 UNT developed its Transportation Master Plan that outlined the implementation of the overall vision for the campus. As part of the Transportation Master Plan, UNT is interested in closing (partially or fully) certain portions of City street segments that traverse through the campus.

In order to improve communication and better coordinate projects, City and UNT staff have conducted a series of monthly meetings since May 2017. During these meetings, the proposed street closures were discussed and it was agreed by staff on either side, that a traffic impact analysis was required to assess the implications of street closures within and around the UNT campus. At the time, City had engaged the services of Fregonese and Associates, the awarded vendor from RFQ#6424, to develop the Small Area Plan which encompasses the UNT campus. The traffic and parking related analysis for this Small Area Plan was assigned to Walter P. Moore and Associates, Inc. (Walter P. Moore) who was a sub-consultant for this project.

City and UNT staff agreed that Walter P. Moore was the most qualified for the task as they were already working on the Small Area Plan. Therefore, it was decided to engage their services for preparing the Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) for the proposed street closures. The total cost for preparing the TIA is \$224,700, which will be shared equally between the City of Denton and UNT. UNT will reimburse the City up to \$112,350 per an Interlocal Agreement on the December 12 agenda as Item ID #17-1636.

In accordance with Texas Local Government Code 252.022, the procurement of professional services is exempt from the requirement of competition based selection. Given the reasoning discussed earlier, the City requested a comprehensive proposal from Walter P. Moore for professional services associated with the TIA for the proposed street closures. Walter P. Moore has multiple professional engineers within their metroplex offices to complete this project in a timely manner within the allocated budget. These engineers have a wealth of development knowledge and experience with TIA's in the metroplex as well as throughout

the nation. It is with this basis that Walter P. Moore, Inc. is the most qualified to prepare the TIA in an efficient manner that would satisfy the needs of the City of Denton and UNT.

RECOMMENDATION

Award a professional services agreement for assessment of traffic impacts within and around the UNT campus in the City of Denton, to Walter P. Moore and Associates, Inc., in an amount not-to-exceed \$224,700.

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS

Walter P. Moore and Associates, Inc.
Dallas, TX

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE OF PROJECT

The proposed professional services are estimated to be for seven (7) months but may continue until the approved funding amount has been exhausted.

FISCAL INFORMATION

The professional services will be funded from savings related to the installation of new traffic signals along FM 2181 (Teasley Lane) using account# 360157444.1365.20100. These new signals were originally not funded by TxDOT/County of Denton as part of the widening project along Teasley Lane. As such, staff requested and received funding as part of supplemental funding request for fiscal year 2017-18. Requisition# 136959 has been entered in the Purchasing software system. UNT will reimburse the City up to \$112,350 per the interlocal agreement under consideration on December 12 (Item ID #17-1636).

STRATEGIC PLAN RELATIONSHIP

The City of Denton's Strategic Plan is an action-oriented road map that will help the City achieve its vision. The foundation for the plan is the five long-term Key Focus Areas (KFA): Organizational Excellence; Public Infrastructure; Economic Development; Safe, Livable, and Family-Friendly Community; and Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship. While individual items may support multiple KFAs, this specific City Council agenda item contributes most directly to the following KFA and goal:

Related Key Focus Area: **Public Infrastructure**
Related Goal: **2.2 Enhance connectivity and seek solutions to improve mobility**

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1: Agenda Information Sheet
Exhibit 2: Location Map
Exhibit 3: Ordinance
Exhibit 3: Contract

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