



Legislation Text

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Mobility Solutions, Infrastructure, and Sustainability
AGENDA DATE: February 26, 2020
COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): 2, 9, 14
DEPARTMENT: Department of Transportation
EXECUTIVE: Majed Al-Ghafry

SUBJECT

Authorize a professional services contract with Freese and Nichols, Inc. to provide a corridor study and develop preliminary traffic calming concepts for Gaston Avenue from the Garland Road/Grand Avenue/Gaston Avenue intersection to Washington Avenue - Not to exceed \$257,915.00 - Financing: Street and Transportation (A) Fund (2017 Bond Fund)

BACKGROUND

In May 2017, the City of Dallas released a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for engineering services for traffic engineering and intelligent transportation systems services (BYZ1712 RFQ). The selection committee shortlisted vendor teams by category for the BYZ1712 RFQ Engineering Services of which the consulting firm, Freese and Nichols, Inc., was one of the selected vendors.

On March 27, 2019, City Council authorized an Agreement to Contribute Right-of-Way Funds between the City of Dallas and the Texas Department of Transportation (RCSJ 0009-02-071, CCSJ 0009-02-067) for the purpose of acquiring right-of-way and relocating or adjusting utilities at the intersection of Garland Road, Grand Avenue and Gaston Avenue (3G). As a result of the proposed improvements of the 3-G intersection, the city in coordination with the local neighborhoods wanted to identify and explore options for a pedestrian friendly corridor along Gaston Avenue downstream from the 3-G intersection. In response to this coordination effort, the City initiated the Gaston Avenue study process.

In May 2019, a Gaston Avenue specific questionnaire was developed and sent to all short-listed vendor teams from the BYZ1712 RFQ Engineering Services. A four-member committee reviewed and evaluated the responses and selected Freese and Nichols, Inc. for the study of the Gaston Avenue in accordance with the City of Dallas procurement guidelines.

This action will authorize a professional services contract with Freese and Nichols, Inc. for the performance of a corridor study along 3-G to Washington Avenue and to develop preliminary engineering concepts covering traffic calming measures. The study will evaluate the Gaston Avenue corridor for possible traffic calming and pedestrian/bicycle facilities improvements and effects upon traffic operations. The scope of work will include assessment of existing conditions, public engagements, evaluation of future traffic operations, identification of potential traffic calming and pedestrian facilities improvement measures, evaluation of potential impacts of traffic calming measures and develop a set of short term and long-term improvements for the corridor based on the study's findings and stakeholders' input.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE OF PROJECT

Begin Study	March 2020
Complete Study	December 2020

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

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FISCAL INFORMATION

Fund	FY 2020
Street and Transportation (A) Fund (2017 Bond Fund)	\$257,915.00

<u>Council District</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2	\$ 55,400.00
9	\$ 58,515.00
14	\$144,000.00

Total	\$257,915.00
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M/WBE INFORMATION

In accordance with the City's Business Inclusion and Development Plan adopted on October 22, 2008, by Resolution No. 08-2826, as amended, the M/WBE participation on this contract is as follows:

Contract Amount	Category	M/WBE Goal	M/WBE %	M/WBE \$
\$257,915.00	Architectural & Engineering	25.66%	25.66%	\$66,181.00
• This contract meets the M/WBE goal.				

OWNER

Freese and Nichols, Inc.

Brian Coltharp, President
Chris Bosco, Vice President/Principal

MAP

Attached