

Legislation Text

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SUBJECT:

Approval of issuance of contract modification with Freese & Nichols, Inc. to continue work on the technical assessment and adoption support to the southeast sector of the City of New Braunfels Thoroughfare Plan.

BACKGROUND / RATIONALE:

Freese & Nichols Inc. was selected from the City's Indefinite Quantity, Indefinite Delivery (IDIQ) list and issued a task order in November 2020 to review an application submitted by a developer to amend the adopted thoroughfare plan alignment at the existing junction of Saur Lane, FM 758, and Weltner Road. The initial work is underway and has been determined that additional services are needed by Freese & Nichols to extend their review of the transportation network relative to forecasted growth/needs and provide recommendations for vehicular travel and bike/pedestrian considerations for the southeast sector of the city bound by generally by IH -35, east of SH 46 and the ETJ areas of New Braunfels and Seguin. Recommendations based on this assessment will form a framework for long-term growth and development and identifying preservation of key transportation corridors in this rapidly growing area of the city. Based on the findings of this assessment, Freese & Nichols, Inc will support the City in adoption of the new Thoroughfare Plan within this sector.

The City Engineer has determined that these services are currently necessary and are best delivered through a 3rd party. These reviews involve checking to make sure all necessary transportation planning principles and current information are considered and checking necessary connectivity and land-use accessibility are provided within reasonable transportation engineering and planning judgement.

Freese & Nichols, Inc.'s professional services fee is \$59,900.

ADDRESSES A NEED/ISSUE IN A CITY PLAN OR COUNCIL PRIORITY:

Yes	Envision New Braunfels Comprehensive Plan	ACTION 7.50 [POLICY] Ensure the thoroughfare plan includes and ordinances require adequate dedication and reservation of right-of-way for future roadways.
Yes	Envision New Braunfels Comprehensive Plan	ACTION 7.54 [PLAN INITIATIVE] Consider segments of a potential outer loop, parkway or beltway on the City's thoroughfare plan as it pertains to relieving congestion.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Sufficient funds are available to support this contract modification with the appropriate service area of the Roadway Development Impact Fee Fund.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the issuance of a contract modification with Freese & Nichols, Inc. to proceed with the proposed thoroughfare plan technical assessment and adoption support.