



## **CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

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**DATE:** APRIL 22, 2025

**DEPARTMENT:** PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

**FROM:** DAVID JACOBS P.E., L.S., PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

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**TITLE:** PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR HARDEN PARKWAY PATH AND SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT

### RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a Resolution:

- 1) Delegating authority to the City Manager to execute a Professional Service Agreement (PSA) with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1,979,618.22, from June 2, 2025 through June 30, 2029, subject to the availability of funds; and
- 2) Authorizing the use of Harden Parkway Path and Safe Routes to School Project funds up to \$1,979,618.22 for the PSA with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for the Engineering Services for Harden Parkway Path and Safe Routes to School Project; and
- 3) Accepting and authorizing the appropriation of the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) grant funds totaling \$1,556,000 to the Harden Parkway Path and Safe Routes to School Project.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On December 6, 2022, City Council adopted the Salinas Safe Routes to Schools Plan. At its meeting on May 16, 2023, City Council accepted an Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant in the amount of \$8,079,000 for the Harden Parkway Path and Safe Routes to School Project. On February 11, 2025, staff released a Request for Proposal for Engineering Services for the Harden Parkway Path and Safe Routes to School Project. Proposals were due on March 4, 2025, and only one consultant, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., submitted a proposal. Based on evaluation of the submittal from the selection committee, staff recommends award of the Harden Parkway Path and Safe Routes to School Project to Kimley-Horn and Associates.

### BACKGROUND:

On December 6, 2022, the City of Salinas adopted the Salinas Safe Routes to Schools Plan as a strategic planning document through Resolution No. 22533 (Attachment 1). Public input was the foundation of the process to create the Safe Routes to Schools Plan. Staff developed an outreach plan and sought input from community members to understand school transportation needs and barriers and refine the draft recommendations. Parent and student surveys, presentations at parent meetings, and walking audits with school staff all contributed input on the barriers to walking and biking to schools in Salinas and the types of improvements that community members would like to see.

According to the 2021 Citywide safe routes to schools survey, the top barriers to children walking and bicycling in Salinas are “driver behavior” and “traffic speed”. These concerns have been validated through school site audits, speed surveys and photos. The feedback from the parent community clearly expressed a need for routes with slower traffic or more space and protection from motorized vehicles. This means that on certain streets, bicycle lanes are not comfortable enough to encourage children and less confident riders to take the trip by bicycle instead of by car. Harden Parkway and McKinnon Street both currently have bicycle lanes and sidewalks but have safety issues that need to be addressed to encourage higher levels of bicycling and walking in Salinas.

Harden Parkway provides access to the Northridge Mall and Harden Ranch Plaza, major shopping and employment hubs on busy North Main Street, a 6-lane arterial street which runs north-south through the community. Just a 10-minute bike ride to the south-side of the community is the Sherwood Park neighborhood. In combination with several other streets and paths, Harden Parkway and McKinnon Street provide one of the only routes for students and residents of the Sherwood Park neighborhood and Harden Plaza affordable housing complex to access Harden Middle School, higher education and the Northridge Mall while minimizing travel on dangerous North Main Street.

On June 15, 2022, the City in partnership with the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) applied to the Active Transportation Grant Program to request funding for improvements identified in the Salinas Safe Routes to Schools Plan, including a 0.77-mile multi-use path with a road diet on Harden Parkway from El Dorado Drive to Regency Circle. The reconfiguration will transform a 4-lane roadway to a 2-lane roadway with a roundabout at McKinnon Street, 2-way multiuse path separated by a planted stormwater swale, and accessible sidewalks. Connecting to Harden Parkway, the project includes safe routes to school improvements on McKinnon Street including protected bike lanes connecting the proposed multiuse path on Harden Parkway to newly installed bike facilities on E. Alvin Drive, high-visibility crosswalk in front of Harden Middle School and curb extensions along Westminster Drive connecting McKinnon Street to El Dorado Park. As part of this effort the City and TAMC also secured \$1,548,000 of grant funding for outreach and education tasks to help encourage and promote safe walking and biking to school.

In December 2022, City staff was notified that it was awarded \$8,079,000 of ATP Grant funds. On May 16, 2023, City Council approved Resolution No. 22665, authorizing the acceptance of ATP grant funds and appropriation to the newly CIP 9367 Harden Parkway Path and Safe Routes to School Project. The City also, applied for the 2023 RSTP Competitive Grant for the Harden Parkway Path and Safe Routes to School for a total request of \$1,556,000 and in August 2023 the

TAMC Board approved and the City was notified that it was awarded \$398,097 (Attachment 3). The \$398,097 was awarded with the assumption FHWA Repurposed Funds were approved. Recently, the City received an update to these grant funds that the repurposed funds were allocated to another project which provided for the full RSTP grant funds of \$1,556,000 be awarded to the City (Attachment 4).

On February 11, 2025, city staff released an RFP for Engineering Services for the Harden Parkway Path and Safe Routes to School Project. The scope of work for this RFP, includes preliminary engineering studies, surveys and mapping, environmental studies and documentation, utility coordination, design plans, outreach, and optional construction support. The deadline to submit proposals was March 4, 2025, and the City received one proposal from Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. A selection committee comprised of staff from the Public Works Department evaluated the proposal and found Kimley-Horn to be very competent. From the original proposal, there were modifications requested to a specific task on the scope of work which had minor effects on the fee.

#### CEQA CONSIDERATION:

The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378). CEQA and NEPA documentation clearance will occur from tasks on the scope of work of the agreement, prior to construction.

#### CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE §84308 APPLIES:

Yes

#### STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

This item supports the City Council's goals of "Infrastructure and Environmental Sustainability", "Public Safety", and "Youth and Seniors".

#### DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

The Public Works Department and Finance Department manage the project accounting. The Public Works Department manages construction contract, inspection, and final acceptance of construction projects.

#### FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

There is no direct cost to the General Fund. This Council action authorizes the use of the funds from CIP Harden Parkway Path and Safe Routes to School Project (CIP 9367). City Council Resolution No. 22665, authorized the appropriation totaling \$9,635,000 to CIP 9367, a transfer of \$8,079,000 from the Special Const Fed & St Fund to the CIP Fund and a transfer of \$1,556,000 matching funds from Measure X. The previous \$1,556,000 matching funds from Measure X will not be replaced with RSTP grant funds.

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Appropriation Name</b>	<b>Total Appropriation</b>	<b>Amount for recommendation</b>	<b>FY 24-25 Operating Budget Page</b>	<b>Last Budget Action (Date, Resolution)</b>
2510 (Measure X)	9367	Harden Parkway Path SRTS	\$44,965	\$18,929.22	n/a	5/16.23, 22665
5201 (Special Const Assistance)	9367	Harden Parkway Path SRTS	\$404,689	\$404,689	n/a	5/16.23, 22665
TBD (RSTP)	TBD	Harden Parkway Path SRTS	TBD	\$1,556,000	n/a	n/a

### ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution

Attachment 1 Resolution No. 22533

Attachment 2 Resolution No. 22665

Attachment 3 TAMC Master Funding Agreement Exhibit A

Attachment 4 TAMC Master Funding Agreement Exhibit A Updated

Attachment 5 Professional Service Agreement between the City of Salinas and Kimley-Horn and Associates Inc.

Attachment 6 Exhibit B – Scope and Fee