



CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

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TITLE: AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF SALINAS AND KIMLEY HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE SALINAS ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 with Kimley-Horn Associates, Inc. for work on the Salinas Active Transportation Plan and increase the total compensation by \$35,070.66, for a revised not to exceed \$399,273.83.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On May 16, 2023, City Council approved an agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for the Active Transportation Plan for a total amount of compensation to be paid of not to exceed \$364,203.17. Throughout the lifespan of developing the Plan additional tasks included in Attachment 3 were performed by the consultant. Staff recommends that Council authorize City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 to increase the total compensation for a not to exceed \$399,273.83.

BACKGROUND:

With a mild climate and relatively flat terrain, the City of Salinas is well-positioned to increase walking and bicycling for transportation. Currently, there are 95 miles of connected bikeways. However, there are substantial gaps in the current bicycle network and much of the network is in relatively disconnected islands that create barriers to bicycling on streets with high speeds and volumes of vehicles, creating safety issues when people bike on streets without a dedicated facility. In addition, although the sidewalk network in Salinas is generally well developed, there are some pedestrian network gaps and the sidewalks in many areas are need of repair or replacement.

The City of Salinas Active Transportation Plan was developed from the 2018 Salinas Active Transportation Needs Assessment, the 2022 Safe Routes to School Plan and other current planning efforts. It provides systematic, iterative community engagement, focusing on critical agency

stakeholders as well as disadvantaged communities, in developing a community supported set of implementable active transportation project improvements that will encourage active modes and increase safety for all. This plan develops strategies to improve bicycle and pedestrian connectivity and safety by expanding the existing bicycle network, improving pedestrian circulation, reducing vehicle trips, creating complete streets, and building a healthy and livable community. The plan is intended to act as a combined update of the Pedestrian Plan (2004) and the Bikeways Plan (2002) and provide a strategy for citywide sustainable transportation growth and opportunities to support connection and integration into the regional active transportation network¹. This plan will help the City build consensus around key projects that can continue Salinas' success in supporting active transportation. The plan incorporates robust outreach efforts that used a diverse set of tools to meet people where they are, a community-driven prioritization process to select projects for design and implementation, discussion and agreement on the policy and programmatic improvements to support the network, and a design process that will result in concepts that are feasible and fundable.

The Draft Salinas 2024 Active Transportation Plan has been presented to the Traffic and Transportation Commission at its meeting on July 11, 2024. At the time this report is written the Draft Plan is still under public review scheduled for a deadline of August 30, 2024.

The additional compensation accounts for additional work for existing conditions, project prioritization revisions, presentation to Traffic and Transportation Commission and City Council, additional meetings and coordination with other planning documents.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

Not a Project. 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).

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

The development of the Active Transportation Plan supports the City Council goals of “Infrastructure and Environmental Sustainability” and “Public Safety”

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

Public Works will continue to work closely with the Community Development Department and coordinate with the General Plan Update. The Finance Department provides fiscal monitoring and reporting information for the grant agreement.

¹ 2018 Monterey County Active Transportation Plan, Transportation Agency for Monterey County

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

Funding is available and appropriated in the Active Transportation Plan Project (5800.50.9349).

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution

Attachment 1: Amendment No.1

Attachment 2: Exhibit B Scope of Services and Fee

Attachment 3: Exhibit B-1 Scope of Services and Fee

Attachment 4: Resolution Number 22673