



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: John Ristow

SUBJECT: See Below

DATE: October 7, 2024

Approved

Date:

10/16/24

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 6

**SUBJECT: Design Consultant Contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
for the Race Street/Parkmoor Avenue Safety Improvements Project**

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to:

- (a) Negotiate and execute the Standard Consultant Agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for the Race Street and Parkmoor Avenue Safety Improvement Project, for an amount not to exceed \$648,000; and
- (b) Negotiate and execute amendments, as required, to extend the contract term up to an additional one year.

SUMMARY AND OUTCOME

Approval of the recommendation will enable staff to complete the engineering documents necessary for redesigning the intersection at Parkmoor Avenue and Race Street. This project will develop construction-ready plans that ensure a safer intersection for pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and trains.

BACKGROUND

The Vasona rail corridor serves both Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority light rail trains (132 per day, 55 mph max speed) and Union Pacific Railroad freight trains (two per week, 10 mph max speed.) There is a significant pedestrian and bicyclist injury

and fatality history at the northwest corner of the intersection. Between 2010 and 2023, there were six incidents in which pedestrians or bicyclists were struck by a train at this corner.

The City had originally conditioned the approved Avenues The World School development to design and construct safety improvements before reaching a certain threshold of student occupancy. However, during the COVID-19 pandemic, the developer significantly scaled down its plans and is no longer required to implement the improvements at Race Street and Parkmoor Avenue. Given the already high crash rate at this location, the City decided to lead the design of the improvement project. Having engineered designs in hand makes the City more competitive to apply for grants for construction funding.

ANALYSIS

A request for proposals for consultant services was advertised on June 25, 2024, to find a qualified consultant engineering firm to prepare the design concepts, technical analysis, environmental review, plans, specifications, and estimates and provide construction support for the project. The City received three proposals from the following firms: BKF Engineers, DKS Associates, and Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.

Proposals were evaluated by a panel of staff from the Department of Transportation (design lead), the Public Works Department (design support and construction lead), and Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (design support and rail owner.) The firms were ranked on the criteria below.

Category	Maximum Points
Proposal Responsiveness	Pass/Fail
Qualifications and Relevant Experience	50
Approach	35
Fee Structure	5
Local Business Enterprise	5
Small Business Enterprise	5

Summary of the bids are outlined below.

Firm	Bid Amount	Ranking Score
Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.	\$648,000	84.0
DKS Associates	\$687,000	79.5
BKF Engineers	\$1,345,000	75.0

While all three firms demonstrated extensive qualifications, the evaluation panel selected Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. due to its distinctive approach and status as a locally owned company. Staff recommends the contract be awarded to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for a total contract amount not to exceed \$648,000.

A 10-day protest period began on August 18, 2024, after a notice of award was sent to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. No protests were received.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

After this project completes construction-ready plans, staff will seek grants to help fund the construction costs and will return to City Council to request grant funding approval and to award the future construction contract.

COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS

The source of funding for this project is through the Building and Structure Construction Tax Fund (429). The table below represents the total cost over the term of the agreement.

TOTAL COST OF AGREEMENT	
Contract Management	\$200,000
Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. (not to exceed)	\$648,000
TOTAL	\$848,000

BUDGET REFERENCE

The table below identifies the fund and appropriations to fund the contract recommended as part of this memorandum.

Fund #	Appn. #	Appropriation Name	Total Appropriation	Amount for Contract	2024-2025 Capital Budget Page*	Last Budget Action (Date, Ord. No.)
429	420G	Avenues School Safety Improvements	\$1,575,000	\$648,000	586	31102 6/18/2024

*The 2024-2025 Adopted Capital Budget was approved on June 11, 2024, and adopted on June 18, 2024, by the City Council.

COORDINATION

The memorandum has been coordinated with the City Attorney Office, the City Manager's Budget Office, and the Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement Department.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

The request for proposals was published on the Biddingo website on June 25, 2024. This memorandum will be posted on the City's Council Agenda website for the October 29, 2024 City Council meeting.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION AND INPUT

No commission recommendation or input is associated with this action.

CEQA

Not a Project, File PP17-002, Consultant Services for design, study, inspection, or other professional services with no commitment to future action.

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PUBLIC SUBSIDY REPORTING

This item does not include a public subsidy as defined in section 53083 or 53083.1 of the California Government Code or the City's Open Government Resolution.

/s/

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