



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** February 12, 2024
SUBJECT: Consider a professional services agreement for engineering design services with Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$66,293.00 for the Smithfield Safe Routes to School Project.
PRESENTER: Nathan Frohman, City Engineer

SUMMARY:

Council is being asked to consider a professional services agreement for engineering design services with Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc., for the Smithfield Safe Routes to School Project (SD2404).

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The federally funded Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program provides funding for Safe Routes to School specifically to focus on encouraging children in grades K-8 to walk and bicycle to school. This is accomplished by making bicycling and walking to school safer and more appealing. The Smithfield Safe Middle School Safe Routes to Schools project is identified in the FY2024 Capital Project Budget as SD2404.

The Regional Transportation Council took action to award \$663,596 to the City of North Richland Hills for Safe Routes to School under the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program. The award represents 80% of the total proposed construction cost for the project, with 20% of construction costs being the city's share. The City of North Richland Hills is utilizing Transportation Development Credits (TDC) in place of the 20% share of construction costs. The city will be responsible for 100% of engineering costs, as well as any direct and indirect costs. The city is also responsible for 100% of any overage in construction costs that exceed the \$663,596 construction budget.

The specific scope of work for the project consists of sidewalk improvements, pedestrian ramp construction and replacement, crosswalk striping and intersection signing for various locations within a ½ mile radius of Smithfield Middle School. All of the proposed improvements will meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations to help make pedestrian access to Smithfield Middle School available to all.

The engineering agreement outlines the scope of work in Exhibits B, C and D. Listed below are the key items within the scope of work:

- Engineering design of the pedestrian improvements
- Survey and Environmental Clearance
- TxDOT coordination and TDLR permitting



- Construction phase services

The Public Works Department negotiated a design fee of \$66,293. This project was included in the FY 2023-24 adopted budget approved by the City Council on September 11, 2023. The project schedule anticipates advertising for bids by April 2025.

Kimley Horn's roadway design group has successfully completed design work on major roadway projects including North Tarrant Parkway, Rufe Snow Drive and Bedford-Eules Road. In addition, the city utilizes the firm's traffic engineering services to provide technical assistance on an ongoing basis.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve a professional services agreement for engineering design services with Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$66,293 for the Smithfield Safe Routes to School Project (SD2404).