

To: Harris County Commissioners Court

Date: March 30, 2021

Through: Roberto Treviño, P.E., Executive Director, Toll Road Authority

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Subject: Request for Change In Contract for Lorraine Street Underpass Construction

Project ID (If applicable): Contract 408, Job No. 17/0292

Purpose and Request:

Recommendation that Commissioners Court approve a Change In Contract with Texas Sterling Construction Company, to increase the Contract costs from \$25,918,079.81 to \$27,224,585.72, resulting in \$1,306,505.91 in additional funds to Contract 408; Job No. 17/0292 – For the construction of the Lorraine Street Underpass, including a pump station, utility relocations, and associated drainage features, in connection with the Hardy Toll Road Downtown Connector Project, in Precincts 1 and 2.

Background and Discussion:

Texas Sterling Construction Company is constructing HCTRA's Lorraine grade separation project, part of the Hardy Downtown Connector Project. The project duration has been extended due to additional requirements imposed by the Union Pacific Railroad. Additional funds are needed to implement the additional requirements as well as to compensate the contractor for the project duration being extended by 16 months. Additional funds are also needed to compensate the contractor for increased steel costs due to modifications of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States during the duration of the project.

Fiscal Impact:

The cost of the request is \$1,306,505.91. Funding for this request will come from the Toll Road Authority.

Fiscal Summary			
Expenditures	FY 21-22	FY 22-23 Projected	Future Years Projected [3 additional years]
Service Impacted:	TRA	TRA	TRA
Existing Budget	Capital	Capital	Capital
Additional Appropriation Requested	\$1,307,000	\$0	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$7,867,000	\$0	\$0
Funding Sources			
Existing Department Budget	TRA	TRA	TRA
Please Identify Funding Source (General Fund, PIC, Special Revenue, Grant, Etc.)	Capital	Capital	Capital
[INSERT FUNDING SOURCE HERE]*	TRA-Capital	TRA-Capital	TRA-Capital
Total Sources	TRA-Capital	TRA-Capital	TRA-Capital

Alternatives:

No other recommended solution for this identified need. The Toll Road Authority needs the contractor to be able to complete the work in order for the road to be usable by the public.

Alignment with Strategic Objective:

This recommendation aligns with HCTRA's strategic objective (MACE-S01) to proactively maintain and continuously improve the roadways, toll facilities, Washburn Tunnel, Lynchburg Ferry, and I-10 KML to provide a safe and efficient means of travel for the residents and visitors to Harris County.

Attachments:

None