



Agenda Report

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, June 14, 2022

TO: City Council

FROM: PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR DI RENZO
MURRAY FONTES, PRINCIPAL ENGINEER

SUBJECT: CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH HARRIS & ASSOCIATES, INC. TO
EXTEND THE PERIOD OF THE CONTRACT THROUGH JUNE 30,
2023 FOR DESIGN SERVICES OF THE NEXT PHASE OF THE RAIL
TRAIL

STATEMENT OF ISSUES:

Preparation of improvement plans will allow continued development of the Rail Trail Project.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt a resolution approving the fourth contract amendment with Harris & Associates, Inc. to extend the term to June 30, 2023 for the preparation of improvement plans for future phases of the Rail Trail Project; and authorizing the City Manager Pro Tempore to execute the amendment.

DISCUSSION:

On May 22, 2018 Council adopted Resolution No. 76-18 (CM) approving a contract for consultant services between the City of Watsonville and Harris & Associates, Inc., a corporation, for design services for the Rail Trail Project. The contract amount was \$121,665 and the completion date was June 30, 2020. Harris first prepared a preliminary design for all of Segment 18 of the Rail Trail. Subsequent plans focused on Phase 1 of Segment 18, between Ohlone Parkway and the Watsonville Slough Trail trailhead. Construction of Phase 1 was completed last year.

On December 10, 2019 Council approved Resolution No. 183-19 (CM) and the First Contract Amendment. The scope was revised to include preparation of permit documents for the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and two existing and two proposed crossings. The cost was increased by \$207,445, bringing the total contract amount to \$329,110. The term of the contract was extended from June 30, 2020 to June 30, 2022.

On March 9, 2021 Council approved Resolution No. 69-21 (CM) and the Second Contract Amendment. The scope was revised to provide additional design documents required by the CPUC to secure the crossing permits. The cost was increased by \$13,992, bringing the total contract amount to \$343,102.

Also on March 9, 2021 Council approved Resolution No. 70-21 (CM) and the Third Contract Amendment. The scope was revised to provide planning documents required by the CPUC to secure the crossing permits. The cost was increased by \$14,784, bringing the total contract amount to \$357,886.

If approved, this would be the Fourth Amendment to the original contract and would extend the term from June 30, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

This Amendment is necessary because the work has taken longer than anticipated. This was due to construction issues during Phase 1, a lack of progress in securing easements for subsequent Phases and a pause in the work as the Railbanking discussion and Greenways Ballot Initiatives played out. During the coming year, staff will continue working on easement acquisition and project design with construction possibly taking place in FY23/24.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

The project is consistent with Strategic Plan Priority:

3 - Infrastructure & Environment

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This action has no fiscal impact.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

No reasonable alternatives are known at this time.

ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (If any):

- 1) Segment 18 Trail Map.