




City of Tacoma

Resolution No.:

Meeting Date: November 14, 2023

**Contract and Award Letter
Purchase Resolution —Exhibit "A"**

TO: Board of Contracts and Awards
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COPY: City Council, City Manager, City Clerk, EIC Coordinator, LEAP Coordinator,
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SUBJECT: Design Services for the Links to Opportunity Streetscape Project (LTO Project),
Architectural and Engineering (A&E) Roster, Contract No. CW2235190 –
November 14, 2023 City Council
DATE: October 12, 2023

RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY:

The Public Works Department requests approval to increase Contract CW2235190, to AHBL, Inc., Tacoma, WA, by \$284,550.00, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the 1060-CAPTL (PW Street Capital Projects) Fund, to amend design services for the Links to Opportunity Streetscape and J Street Bicycle Boulevard Projects. This increase will bring the contract to a cumulative total of \$1,104,163.15, plus any applicable taxes.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

- Strengthen and support a safe city with healthy residents.
- Assure outstanding stewardship of the natural and built environment.
- Encourage and promote an efficient and effective government, which is fiscally sustainable and guided by engaged residents.

This project will be designed and constructed to meet Tacoma's complete street requirements. This work is primarily between curb and right-of-way line or storefront and includes ADA-compliant sidewalks, bicycle lanes, illumination, streetscape amenities, sidewalk drainage design, and landscaping and/or street trees. The project will be completed in conjunction with Sound Transit's Tacoma Link Expansion.

BACKGROUND:

The LTO Project was initiated in 2016, to actively engage the community in designing streetscape improvements along Sound Transit's Hilltop Tacoma Link Extension route which runs along Martin Luther King (MLK) Jr. Way between Division Avenue and South 19th Street. The scope of the design services was to complete the design plans with as-built information from the Hilltop Tacoma Link Extension project, support right-of-way services and provide engineering support during construction.

ISSUE: The proposed amendment addresses the contract scope of work by deleting or decreasing some previously authorized services and deliverables, adding services and deliverables to address management time based on breaking the LTO Project into multiple bidding packages, project delays resulting from Sound Transit construction completion, and refinement of the drawings based on revisions to the Sound Transit construction. The amendment also addresses preparation of additional vehicle tracking and drainage improvements as part of the J Street Bicycle Improvements that were not originally included in the scope of work.



ALTERNATIVES: In the event the request for additional resource assistance is denied, staff would have to engage in a competitive selection process and advertise for a new design contract.

COMPETITIVE ANALYSIS: Staff reviewed the Statement of Qualifications of three firms from the A&E Roster for the LTO Project design completion and selected AHBL, Inc. as the best qualified firm to perform the required work.

CONTRACT HISTORY: This contract was originally awarded to AHBL, Inc. on March 1, 2020, in the amount of \$497,550.65 with a termination date of February 28, 2023.

Amendment No. 1, dated August 9, 2022, amended the scope to include the J Street Bicycle Boulevard, separating it from the LTO Project, in the amount of \$322,062.50 for a new not to exceed amount of \$819,613.15. The contract termination date was extended to August 31, 2023. The amendment was approved via Resolution No. 41055.

Amendment No. 2 seeks to add additional funding in the amount of \$284,550.00 for a new not to exceed amount of \$1,104,163.15 to support amended services and deliverables related to LTO plan revisions and further J Street Bicycle Boulevard improvements. The contract termination date would also be extended to December 31, 2024.

SUSTAINABILITY: Not applicable

EQUITY IN CONTRACTING (EIC) COMPLIANCE: Not applicable

LOCAL EMPLOYMENT AND APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM (LEAP) COMPLIANCE: Not applicable

FISCAL IMPACT:

EXPENDITURES:

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
1060-CAPTL (PW Street Capital Projects)	PWK-G0057-02-01	5310100	\$83,730.00
1060-CAPTL (PW Street Capital Projects)	PWK-G0041-02-01	5310100	\$200,820.00
TOTAL			Up to \$284,550.00

REVENUES:

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
Streets Initiative Revenues	6311108	Various	(\$284,550.00)
TOTAL			Up to (\$284,550.00)



FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$284,550.00

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes, funds are currently available and budgeted to support the further design work needed for this project.

IF EXPENSE IS NOT BUDGETED, PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THEY ARE TO BE COVERED. Not applicable