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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Michael Smith, Public Works Director

Date: January 22, 2024

Subject: **Approval of a Design Contract Amendment with NV5 for the Mount Vernon Corridor Improvements Project**

ACTION

Authorize the Mayor, City Manager, or designee to adjust the existing contract limit with NV5 from \$104,500 to 116,000 on the Mount Vernon Corridor Improvements project to extend the proposed path design from Corners Drive to Vermack Road.

SUMMARY

The city contracted with NV5 for \$94,5000 plus a \$10,000 contingency to complete the final design plans for the improvements between Corners Drive and Mount Vernon Place. The improvements include a shared-use path along the north side of Mount Vernon Road, consistent with the recommendations of the recently adopted Trail Master Plan. Ultimately, the path will extend westward to Dunwoody Village, but until that segment is built, it would be safer to end the path at the signalized intersection at Vermack Road rather than at Corners Drive. An increase in the design contract is requested to add the additional surveying and design that will be needed to lengthen the project by 700 feet miles and extend the path from Corners Drive to Vermack Road. There is currently funding available in the project budget for this contract amendment.

DETAILS

In 2021, the City Council reviewed the conceptual design alternatives for Mount Vernon Road between Corners Drive and Mount Vernon Place and provided guidance on the preferred concept for final design. This concept includes adding bike lanes in both directions, a 5-foot wide sidewalk on the south side of the road and a 12-foot wide path on the north side. Additionally, left turn lanes are planned at some of the side streets based on accident data and the volume of left turning vehicles. The project is currently in the preliminary design phase with full construction funding programmed for 2028.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the Mayor, City Manager, or designee to adjust the existing contract limit with NV5 from \$104,500 to 116,000 on the Mount Vernon Corridor Improvements project to extend the proposed path design from Corners Drive to Vermack Road.

