



City Council Communication

AGENDA DATE: September 15, 2025 **LEGISTAR ITEM #:** Res 2025-104

SUBMITTED BY: Jenna Hahn

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution	<input type="checkbox"/> Presentation
<input type="checkbox"/> Admin Business	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

REQUEST

Approve a resolution authorizing the addition of contract change order #6 to the existing construction contract with JHL Constructors, LLC. for the Construction of the E. 96th Avenue Widening from Chambers Road to Tower Road. Contract Change Order #6 is for the construction of a pedestrian underpass under E. 96th Avenue just west of the intersection with Reunion Pkwy/Telluride St.

BACKGROUND

96th Avenue was identified within the City of Commerce City's 2010 Transportation Master Plan as a recommended candidate for highway widening to provide capacity improvements. 96th Avenue is classified as a minor arterial throughout the study area and was subsequently planned to be a four-lane roadway with a landscaped median. The two westbound lanes were constructed in 2013 from Chambers Road to Tower Road.

On August 15, 2022, City Council approved a resolution awarding a contract for design and preconstruction services for the 96th Avenue Widening Project. Staff worked with the design contractor on the design of the project until July of 2024. The Project will construct the planned landscaped median and the two eastbound lanes. The construction will include: (1) street lighting, (2) storm sewer infrastructure, (3) drainage improvements, (4) traffic signals at Chambers Road, Landmark Drive, Reunion Parkway/Telluride Street, and modifications to the Tower Road traffic signal, (5) landscaped medians, (6) irrigation, and (7) installation of pull boxes and conduits for a future City fiber optic backbone that will connect all of the City's traffic signals and cameras to the City's traffic

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command center. In addition to the roadway improvements that the City needs, South Adams County Water and Sanitation District (SACWSD) intends to install a 12-inch irrigation water line, a 12-inch potable water line, a 2-inch fiber line, and a 36-inch water transmission line. An intergovernmental agreement between SACWSD and the City is currently being negotiated to outline the funding approach for SACWSD's portion of the project and will come before Council for approval in November of 2024.

The City advertised the full project (City and SACWSD improvements) on August 2, 2024. The City received eight bids for the project. The recommended bid for the project came from JHL Constructors, LLC. and totals \$16,751,609.09, excluding costs that will be associated with construction contingencies, construction management, potential sound walls, and a pedestrian underpass. In addition, the construction of the SACWSD improvements total \$11,402,531.80.

Council approved resolution 2024-116 to allow the City Manager to negotiate a contract for the construction management responsibilities on December 2, 2024.

During the 2023 Winter Retreat, Council requested that a pedestrian underpass for E. 96th Avenue be added to the project. Huitt-Zollars was contracted to produce final design plans for the pedestrian underpass. This resolution will add the construction of the underpass to the construction contract with JHL Constructors, LLC.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Contractor	JHL Constructors, LLC.
Amount of Request/Contract	\$2,426,170.02
Amount Not To Exceed	\$N/A
Amount Budgeted	\$\$2,426,170.02
Budget Year	2023, 2024, and 2025
Funding Source	CIP Fund
Additional Funds Needed	N/A
Funding Source (if funds needed)	N/A

PROJECT TIMELINE

Estimated Start Date	Estimated End Date
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October 1, 2025	March 31, 2026
Years and Months of Contract	Number of Times Renewable
59 additional working days, Base contract has 330 working days	N/A

JUSTIFICATION

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council Goal	<input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal
Citation	Council Goal: Infrastructure and Transportation. The City of Commerce City will develop and maintain public infrastructure, facilities, and transportation to improve community appearance and encourage continued development.		

PUBLIC OUTREACH

The City has held public meetings for this project since July of 2024. The next public meeting will be held on October 1, 2025.

AVAILABLE ACTIONS

- Available Action #1: Approve resolution 2025-xxx authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and finalize the details of Construction Contract Change Order #6 with JHL Constructors, LLC.
- Available Action #2: Maintain status quo and not pass the resolution. The cost of the change order is being negotiated with the general contractor, JHL Constructors, LLC., who was awarded the contract for the construction of the widening of E. 96th Ave. Due to the complexity and timing of the widening project, putting the project out to public bid will cause significant delay costs. Even if JHL is the lowest bidder, which is likely since they have competitive advantages since they are already mobilized, it will delay the project and cause the City to incur significant delay costs.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff Recommends Action #1: Approve resolution 2025-xxx authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and finalize the details of Construction Contract Change Order #6 with JHL Constructors, LLC.

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