



City Council Communication

AGENDA DATE: August 3, 2026

LEGISTAR ITEM #: Res 2026-099

SUBMITTED BY: Jenna Hahn

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

☐ Ordinance	☒ Resolution	☐ Presentation
☐ Admin Business	☐ Public Hearing	☐ Other

REQUEST

Approve a resolution authorizing the addition of contract change order #26 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 #26 is for the construction of a traffic signal and related improvements at the intersection of Laredo Street and E. 96th Ave.

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 command center. In addition to the roadway improvements that the City

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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.

After the original scope of work was planned and funded, City Council identified the need to signalize the intersection of 96th Avenue and Laredo. To complete this work in the most time and cost-efficient manner, staff will be adding the construction of the signal to the original contract with JHL via a work order. If this work order is not authorized, the signal would need to be bid separately and would need to be constructed after the completion of the widening project.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Contractor	JHL Constructors, LLC.
Amount of Request/Contract	\$972,595.48
Amount Not To Exceed	\$N/A
Amount Budgeted	\$N/A
Budget Year	FY2026
Funding Source	CIP fund balances
Additional Funds Needed	N/A
Funding Source (if funds needed)	N/A

PROJECT TIMELINE

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Estimated Start Date	Estimated End Date
October 1, 2025	March 5, 2027
Years and Months of Contract	Number of Times Renewable
Adding TBD working days to the contract	N/A

JUSTIFICATION

☒ Council Goal	☐ Strategic Plan	☐ Work Plan	☐ Legal
Citation	City Council Goal 1: 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.		

AVAILABLE ACTIONS

• Available Action #1: Approve resolution 2025-xxx authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and finalize the details of Construction Contract Change Order #26 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. Since the contractor is already mobilized, the work will be able to be completed for less cost, and be installed approximately six months to a year sooner than if the City was to put the work out to public bid.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff Recommends Action #1: Approve resolution 2026-099 authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and finalize the details of Construction Contract Change Order #26 with JHL Constructors, LLC.
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