

Memo

To: Mayor Don Keil
Seguin City Council
Douglas Faseler, City Manager

From: Jose (Joe) R. Ramos, Jr., P.E., City Engineer

Date: March 28, 2016

Re: Rio Nogales Drive Extension



From 8th Street to IH 10 Eastbound Frontage Road

In 2013, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) notified the City of Seguin (City) that \$30 million dollars that had been allocated to improve the east and west bound frontage roads along Interstate 10 between State Highway 46 and Business 123 (Austin Street). The project, designed by CH2M Hill has since been awarded and construction is currently in progress and scheduled for completion in late 2017.

This TxDOT improvement project coincided with the announcement of the Niagara Bottling Company and the SIRO Group relocating to Seguin and building their facilities on the unimproved portion of Eighth Street, north of the railroad track. Recognizing the future need to redirect the heavy truck traffic anticipated with these companies, staff recommended Eighth Street or Rio Nogales be extended to the IH 10 Eastbound Frontage Road during the FY2016 budget process.

Because this extension will ultimately affect the TxDOT Frontage Road project, staff contacted the design firm, CH2M Hill and requested a proposal to incorporate the City's extension plan into the TxDOT project. CH2M Hill has agreed to design and have provided a proposal in the amount of \$70,000.

Staff recommends City Council approve the City Manager to enter into a contract with CH2M Hill for Professional Engineering and Design Services in the amount of \$70,000, for the extension of Rio Nogales Drive or Eighth Street to the IH 10 eastbound frontage road. Selection of which street to extend will be determined during the design process based on conflicts (limited), available right-of-way and which street extension provides a safer and smoother transition to the new access/frontage road.

Funding will come from the FY2016 Street/Highway/Drainage Capital Fund - Rio Nogales/Eighth Street. Extension to IH 10 Project (\$60,000) and available funds remaining from the Rio Nogales Drive/Eighth Street Reconstruction Project (\$10,000).

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