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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Michael Smith, Public Works Director

Date: May 11, 2020

Subject: **Amendment to Funding Authorization for Storm Drainage, Curb and Sidewalk Construction for the New Austin Elementary School**

ITEM DESCRIPTION

Request to amend the funding authorization under Georgia Development Partners' unit price contract for grading, drainage, curb and sidewalk construction on Roberts Drive between Chamblee Dunwoody Road and Verdon Drive as part of the road improvements for the new Austin Elementary School.

BACKGROUND

In February 2019, the City Council approved up to \$760,750 for Georgia Development Partners (GDP) to construct drainage, curb and sidewalk improvements on Roberts Drive for the new Austin Elementary School. The final paving is currently being completed and the overall project is projected to be completed almost \$1,000,000 under the city's budget due to competitive pricing and a \$300,000 Local Maintenance and Infrastructure Grant from the Georgia Department of Transportation. At the same time, the cost of Georgia Development Partners' work is expected to exceed their original estimate based on the following scope changes and unforeseen conditions:

1. Signal Fiber Added: The city added 2,500 feet of conduit for a signal fiber connection to the new signal. The conduit was removed from the signal contractor's scope so that the conduit could be buried while GDP was grading the site and installing sidewalks. Otherwise the signal contractor would have had to bore the conduit beneath the sidewalk.
2. Replace Existing Storm Pipe: An 87-foot section of drainage pipe was added when it was discovered that an existing pipe was deteriorated and needed to be replaced.
3. Increased Wall Quantities: The retaining wall for the sidewalk adjacent to Fairfield subdivision was extended 150 feet with granite veneer so that the slope behind the wall would be flat enough to maintain grass.
4. Unsuitable Soils and Utility Delays: The original quantities for traffic control, dirt haul off and graded aggregate base were exceeded due to utility relocation delays and having to over-excavate to remove soils unsuitable for pavement at some locations.
5. Added Landscaping Upgrades: The plantings at the Dunwoody Nature Center entrance are being extended south to the fire station for continuity and trees were added in the right of way between Wyntercreek and the bus entrance to the new Austin Elementary.

The total projected cost for GDP's portion of the project based on these changes is \$819,000.

RECOMMENDED ACTION



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Staff requests approval to increase the funding authorization for Georgia Development Partners to \$819,00 for the Roberts Drive project.