

Council Memo

Department Source: Public Works

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: July 20, 2026

Re: Authorize a supplemental agreement to a Professional Engineering Service agreement with Engineering Surveys & Services relating to Forum Boulevard between Chapel Hill and Woodrail Avenue.

Impacted Ward: Multiple Wards

Executive Summary

Staff is requesting Council to authorize the City manager to execute a supplemental agreement with Engineering Surveys & Services relating to Forum Boulevard between Chapel Hill and Woodrail Avenue.

Discussion

On October 17, 2023, Council adopted the Ordinance 025171 (B290-23) authorizing the Professional Engineering Services agreement with Engineering Surveys and Services for the Forum Boulevard, between Chapel Hill and Woodrail Avenue, project. The supplemental agreement revises the proposal to provide services related to easement acquisition coordination. The City is requesting up to sixty (60) hours of technical assistance to support property owner negotiations. These services will be provided on a time and materials basis, as scheduled by the City.

The proposed scope of services will include meeting with property owners, exhibit review and explanation, design clarification and coordination, and additional easement descriptions. The total for this additional work will be \$20,150, which will be paid through the 0.25% Capital Improvement Sales Tax.

The improvement of Forum Boulevard between Chapel Hill Road and Woodrail Avenue was identified in the 2015 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) ballot. Improvements will include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Widening of Forum Boulevard to five lanes (2 lanes in each direction and turn lanes where needed);
- Reconstruction/widening bridge over Hinkson Creek;
- Widening box culvert over MKT trail;
- Designing non-motorized improvements;
- Completing intersection studies and designing improvements; and
- Designing retaining walls.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The engineering services agreement with ES&S is for the amount of \$ 1,365,645 and will be funded by the 0.25% Capital Improvement Sales Tax
Long-Term Impact: Routine Maintenance

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Reliable and Sustainable Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Legislative History

Date	Action
03/16/2026	B72-26 Authorizing construction of roadway, intersection, sidewalk, and bridge improvements along Forum Boulevard between Chapel Hill Road and Woodrail Avenue; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division.
03/16/2026	B73-26 Authorizing the acquisition of easements associated with the construction of roadway, intersection, sidewalk, and bridge improvements along Forum Boulevard between Chapel Hill Road and Woodrail Avenue.
04/15/2024	PH10-24 Proposed construction of roadway, intersection, sidewalk, and bridge improvements along Forum Boulevard between Chapel Hill Road and Woodrail Avenue.
03/18/2024	R56-24 Setting a public hearing: proposed construction of roadway, intersection, sidewalk, and bridge improvements along Forum Boulevard between Chapel Hill Road and Woodrail Avenue.
10/17/2022	B290-22 Authorizing an agreement for professional engineering services with Engineering Surveys & Services for design of improvements along Forum Boulevard between Chapel Hill Road and Woodrail Avenue.

Suggested Council Action

Authorize the City Manager to execute a supplemental agreement with Engineering Surveys & Services for Professional Engineering services related to improvements to Forum Boulevard between Chapel Hill Road and Woodrail Avenue.