

 Council Communication Office of the City Manager	Date:	April 9, 2011
	Agenda Item No.	[Agenda Item]
	Roll Call No.	[_____]
	Communication No.	12-159
	Submitted by:	Jeb E. Brewer, P.E. City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving Change Order No. 3 with Elder Corporation for additional work on the SE Connector Demo & Site Prep for a total not to exceed \$157,500.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of Change Order No. 3 in an amount not to exceed \$157,500 with Elder Corporation, Jared R. Elder II, President, 5088 E. University Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50327, for additional work on the SE Connector Demo & Site Prep to increase the excavation and borrow quantities at a reduced unit price.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$157,500

Funding Source: 2012-2013 CIP, Page Street-35, Southeast Connector – S.E Sixth Street to S.E. 14th Street, STR219, TIF Bonds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

This change order includes increasing the quantities of excavation and borrow material at a reduced unit price. This project provides for the demolition and site work in preparation for the complete grading and paving project. The paving project has been delayed while negotiations with Norfolk Southern Railway Company progress. Since the railroad issues have not been resolved, it would be beneficial to place increased excavation and grading quantities to take full advantage of the favorable weather and site conditions. Performing the work now would help further protect the material already placed from erosion and potential damage due to poor drainage conditions in the immediate area. We have negotiated reduced prices with the contractor, which results in a savings of \$55,000 from the bid price.

Norfolk Southern Railway representatives are scheduled to be in Des Moines on April 18, 2012 to finalize negotiations and allow completion of the plans for the Southeast Connector - S.E. 9th Street to S.E. 15th Street. With the resolution of the railroad crossings and modifications, the continued construction of the Southeast Connector is expected to begin later this summer. This change order will allow the following paving contract to be built more quickly since there will be a corresponding reduction of excavation and borrow in the later paving contract.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: December 19, 2011

Roll Call No.: [11-2149](#) & [11-2150](#)

Action: [On](#) SE Connector Demo & Site Prep - SE 9th to SE 15th Street: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, receive and file bids, and designating lowest responsible bidder as Elder Corporation, (Jared R. Elder II, President), \$1,059,999.99. ([Council Communication No. 11-759](#)) Moved by Meyer to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0. (A) [Approving](#) contract and bond and permission to sublet. Moved by Meyer to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: November 21, 2011

Roll Call Number: [11-1938](#)

Action: [Ordering](#) construction of the following: (B) [SE](#) Connector Demo & Site Prep - SE 9th St. to SE 15th St. - Receiving bids, (12-6-11), and Setting date of hearing, (12-19-11). (Construction Estimate - \$867,480). ([Council Communication No. 11-713](#)) Moved by Moore to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Normal Council actions on construction contracts.

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