

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

CONSENT AGENDA
ITEM NO. 20

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Thomas G. Wendorf, P.E., Director of Public Works

THROUGH: Terry M. Brechtel, City Manager

COPIES: Melissa Byrne Vossmer, Andrew Martin, Peter Zanoni, Milo D. Nitschke, and file

SUBJECT: Lockhill-Selma: George to Whisper Path

DATE: June 24, 2004

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance ratifies emergency construction services in the interest of public safety, and authorizes the payment of the lump sum amount of \$19,400 to R.L. Jones, LP, for the reconstruction of wheelchair ramps on two concrete islands in connection with Lockhill-Selma: George to Whisper Path, an authorized Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and 1994-1999 General Obligation Street Improvement Bond funded project, located in Council District 8. Of the total amount of \$19,400, funds in the amount of \$15,520 will be reimbursed by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the City will be obligated to provide funds in the amount of \$3,880.

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This project has been completed and provided for the reconstruction of the former two-lane roadway to five lanes in the vicinity of Wurzbach Road, and three lanes north and south of Wurzbach Road, as well as for the construction of a new bridge at the low-water crossing. This project also included the installation of six-foot sidewalks at the curb on the east side of the roadway and six-foot bicycle lanes on both sides of the roadway.

The construction of this project was managed by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), and while the roadway construction was completed in February of 2003, the wheelchair ramps on two concrete islands located on the northeast and southeast corners of the intersection at Lockhill-Selma and Wurzbach Road were too steep to accommodate wheelchair access and were dangerous, in that the excessive slope could cause wheelchairs to overturn. The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) inspected the project in June of 2003, and due to these deficiencies, the project did not pass inspection. TxDOT

applied for a variance to the regulatory requirements, but TDLR denied the application in September of 2003.

Following extensive communication with, and upon the ultimate recognition by TxDOT that the project was incomplete and dangerous as constructed, TxDOT established a force account from which the City will be reimbursed for eighty percent of the cost (\$15,520) to complete this work.

This ordinance ratifies emergency services for the reconstruction of these ramps and authorizes payment to R.L. Jones, L.P. in the lump sum amount of \$19,400 for construction services. The contractor's proposal is included herein as Attachment 2. The reconstruction of these ramps was necessary in the interest of public safety, and to bring this intersection into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Due to the emergency nature of this work, and following TxDOT's agreement to reimburse the City, a limited solicitation process was initiated in which three firms were contacted and asked to submit proposals for the reconstruction of the ramps. Three proposals were received from R.L. Jones, LP, R.W. Jones & Sons, Inc., and E-Z Bel Construction, Ltd. Of these, R.L. Jones, LP, submitted the lowest responsive proposal and City staff authorized the firm to proceed with the reconstruction of the ramps.

POLICY ANALYSIS

Approval of this ordinance will be a continuation of City Council policy to provide for public safety and to participate in the development and construction of City selected and approved MPO projects, which are approved annually by City Council.

FISCAL IMPACT

This is a one-time capital improvement expenditure, and as it provides for unplanned reconstruction services, was not included in the FY 04-09 Capital Improvement Program Budget. Approval of this ordinance will appropriately modify the Capital Budget. Of the total amount of \$19,400, funds in the amount of \$3,880 are available from 1994-1999 General Obligation Street Improvement Bonds, and funds in the amount of \$15,520 will be reimbursed by TxDOT. The total amount of \$19,400 is authorized payable to R.L. Jones, LP for emergency construction expenses.

COORDINATION

This request for ordinance has been coordinated with the Office of Management and Budget, the Finance Department and TxDOT.

SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

This construction contract was developed utilizing a competitive bid process; therefore, a Discretionary Contracts Disclosure Form is not required.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Project Map
2. Proposal

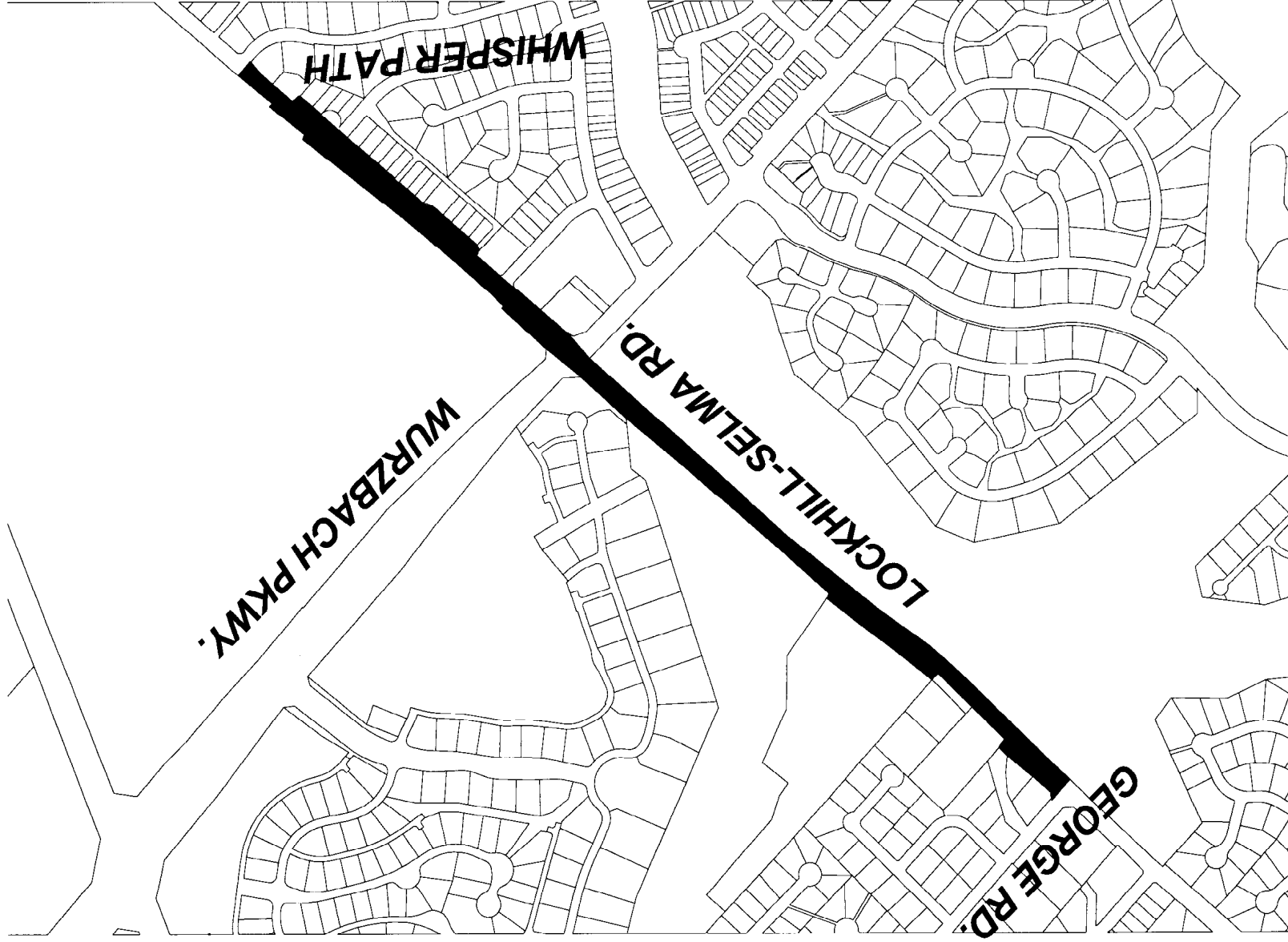
for Maureen Shannon, P.E.
Thomas G. Wendorf, P.E.
Director of Public Works

Melissa Byrne Vossner
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Assistant City Manager

Approved:

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City Manager

LOCKHILL-SELMA : GEORGE RD. to WHISPER PATH



R.L. JONES LP

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March 17, 2004

Larry Davis
City of San Antonio
114 W. Commerce 5th Fl.
San Antonio, TX 78205

Dear Larry:

I am submitting the following price to make adjustments to the wheel chair ramps, to meet the slope required for ADA approval, in the existing two concrete islands at Wurzbach Parkway and Lockhill Selma.

I intend to achieve this by installing a transition curb or wall through the island and re-pouring the area involving the ramps, leaving the balance of the island in place. The wheel chair ramps will all be on the same level, but there will be a higher level for the balance of the median.

Lump sum price: \$19,400.00

Exclusions: 1.) Any adjustments of signalization
2.) No pavement repairs or re-striping
3.) No permits, bonds or fees

Included: It will be necessary during construction to close down the traffic lanes nearest the islands between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.



Sincerely,

R.L. Jones LP


David Jones

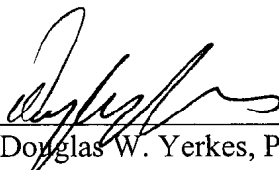
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THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
Intradepartmental Correspondence

TO:  William E. Krause, Capital Programs Manager
FROM: Dean Bayer, P.E., Project Manager
COPY:  Polo Cervantes, P.E., Assistant Capital Programs Manager
DATE: April 27, 2004
REF: REQUEST FOR ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL SERVICES
FOR LOCKHILL-SELMA (GEORGE RD. TO WHISPER PATH)

I am requesting an ordinance be passed authorizing the payment of \$19,400.00 to R.L. Jones Construction Co. for additional services to be provided on the Lockhill-Selma: George Rd. to Whisper Path Project. The negotiated lump sum amount is compensation for construction costs associated with upgrading the wheelchair ramps on two concrete islands. The islands are located on the NE and SE corners of Lockhill-Selma and Wurzbach in district eight. This work is necessary to bring all of the ramps connected to the islands into compliance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. TxDOT will reimburse \$15,520.00 to the City upon the completion of the project. The City will be responsible for the remaining \$3880.00.

Approved:



Douglas W. Yerkes, Ph.D., P.E.