

STAFF REPORT

Date: July 26, 2023

To: Mayor and City Council

Thru: Doug Thornley, City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Consultant Agreement with Eastern Sierra Engineering (ESE) for construction administration services for the 2023 Akard and Van Ness Street Rehabilitation Project in an amount not to exceed \$543,135. (Street Fund and Sewer Fund) [Ward 5]

From: Jonathan Smith, Senior Civil Engineer

Department: Public Works

Summary:

Engineering support and construction administration services play a critical part in making sure the City and general public receive a quality product. This consultant agreement with ESE for construction services includes field inspections and monitoring, testing, staking (improvement layout), traffic control monitoring and record drawings. Eastern Sierra Engineering (ESE) provided design services for the project and they have the background and history of providing forward-thinking that will be needed for the construction of the 2023 Akard and Van Ness Street Rehabilitation Project. The work for the Akard Neighborhood Area is scheduled to begin summer 2023 and be completed by fall 2023. The Van Ness Neighborhood Area is scheduled to begin in spring 2024 and be completed by summer 2024. Staff recommends Council approve the consultant agreement with ESE for construction services for the 2023 Akard and Van Ness Street Rehabilitation Project, in an amount not to exceed \$543,135.

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Infrastructure, Climate Change, and Environmental Sustainability

Previous Council Action:

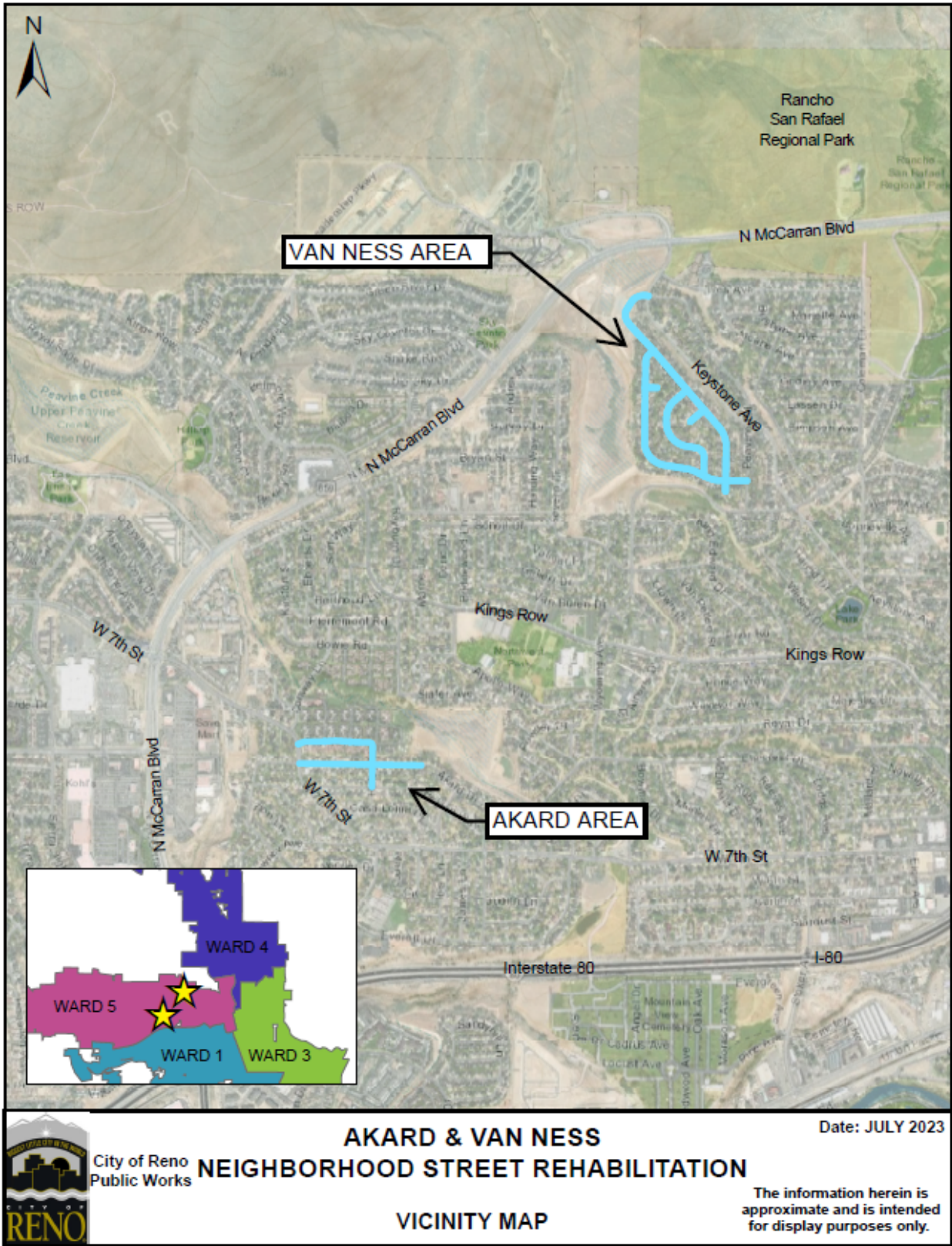
June 8, 2022 – Council approved the Consultant Agreement with Eastern Sierra Engineering for design services for the 2023 Akard and Van Ness Neighborhood Rehabilitation Project, Fire Stations #2 and #10 Parking Lot Reconstruction Project, and Dickerson Road Shared Use Path Project in an amount not to exceed \$595,250. (Street Fund, Community Development Block Grant Fund and General Capital Projects Fund) [Ward 1, Ward 3, Ward 4, Ward 5]

July 29, 2020 – Council confirmed the streets proposed for the 2022 and 2023 Neighborhood Street Rehabilitation Program.

Background:

The areas confirmed for the 2023 Neighborhood Street Rehabilitations are located in northwest Reno. The 2023 Akard and Van Ness Rehabilitation Project consists of seven neighborhood streets which will include removing and replacing the pavement section, curb and gutter, sidewalks, driveways, pedestrian ramps, pavement striping, signage, and other miscellaneous work. The 2023 Akard and Van Ness Rehabilitation Project area is shown on the vicinity map below.

Vicinity Map



Discussion:

Nevada law prohibits the competitive bidding of engineering, architectural, or land surveyor services; therefore, the City of Reno, Public Works Department has established a selection process based on competence and qualifications. ESE was selected from the City's pre-qualified list of consultants from the 2022/2024 Street Rehabilitation ranked list.

ESE was hired to provide the City with specialized skills and services that the City is unable to perform. ESE will perform construction engineering services, daily inspection, surveying, and materials testing to ensure the work is performed to City standards. The project will include the removal and replacement of the pavement, curb and gutter, sidewalks, driveways, pedestrian ramps, pavement striping and signage, and other miscellaneous work. The consequences of not approving this agreement today will result in the City not providing staking or quality control for the designed improvements.

Financial Implications:

Funding for this agreement will be from the Street and Sewer Funds identified in the City of Reno Capital Improvement Program. Shown in Table 1 below are the cost allocations for each fund.

Table 1 - Cost Allocation of Street and Sewer Fund

	Recommended Award Amount	Street Fund	Sewer Fund
ESE	\$543,135	\$526,841	\$16,294
Percentages	100%	97%	3%

Legal Implications:

The parties are bound by the terms of the agreement as prepared by the Office of the City Attorney.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Council approval of the consultant agreement with ESE for construction services for the 2023 Akard and Van Ness Rehabilitation Project in an amount not to exceed \$543,135 and authorize the Mayor to sign.

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve staff recommendation.

Attachments:

- Agreement with Eastern Sierra Engineering (PDF)