

STAFF REPORT

Date: March 22, 2023

To: Mayor and City Council

Thru: Doug Thornley, City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Consultant Agreement with DOWL for construction services for the 2023 Talus Street and Sewer Rehabilitation Project in an amount not to exceed \$835,275. (Street Fund and Sewer Fund)[Ward 4]

From: Jonathan Smith, Senior Civil Engineer

Department: Public Works

Summary:

DOWL, previously known as Farr West Engineering, 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 Talus Street and Sewer Rehabilitation Project. This agreement with DOWL for construction services includes field inspections, construction monitoring, staking (improvement layout), traffic control monitoring and record drawings. These services are critical in making sure the City, and in turn, the general public that use the sewers, streets and sidewalks, can have confidence in the quality of its construction. Construction is scheduled to start spring 2023 and be complete by fall 2023. Staff recommends Council approval of the consultant agreement with DOWL for construction services for the 2023 Talus Street and Sewer Rehabilitation Project, in an amount not to exceed \$835,275.

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Infrastructure, Climate Change, and Environmental Sustainability – repairing infrastructure to improve street condition and pedestrian connectivity as well as improve sewer condition and capacity.

Previous Council Action:

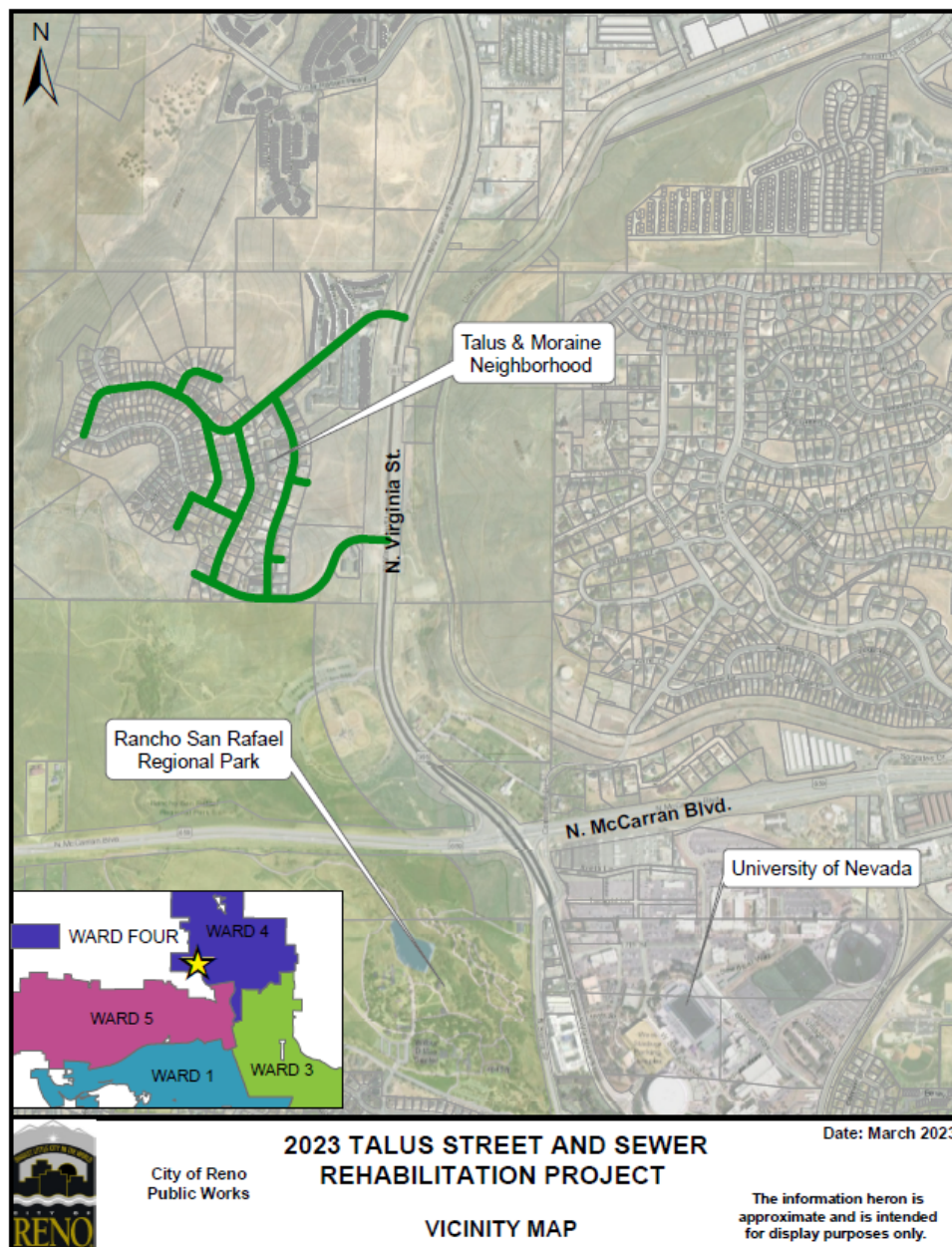
April 27, 2022 – Council approved the Consultant Agreement with Farr West Engineering for design services for the 2023 Talus Neighborhood Street and Sewer Rehabilitation Project in the amount not to exceed \$698,078 (Sewer & Street Fund).

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 Talus Street and Sewer Rehabilitation Project consists of eight neighborhood street which will include removing and replacing the pavement section, curb and gutter, sidewalks, driveways, pedestrian ramps, removal and replacement of sanitary sewer manholes and pipe, storm drain structures and pipes, pavement striping, signage, and other miscellaneous work. The 2023 Talus Street and Sewer Rehabilitation Project area is shown on the attached 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. DOWL, previously known as Farr West Engineering, was selected from the City's pre-qualified list of consultants from the 2022/2024 list.

DOWL was hired to provide the City with specialized skills and services that the City is unable to perform. DOWL 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, removal and replacement of sanitary sewer manholes and pipe, storm drain structures and pipe, 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.

Cost Allocation of Street Fund and Sewer Fund

	Recommended Award Amount	Street Fund	Sewer Fund
DOWL	\$835,275	\$634,809	\$200,466
Percentages	100%	76%	24%

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 DOWL for construction services for the 2023 Talus Street and Sewer Rehabilitation Project in an amount not to exceed \$835,275 and authorize the Mayor to sign.

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve staff recommendation.

Attachments:

- Agreement with DOWL (PDF)