



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
May 23, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
Submitted by: Liam Garland, Director, Department of Public Works
Subject: Contract No. 10986 Amendment: Zero Waste Collaborative for the Solid Waste & Recycling Transfer Station Rebuild Feasibility Study

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 10986 with Zero Waste Collaborative (ZWC) for the Solid Waste Transfer Station and Material Recovery Facility Replacement Feasibility Study (Study), to increase the contract by \$100,000 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$600,000, and extend the current contract term through June 30, 2025.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Funding for the Study is available in the FY2023 and FY2024 budgets in Zero Waste Fund (601).

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The City's Planning and Development (Planning) Department, as Lead Environmental Agency per CEQA, is requesting the Zero Waste Division to select one of the two concepts proposed in the Study to replace the existing Transfer Station and Material Recovery (Transfer Station) facilities during the preliminary stages of project development. Additional analysis is needed to make the selection possible. The additional scope of work requested of Zero Waste Collaborative includes a constructability study to assess the feasibility of constructing both concepts while continuously operating the Transfer Station. Therefore, an increase in funding is requested for Zero Waste Collaborative to provide the additional services.

BACKGROUND

On January 25, 2018, the City released a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking proposals for a Solid Waste & Recycling Transfer Station Rebuild Feasibility Study (Study). Staff sought experienced, qualified consulting firms to conduct a review of the existing Transfer Station and Recycling Center facilities and operations located at Second and Gillman Streets. Zero Waste Collaborative Firm submitted the most qualified and responsive proposal for a contract amount not to exceed \$500,000.

The RFP requested the selected firm develop two options. The development of these options shall include the active solicitation, involvement, and participation of City staff; partnering agencies and related nonprofits; the Zero Waste Commission; the general public; and other interested environmental and recycling groups.

The current Transfer Station, shop facilities, and administrative offices were constructed in 1982/83 and have exceeded their anticipated service life. In addition, the two nonprofit organizations contracted to provide residential recycling collection, sorting, and material recycling and California Redemption Value Buyback Center (collectively called Berkeley Recycling) operate from the same location. A replaced Transfer Station would integrate these nonprofit facilities with the City's use of the facility to provide a more seamless interface to all users. This integration would assist these operations in meeting the City's zero waste goals.

City Council originally approved the City's Solid Waste Plan in 2005 and approved a Resolution for its zero waste goal. The City's Zero Waste Division and its contractors have continuously strived to expand and improve operations to meet this goal. However, the facilities have not been renovated or rebuilt during this time, and given the age of the infrastructure, it needs improvement.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

This Study will identify those options that would provide the City with an integrated transfer and recycling facility to meet the City's approved Zero Waste Plan, Resolution No. 62,849-N.S., and 2009 Climate Action Plan goals. Then the Study's publicly vetted options will form the basis of proposals to meet California's Environmental Quality Act.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The City lacks the in-house expertise and capacity to conduct a study to assess the impact on operations of construction of the two feasibility concepts.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

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Attachment:
Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

CONTRACT NO. 10986 AMENDMENT: ZERO WASTE COLLABORATIVE FOR THE SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING TRANSFER STATION REBUILD FEASIBILITY STUDY

WHEREAS, on July 24, 2018, by Resolution No. 68,555 – N.S. Council awarded a contract with Zero Waste Collaborative to conduct a Solid Waste & Recycling Transfer Station Rebuild Feasibility Study (Study) to develop, publicly vet, and propose options for the City and its community members to consider; and

WHEREAS, the City's Planning and Development Department, as Lead Environmental Agency per CEQA, is requesting the Zero Waste Division to select one of the two concepts proposed in the Study to replace the existing Transfer Station and Material Recovery (Transfer Station) facilities during the preliminary stages of project development; and

WHEREAS, additional analysis is needed to make the selection possible; and

WHEREAS, the additional scope of work requested of Zero Waste Collaborative includes a constructability study to assess the feasibility of both concepts to be constructed while continuously operating the Transfer Station; and

WHEREAS, funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2023 budget in the Zero Waste Fund (601).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute an amendment to Contract No. 10986 with Zero Waste Collaborative for the Solid Waste & Recycling Transfer Station Rebuild Feasibility Study to add an additional \$100,000 for a new not to exceed \$600,000, and extend the contract term through June 30, 2025. A record signature copy of said agreement will be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

