



## MEMORANDUM

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Date: August 8, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

Via: Todd Stoughton  
Interim City Manager

From: Keith Bring  
Project Manager

Subject: **(File ID: 24-6155) Approving Change Order #1 for Design of the Southernmost Point Plaza Project to BCC Engineering in the amount of \$35,425.63.**

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### **Introduction**

Approve Change Order #1 to BCC Engineering, LLC (BCC) in the amount of \$35,425.63 for engineering design services for the Southernmost Point Plaza Project and authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the contract upon consent of the City Attorney and execute any necessary budget transfers.

### **Background**

The Southernmost Point, an iconic visitor attraction, is located at the western terminus of South Street. In 2022, Hurricane Ian damaged the existing seawall near the Southernmost Point, cracking and undermining a portion of the decking around the buoy monument. During review and damage assessment of the seawall, Engineering staff observed the poor condition of the areas surrounding the buoy, benches, sidewalks, and drainage facilities. It is believed that the current facilities at the Southernmost Point are 20-25 years old. City staff then requested a Task Order from BCC Engineering for the design development and construction documents

preparation of the proposed Southernmost Point Plaza which was approved via resolution 23-346. The scope of the task order includes a creative, welcoming plaza focusing on the Southernmost Point and will incorporate a raised roadway surface, provide increased shade and landscaping, improve the overall area drainage, and enhance bike and pedestrian accessibility, all while accommodating the needs of adjacent residential and commercial properties as well as improving the experience of the large crowds that visit daily. Improvements along the two-block corridor will incorporate a one-way limited traffic flow pattern and include resilience and sustainability strategies that address climate considerations and sea-level rise.

BCC prepared conceptual level design drawings and renderings, which were used to discuss the project direction with local stakeholders. After discussion with community members and stakeholders, the initial one-way design will need to be revised to retain the existing two-way configuration. While some components of the existing work remain and the community input has provided important guidance, some additional funding is needed to address the previous efforts that differ from the changes to the design direction, which will maintain two-way traffic. BCC has provided a change order proposal in the amount of \$35,425.63 to revise roadway plans, drainage design, pavement marking and signage changes, as well as hardscape and landscape design. It is important to note that the focus of the project to revitalize a heavily trafficked pedestrian area featuring a significant attraction to the City still remains and that revisions to the roadway segment will not impede the original goals of the project.

### **Procurement**

The funds for this Change Order are budgeted from Account 101-1900-519-6300 (Infrastructure Surtax), under Project IS19002401.

### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends the approval of a Change Order #1 to BCC Engineering in the amount of \$35,425.63 for additional scope change to include 2-way traffic design, which will provide for the revision to roadway, drainage, pavement marking, and landscaping plans as requested by the residents of the area. Staff recommend authorizing the City Manager, pursuant to legal review, to execute any necessary budget adjustments, transfers, and amendments.