



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Public Infrastructure and Conservation
ECAF: 2023-0546
Proposal: Motion 23-211

Analyst: Deb Evison Bell
Date: June 6, 2023

Consideration:

The proposed motion would approve and authorize the Snohomish County Executive to sign and execute Construction Change Order No. 8 for Meadowdale Beach Park and Estuary Restoration Project, under SCC 3.04.140(4).

Background:

Snohomish County purchased the property known as Meadowdale Beach County Park in 1968 with the intent to create a public park that has beach access. Snohomish County entered into an agreement with Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) in 1987 to allow the County to have shared use of the culvert that conveys Lunds Gulch Creek, a salmon bearing stream under the railroad embankment within the railroad’s right-of-way. The County installed a wooden boardwalk (later steel grating) above the stream within the culvert/tunnel for pedestrian access to the beach in 1988.

Over time, changes within the watershed have resulted in flooding and the accumulation of gravel at the culvert entrance hampering fish passage and pedestrian access. Through the public process the County has developed a plan to replace the 128 feet of railroad embankment with a railroad bridge, create an estuary for salmon habitat, provide separate ADA-accessible path for pedestrian beach access, install picnic areas, a footbridge, and interpretive signage.

In March 2021 Snohomish County awarded Bid No. 002-21SB to Strider Construction, Inc. for construction of park, habitat, and railroad bridge related improvements for the Meadowdale Beach Park and Estuary Restoration Project. In May 2021, an initial Limited Notice to Proceed was issued to Strider Construction, Inc., this was in advance of receiving the executed Underpass Agreement with BNSF and allow for the procurement materials and perform administrative activities in advance of the work on the project with permit and BNSF timeline restrictions. A Full Notice to Proceed was issued to Strider Construction, Inc. on June 15, 2021.

To date a total of seven (7) Change Orders to the original contract have been approved by either the Executive or Council:

	Motion	Description	Total (includes tax)
Original	21-125	Bid Award PW-002-21SB	\$7,519,427.90
	20-401	Funding approved	
	21-037	Pre-Award Authority and submittal to FRA	
Change Order 1	Approved by Exec.	Additional work/time to the contract	\$125,752.08

Change Order 2	21-347	Additional work/time to the contract	\$195,896.83
Change Order 3	Approved by Exec.	Additional work/time to the contract	\$53,159.61
Change Order 4	Approved by Exec.	Additional time to the contract	NA
Change Order 5	22-347	Additional time, demo of existing picnic shelter, estuary stabilization and public use	\$312,887.82
Change Order 6	22-458	Additional time, soil and groundwater mitigation, railroad embankment & bridging	\$373,222.60
Change Order 7	Approved by Exec.	Additional time	NA
<i>Change Order 8</i>	<i>23-211</i>	<i>New construction of picnic shelter</i>	<i>\$247,199.55</i>

Current Proposal:

Scope: The proposed amendment would include work to provide material and labor to construct a new picnic shelter.

Duration: The Original contract has been extended twice, with Amendment 4 and Amendment 7 (start: April 4, 2023, end: April 3, 2024). There is no proposed change with this proposed Change Order.

Fiscal Implications: The County will pay the contractor an additional \$247,199.55 under Change Order No. 8.

2023 Budget: YES. Included in the approved Capital Improvement Plan.

Future Budget Impacts: YES. This is a multi-year project with REET 2 and Grant funds committed in all outyears of the CIP.

Note: Grants totaling \$6,954,000 received with remaining \$8,046,000 from REET 2 and tax-exempt bond funds (see approved Motion 21-401).

Handling: Urgent.

Approved-as-to-form: YES

Risk Management: APPROVE

Executive Recommendation: APPROVE

Requests: For Council to move the motion to GLS on June 7, 2023, for consideration, as the request is urgent for grant reimbursement.