

**CITY OF TEMECULA
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: City Manager/City Council

FROM: Ron Moreno, Director of Public Works / City Engineer

DATE: September 9, 2025

SUBJECT: Approve First Amendment to Agreement with Southstar Engineering & Consulting, Inc. for Consultant Services for the I-15 Congestion Relief Project, PW19-02

PREPARED BY: Avlin R. Odviar, Assistant Director of Public Works

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve the first amendment to the agreement with Southstar Engineering & Consulting, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, to provide continued professional construction management services for the I-15 Congestion Relief Project, PW19-02.

BACKGROUND: On November 14, 2023, the City Council approved an agreement with Southstar Engineering & Consulting, Inc. (Consultant) in the amount of \$968,813.40. The payment method is time & materials for an estimated period of 13 months, which included two (2) months of pre-construction, seven (7) months of construction, and four (4) months of closeout.

Most of the construction was completed on time and the project auxiliary lane was opened in October 2024. However, extra work and punch list items continued for another 8 – 9 months into July 2025 as two new projects started construction in the same area. This included the Smart Freeway Pilot Project by Riverside County Transportation Commission and the Caltrans Auxiliary Lane Project. Between these two projects and the on-going French Valley Parkway Improvements – Phase II project, the Consultant performed increased management services and coordination with the other contractors, consultants, and agencies. At this time, it is appropriate to amend the agreement to increase the total payment by \$100,000 to cover the additional time & materials needed to complete the project.

FISCAL IMPACT: The I-15 Congestion Relief Project is included in the City's Capital Improvement Program Fiscal Years 2026-30 supported by several funding sources. The subject agreement, and subject amendment, is funded by Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) CETAP/RCTC. There are sufficient funds to cover the \$100,000 cost of the amendment.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. First Amendment
2. Project CIP Budget Sheet