

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Sarang A. Lagvankar, P.E. Senior Project Engineer

DATE: February 17, 2026

SUBJECT: **Recommendation for Change Order #1 to Phase 3 Construction Engineering Services for the Gary Avenue Reconstruction Project**

Request

Approve a resolution authorizing the execution of Change Order #1 for Phase 3 Construction Engineering Services for the Gary Avenue Reconstruction Project.

Background

On March 18, 2024, the City Council approved Agreement No. 455 with Thomas Engineering Group, LLC (TEG) for Phase 3 Construction Engineering Services for the Gary Avenue Reconstruction Project for \$524,965. The project is administered and approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) through a Local Public Agency Engineering Services Agreement. Additionally, the agreement set forth the City's share of construction engineering costs. The City's share of construction engineering costs are partially reimbursable up to \$350,000 through federal funds administered by the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference (DMMC). To date, the City has been reimbursed \$217,345.97.

Change Order

The project experienced a substantial delay due to the relocation of AT&T utility infrastructure within the project limits. While construction was originally scheduled to begin in March 2024, the start of construction was delayed until spring 2025 to allow AT&T sufficient time to complete utility relocations within the right-of-way. The extended project duration resulted in additional construction engineering costs beyond the original estimate. TEG's proposal in 2024 for the project estimated a total of 26 calendar weeks to monitor, document, and track construction-related activities. These additional costs include extended construction monitoring services as well as limited field redesign efforts required to address incomplete utility relocations encountered during construction.

The table below summarizes the original agreement and proposed change order. The change order is anticipated to cover the remaining construction engineering costs for the project.

Description	Amount
Original Agreement	\$ 524,965
Previously Approved Change Orders	\$ -
Change Order #1	\$ 124,742
Revised Agreement	\$ 649,707



WHEATON MAYOR PHILIP J. SUESS

CITY MANAGER MICHAEL DZUGAN

CITY COUNCIL: ERICA BRAY-PARKER | LEAH BRICE | SCOTT BROWN | BRADLEY CLOUSING | LYNN ROBBINS | SCOTT WELLER

Budget Impact

Staff did not anticipate additional costs carrying forward to 2026 for construction engineering during the development of the 2026 Budget. Change Order #1 increases the total contract amount to \$649,707. The Capital Projects Fund has the reserves available to accommodate the additional cost.

City staff has submitted a request to the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference (DMMC) for additional funding to offset a portion of the additional construction engineering costs. If approved, 70% of the \$124,742 construction engineering costs would be reimbursed (\$87,319), reducing the City's share to approximately \$37,423.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of Change Order #1 to Agreement No. 455 with Thomas Engineering Group, LLC for Phase 3 Construction Engineering Services for the Gary Avenue Reconstruction Project, in an amount not to exceed \$124,742. Approval of this change order will bring the total engineering agreement to \$649,707.

RESOLUTION R-2026-

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CHANGE ORDER #1 TO AGREEMENT NO. 455 WITH THOMAS ENGINEERING GROUP, LLC FOR PHASE 3 CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE GARY AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$124,742 AND A TOTAL AWARD OF \$649,707

WHEREAS, the City of Wheaton, Illinois, ("City") is an Illinois Home Rule Municipality pursuant to the provisions of Article VII, Section 6, of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and as such the City may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2024, the City Council approved Resolution No. R-2024-26 authorizing the City to enter into Agreement No. 455 with Thomas Engineering Group, LLC for Professional Construction Engineering Services for the Gary Avenue Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$524,965; and

WHEREAS, the Gary Avenue Reconstruction Project was originally scheduled to begin in March 2024 but was delayed due to the relocation of AT&T utility infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the extended project duration resulted in additional construction engineering costs; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Engineering Group, LLC is requesting Change Order #1 in the amount of \$124,742, bringing the total final agreement amount to \$649,707; and

WHEREAS, staff did not anticipate additional costs carrying forward to 2026 during the development of the 2026 Budget. The Capital Projects Fund has the reserves available to accommodate the additional cost; and

WHEREAS, staff has submitted a request to the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference (DMMC) for additional funding to offset a portion of the additional construction engineering costs. If approved, 70% of the \$124,742 construction engineering costs would be reimbursed (\$87,319), reducing the City's share to approximately \$37,423; and

WHEREAS, the corporate authorities of the City of Wheaton, DuPage County, Illinois find it reasonable and appropriate to enter into Change Order #1 to Agreement No. 455 with Thomas Engineering Group, LLC at 762 Shoreline Drive, Suite 200, Aurora, Illinois 60101 for additional Professional Construction Engineering Services for the Gary Avenue Reconstruction Project for a total amount not to exceed \$124,742 and a total award of \$649,707.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Wheaton, Illinois, that:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated into and made part of this Resolution as findings of the Mayor and the City Council.

Section 2. The City's Change Order #1 to Agreement No. 455 with Thomas Engineering Group, LLC for additional Professional Construction Engineering Services for the Gary Avenue Reconstruction Project for a total amount not to exceed \$124,742 and a total award of \$649,707, is hereby authorized (the "Change Order"). A copy of the City's Change Order #1 to Agreement No. 455 is on file with the City Clerk's Office and is incorporated herein as if fully set forth as Exhibit A.

Section 3. City staff is authorized and directed to undertake any and all, other tasks necessary, or in the furtherance of, completion of the Change Order.

ADOPTED this 17th day of February 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent: