CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2025-135 Work Authorization AMA-OC-025-006 with Allgeier Martin and Associates, Inc. (AMA) for professional engineering services for the I-44 Culvert and Silver Creek Detention Study project.

MEETING DATE
August 4, 2025

ORIGINATING DEPT
Public Works-Engineering

ATTACHMENTS
Council Bill 2025-135; Work Authorization AMA-OC-025-006; Location Map

REVIEWED BY
Director of Public Works, Daniel Johnson; Director of Finance, Leslie Haase; City Attorney, Peter Edwards; Assistant City Manager, Tony Robyn; City Manager, Nicholas Edwards

SUMMARY
This Council Bill authorizes the City to approve a work authorization with AMA in the not to exceed amount of One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand and 00/100 dollars ($175,000.00) for professional engineering services for the I-44 Culvert and Silver Creek Detention Study project.

BACKGROUND
In August 2021, the voters passed the Renewal of the Parks and Stormwater Sales Tax Program for an additional 10 years. One of the projects included in the program was the Sunnyvale Improvements and I-44 Phase One Study project.

In April 2024, the voters passed the Renewal of the Capital Improvement Sales Tax Program for an additional 12 years. One of the projects included in the program was the Silver Creek Improvements I-44 Culvert Project.

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) has recently announced the Forward 44: Southwest I-44 Improvements Project which will include capacity improvements to I-44 in Joplin between Main Street and Range Line Road. MoDOT's current schedule shows this project being advertised for Design-Build teams in October 2025.

The City has had discussions with MoDOT about the possibility of incorporating the City's I-44 Culvert improvements project into their I-44 capacity improvements project in this same area. For this to happen, the City must supply MoDOT with the results of the hydraulic study for the area, which is included in AMA's scope of work in this work authorization.

AMA was selected from the City's list of on-call consultants for this type or work. The fees submitted by AMA for this work have been reviewed by City staff and found to be within industry standards.
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FUNDING SOURCE

This item is included in the FY 2025 Budget in the Parks and Stormwater Sales Tax Fund.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend approval of Council Bill 2025-135, work authorization with AMA in the not to exceed amount of One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand and 00/100 dollars ($175,000.00) for professional engineering services for the I-44 Culvert and Silver Creek Detention Study Project on an emergency basis, in that said ordinance provides for public improvements and is considered to be an emergency per section 2.12(6) of the HOME RULE CHARTER of the City of Joplin, Missouri, and as such, this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage. Furthermore, approval of this council bill will allow the consultant to complete the proposed study in time to provide the results to MoDOT for incorporation into their project, and is therefore an emergency.