CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2025-146 Work Authorization AMA-OC-025-008 with Allgeier Martin and Associates, Inc. (AMA) for professional engineering services for the I-44 Culvert and Silver Creek Detention project.

MEETING DATE
November 3, 2025

ORIGINATING DEPT
Public Works-Engineering

ATTACHMENTS
Council Bill 2025-146; Work Authorization AMA-OC-025-008; 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 Four Hundred Eighty Thousand and 00/100 dollars ($480,000.00) for professional engineering services for the I-44 Culvert and Silver Creek Detention project.

BACKGROUND
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, with a proposed cost of $10,000,000.00. This work authorization with AMA is the first agreement to be funded with these project funds. The Capital Improvement Sales Tax budget is being amended in the amount of $480,000.00.

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) is moving forward with 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 this winter. The City has had on-going 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. In August 2025, City Council approved a work authorization with AMA to perform a hydraulic study for this area, to provide the results of the study to MoDOT. That work authorization, in the amount of $175,000.00, was funded separately, in whole with Parks and Stormwater Sales Tax funds. The Parks and Stormwater Sales Tax Program renewed by voters in 2021 included $175,000 for the Silver Creek Detention Study/I-44 Phase 1 project. The results of the study and conceptual planning information have been provided to MoDOT.

The design of the new I-44 Culvert and Silver Creek Detention is needed for this work to be included in MoDOT's project. This scope of work is included in this work authorization with AMA (AMA-OC-025-008, in the amount of $480,000.00). AMA was selected from the City's list

of on-call consultants for this type of work. The fees submitted by AMA for this work have been reviewed by City staff and found to be within industry standards.

FUNDING SOURCE

This item includes a fiscal year 2026 budget amendment to the Capital Improvement Sales Tax Fund in the amount of $480,000.00

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend approval of this Council Bill on first reading.