



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Mike Garza, P.E., Director of Public Works

Date: June 10, 2025

Reference: Consider approval to award a contract with C&J Designs and Solutions of East Texas, LLC; utilizing Tips Contract #22010701; for the installation of a pedestrian rail along Denton Tap Road, in the amount of \$95,641.20 as provided for in the Infrastructure Maintenance Fund fund balance; and authorizing the City manager to sign necessary documents.

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Introduction:

The purpose of this agenda item is to consider approval of a contract (Tips Contract #2201070) with C&J Designs and Solutions of East Texas, LLC for the installation of a pedestrian rail along Denton Tap Road.

Background:

Staff was asked to explore options for improving pedestrian safety along the sidewalk, on the east side of Denton Tap Road, from Andy Brown Central to Parkway Boulevard. The current sidewalk is located directly behind the curb, which creates the perception that pedestrians are uncomfortably close to vehicular traffic.

Staff evaluated several alternatives, including relocating the sidewalk further into the park. However, due to significant elevation changes behind the existing sidewalk, this option would require the construction of a large retaining wall, significantly increasing costs. Additionally, a separate pedestrian bridge would be needed to span the creek in this area, which would further increase the project's cost.

After evaluating all options, the most feasible and cost-effective solution is to install a protective railing along approximately 550 feet of the sidewalk. The second graphic in the attached exhibit provides a partial rendering of the fence appearance. This railing would reduce the sidewalk width by about 1.5 feet, leaving a 3.5-foot-wide path, which still complies with ADA accessibility requirements.

Benefit to the Community:

The installation of the railing will enhance safety by creating a physical barrier between the sidewalk and Denton Tap travel lanes.

Legal Review:

The City's standard form contract is being utilized and is reviewed periodically by the City Attorney.

Fiscal Impact:

The fiscal impact of this agenda item is \$95,641.20 as provided for in the Infrastructure Maintenance Fund fund balance.

Recommendation:

The Public Works Department recommends approval of this item.