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#### **AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES**

(Skinner Lane, Segments 1,2,3 and 4 – Project No. 23103-4-5-6)

This Agreement for Professional Engineering Services ("Agreement") is made and entered into by and between Fort Bend County, Texas ("County"), a political subdivision of the state of Texas, and Gauge Engineering, LLC ("Engineer"), a Texas corporation. County and Engineer may be referred to individually as a "Party" or collectively as the "Parties."

WHEREAS, Engineer is a professional engineering firm which provides design, consulting and engineering services in the Greater Houston Area; and

WHEREAS, County desires for Engineer to provide professional engineering design, surveying, and geotechnical engineering services for the improvement of the 2-lane asphalt road consisting of approximately 2 miles of Skinner Lane from West Bellfort Street to where Skinner Lane turns east-west into concrete roadway along with curb, gutter, drainage system and all necessary appurtenances under Mobility Bond Project No. 23103-4-5-6; and

WHEREAS, Engineer represents that it is qualified and desires to perform such services for County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 2254 of the Texas Government Code, County has determined that Engineer is the most highly qualified provider of such professional services and the Parties have negotiated a fair and reasonable price for the same; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement is not subject to competitive bidding requirements under Section 262.023 of the Texas Local Government Code because this Agreement is for professional engineering services and may not be competitively bid pursuant to Chapter 2254 of the Texas Government Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein, the Parties do mutually agree as follows:

- 1. **Recitals.** The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Agreement.
- 2. **Scope of Services.** Engineer shall render services to County as provided in Engineer's Proposal dated December 5, 2024 attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference (the "Services").

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3. **Time for Performance.** Time for performance for the Services provided under this Agreement shall begin with Engineer's receipt of Notice to Proceed and shall end no later than December 31, 2028. Engineer shall complete such tasks described in the Scope of Services, within this time or within such additional time as may be extended by County.

#### 4. Compensation and Payment Terms.

Engineer's fees for the Services shall be calculated at the rate(s) set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto. The Maximum Compensation to Engineer for the Services performed under this Agreement is Two Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$253,835.00). In no event shall the amount paid by County to Engineer under this Agreement exceed said Maximum Compensation without an approved change order.

- (a) Engineer understands and agrees that the Maximum Compensation stated is an all-inclusive amount and no additional fee, cost or reimbursed expense shall be added whatsoever to the fees stated in the attached Exhibit "A."
- (b) County will pay Engineer based on the following procedures: Upon completion of the tasks identified in the Scope of Services, Engineer shall submit to County staff person designated by the County Engineer, one (1) electronic (pdf) copy of the invoice showing the amounts due for services performed in a form acceptable to County. Engineer shall submit invoices no more frequently than on a monthly basis. County shall review such invoices and approve them within 30 calendar days with such modifications as are consistent with this Agreement and forward same to the Auditor for processing. County shall pay each such approved invoice within thirty (30) calendar days.
- (c) Accrual and payment of interest on any overdue payments assessed by Engineer, if any, shall be governed by Chapter 2251 of the Texas Government Code.
- (d) Engineer understands and agrees that County's obligation to make any payment(s) hereunder is dependent upon Engineer's completion of the Services in a timely, good, and professional manner and in accordance with the performance representations made in Section 25 of this Agreement. Therefore, County reserves the right to withhold payment pending verification of satisfactory work performed.
- 5. **Limit of Appropriation.** Engineer understands and agrees that the Maximum Compensation for the performance of the Services within the Scope of Services described in Section 2 above is Two Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$253,835.00). In no event shall the amount paid by County under this Agreement exceed the Maximum Compensation without a County approved change order. Engineer clearly understands and agrees, such understanding and agreement

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being of the absolute essence of this Agreement, that County shall have available the total maximum sum of Two Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$253,835.00) specifically allocated to fully discharge any and all liabilities County may incur under this Agreement. Engineer does further understand and agree, said understanding and agreement also being of the absolute essence of this Agreement, that the total Maximum Compensation that Engineer may become entitled to and the total maximum sum that County may become liable to pay Engineer under this Agreement shall not under any conditions, circumstances, or interpretations thereof exceed Two Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$253,835.00).

- 6. **Non-appropriation.** Engineer understands and agrees that in the event no funds or insufficient funds are appropriated by the County under this Agreement, County shall immediately notify Engineer in writing of such occurrence and the Agreement shall thereafter terminate and be null and void on the last day of the fiscal period for which appropriations were received or made without penalty, liability or expense to the County. In no event shall said termination of this Agreement or County's failure to appropriate said funds be deemed a breach or default of this Agreement or create a debt by County in any amount(s) in excess of those previously funded.
- 7. **Taxes.** Engineer understands and agrees that County is a governmental entity and political subdivision of the state of Texas, and as such, is exempt from payment of any sales and use taxes. County shall furnish evidence of its tax-exempt status upon written request by Engineer.
- 8. **Insurance.** Prior to commencement of the Services, Engineer shall furnish County with properly executed certificates of insurance which shall evidence all insurance required and provide that such insurance shall not be canceled, except on 30 days' prior written notice to County. Engineer shall provide certified copies of insurance endorsements and/or policies if requested by County. Engineer shall maintain such insurance coverage from the time Services commence until Services are completed and provide replacement certificates, policies and/or endorsements for any such insurance expiring prior to completion of Services. Engineer shall obtain such insurance written on an Occurrence form from such companies having Best's rating of A/VII or better, licensed or approved to transact business in the State of Texas, and shall obtain such insurance of the following types and minimum limits:
  - (a) Workers Compensation in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas. Substitutes to genuine Workers' Compensation Insurance will not be allowed.
  - (b) Employers' Liability insurance with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per injury by accident, \$1,000,000 per injury by disease, and \$1,000,000 per bodily injury by disease.

- (c) Commercial general liability insurance with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the annual aggregate. Policy shall cover liability for bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage and products/completed operations arising out of the business operations of the policyholder.
- (d) Business Automobile Liability coverage applying to owned, non-owned and hired automobiles with limits not less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence combined single limit for Bodily Injury and Property Damage combined.
- (e) Professional Liability insurance with limits not less than \$1,000,000.

County and members of the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court shall be named as additional insured to all required coverage except for Workers' Compensation and Professional Liability (if required). All Liability policies written on behalf of Engineer shall contain a waiver of subrogation in favor of County.

If required coverage is written on a claims-made basis, Engineer warrants that any retroactive date applicable to coverage under the policy precedes the Effective Date of this Agreement and that continuous coverage will be maintained or an extended discovery period will be exercised for a period of 2 years beginning from the time the work under this Agreement is completed.

Engineer shall not commence any portion of the work under this Agreement until it has obtained the insurance required herein and certificates of such insurance have been filed with and approved by County.

No cancellation of or changes to the certificates, or the policies, may be made without thirty (30) days prior, written notification to County.

Approval of the insurance by County shall not relieve or decrease the liability of the Engineer.

9. Indemnity. PURSUANT TO SECTION 271.904 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, ENGINEER SHALL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS COUNTY, ITS OFFICIALS, OFFICERS, AND EMPLOYEES FROM AND AGAINST ALL CLAIMS, LOSSES, DAMAGES, CAUSES OF ACTION, SUITS, LIABILITY, AND COSTS, INCLUDING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES, ARISING OUT OF OR RESULTING FROM AN ACT OF NEGLIGENCE, INTENTIONAL TORT, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INFRINGEMENT, OR FAILURE TO PAY A SUBCONTRACTOR OR SUPPLIER COMMITTED BY ENGINEER OR ENGINEER'S AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, OR ANOTHER ENTITY OVER WHICH ENGINEER EXCERCISES CONTROL. IN ADDITION, SHALL FURTHER PROCURE AND MAINTAIN LIABILITY INSURANCE WITH COVERAGE AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 8 OF THIS AGREEMENT.

ENGINEER SHALL TIMELY REPORT TO COUNTY ALL SUCH MATTERS ARISING UNDER THE INDEMNITY PROVISIONS ABOVE. UPON THE RECEIPT OF ANY CLAIM, DEMAND, SUIT, ACTION, PROCEEDING, LIEN, OR JUDGMENT, AND NO LATER THAN THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF EACH MONTH, ENGINEER SHALL PROVIDE COUNTY WITH A WRITTEN REPORT ON EACH MATTER, SETTING FORTH THE STATUS OF EACH MATTER, THE SCHEDULE OR PLANNED PROCEEDINGS WITH RESPECT TO EACH MATTER, AND THE COOPERATION OR ASSISTANCE, IF ANY, OF COUNTY REQUIRED BY ENGINEER IN THE DEFENSE OF EACH MATTER. IN THE EVENT OF ANY DISPUTE BETWEEN THE PARTIES AS TO WHETHER A CLAIM, DEMAND, SUIT, ACTION, PROCEEDING, LIEN, OR JUDGMENT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY OR APPEARS TO HAVE ARISEN OUT OF OR RESULTS FROM AN ACT OF NEGLIGENCE, INTENTIONAL TORT, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INFRINGEMENT, OR FAILURE TO PAY A SUBCONTRACTOR OR SUPPLIER COMMITTED BY ENGINEER, OR ITS AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, OR ANOTHER ENTITY OVER WHICH ENGINEER EXERCISES CONTROL, ENGINEER SHALL, NEVERTHELESS, FULLY DEFEND SUCH CLAIM, DEMAND, SUIT, ACTION, PROCEEDING, LIEN, OR JUDGMENT UNTIL AND UNLESS THERE IS A DETERMINATION BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION THAT SAID ACTS AND/OR OMISSIONS OF ENGINEER ARE NOT AT ISSUE IN THE MATTER.

THE INDEMNITY PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL SURVIVE THE TERMINATION OF THIS AGREEMENT HOWEVER CAUSED, AND NO PAYMENT, PARTIAL PAYMENT, OR ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATION OF COMPLETION OF THE SERVICES UNDER THIS AGREEMENT BY COUNTY, WHETHER IN WHOLE OR IN WHOLE OR IN PART, SHALL WAIVE OR RELEASE ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

- 10. **Public Information Act.** Engineer expressly acknowledges and agrees that County is a public entity and as such, is subject to the provisions of the Texas Public Information Act under Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code. In no event shall County be liable to Engineer for release of information pursuant to Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code or any other provision of law. Except to the extent required by law or as directed by the Texas Attorney General, County agrees to maintain the confidentiality of information provided by Engineer expressly marked as proprietary or confidential. County shall not be liable to Engineer for any disclosure of any proprietary or confidential information if such information is disclosed under Texas law or at the direction of the Texas Attorney General. Engineer further acknowledges and agrees that the terms and conditions of this Agreement are not proprietary or confidential information.
- 11. **Compliance with Laws.** Engineer shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, statutes, ordinances, rules, regulations, and the decrees of any courts or administrative bodies or tribunals in any matter affecting the performance of this Agreement, including, without limitation, Worker's Compensation laws, minimum and maximum salary and wage statutes and regulations, licensing laws and regulations. Engineer, in providing all services hereunder, further agrees to abide by the provisions of any applicable Federal or State Data Privacy Act.

- 12. **Independent Contractor.** In the performance of work or services hereunder, Engineer shall be deemed an independent Contractor, and any of its agents, employees, officers, or volunteers performing work required hereunder shall be deemed solely as employees of Engineer. Engineer and its agents, employees, officers, or volunteers shall not, by performing work pursuant to this Agreement, be deemed to be employees, agents, or servants of County and shall not be entitled to any of the privileges or benefits of County employment.
- 13. **Use of Customer Name.** Engineer may use County's name without County's prior written consent only in Engineer's customer lists. Any other use of County's name by Engineer must have the prior written consent of County.
- 14. **County/County Data**. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to waive the requirements of Section 205.009 of the Texas Local Government Code.
- 15. **Personnel.** Engineer represents that it presently has or is able to obtain adequate qualified personnel in its employment for the timely performance of the Services required under this Agreement and that Engineer shall furnish and maintain, at its own expense, adequate and sufficient personnel, in the opinion of County, to perform the Services when and as required and without delays.

All employees of Engineer shall have such knowledge and experience as will enable them to perform the duties assigned to them. Any employee or agent of Engineer who, in County's opinion, is incompetent or by his conduct becomes detrimental to providing Services pursuant to this Agreement, shall, upon request of County, immediately be removed from association with the Services required under this Agreement.

When performing Services on—site at County's facilities, Engineer shall comply with, and will require that all Engineer's Personnel comply with, all applicable rules, regulations and known policies of County that are communicated to Engineer in writing, including security procedures concerning systems and data and remote access thereto, building security procedures, including the restriction of access by County to certain areas of its premises or systems for security reasons, and general health and safety practices and procedures.

16. Confidential and Proprietary Information. Engineer acknowledges that it and its employees or agents may, in the course of performing their responsibilities under this Agreement, be exposed to or acquire information that is confidential to County. Any and all information of any form obtained by Engineer or its employees or agents from County in the performance of this Agreement shall be deemed to be confidential information of County ("Confidential Information"). Any reports or other documents or items (including software) that result from the use of the Confidential Information by Engineer shall be treated with respect to confidentiality in the same manner as the Confidential Information. Confidential Information shall be deemed not to include information that

(a) is or becomes (other than by disclosure by Engineer) publicly known or is contained in a publicly available document; (b) is rightfully in Engineer's possession without the obligation of nondisclosure prior to the time of its disclosure under this Agreement; or (c) is independently developed by employees or agents of Engineer who can be shown to have had no access to the Confidential Information.

Engineer agrees to hold Confidential Information in strict confidence, using at least the same degree of care that Engineer uses in maintaining the confidentiality of its own confidential information, and not to copy, reproduce, sell, assign, license, market, transfer or otherwise dispose of, give, or disclose Confidential Information to third parties or use Confidential Information for any purposes whatsoever other than the provision of Services to County hereunder, and to advise each of its employees and agents of their obligations to keep Confidential Information confidential. Engineer shall use its best efforts to assist County in identifying and preventing any unauthorized use or disclosure of any Confidential Information. Without limitation of the foregoing, Engineer shall advise County immediately in the event Engineer learns or has reason to believe that any person who has had access to Confidential Information has violated or intends to violate the terms of this Agreement and Engineer will at its expense cooperate with County in seeking injunctive or other equitable relief in the name of County or Engineer against any such person. Engineer agrees that, except as directed by County, Engineer will not at any time during or after the term of this Agreement disclose, directly or indirectly, any Confidential Information to any person, and that upon termination of this Agreement or at County's request, Engineer will promptly turn over to County all documents, papers, and other matters in Engineer's possession which embody Confidential Information.

Engineer acknowledges that a breach of this Section, including disclosure of any Confidential Information, or disclosure of other information that, at law or in equity, ought to remain confidential, will give rise to irreparable injury to County that is inadequately compensable in damages. Accordingly, County may seek and obtain injunctive relief against the breach or threatened breach of the foregoing undertakings, in addition to any other legal remedies that may be available. Engineer acknowledges and agrees that the covenants contained herein are necessary for the protection of the legitimate business interest of County and are reasonable in scope and content.

Engineer in providing all services hereunder agrees to abide by the provisions of any applicable Federal or State Data Privacy Act.

17. Ownership and Reuse of Documents. All work product and data produced or developed under this Agreement by Engineer including any documents, data, notes, reports, research, graphic presentation materials, and any other related material (collectively, "Materials"), shall at all times be the property of County. County, at all times, shall have a right of access to the Materials. Engineer shall promptly furnish and deliver all such Materials to County on request. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Engineer shall bear no liability or responsibility for Materials that have been modified post-delivery to County or

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used by County for a purpose other than that for which they were prepared under this Agreement.

18. Inspection of Books and Records. Engineer shall permit County, or any duly authorized agent of County, to inspect and examine the books, records, information, and documentation (collectively, "Records") of Engineer which relate to the Services provided under this Agreement for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, copies, and transcriptions. Engineer shall maintain all such Records in a readily available state and location, reasonably accessible to County or their authorized representatives. County's right to inspect such books and records shall survive the termination of this Agreement for a period of four (4) years, or until any litigation concerning any of the Services has been satisfactorily resolved, whichever occurs later. ENGINEER SHALL NOT DESTROY OR DISCARD ANY RECORDS REASONABLY RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT OR THE SERVICES, UNLESS THE TIME PERIOD FOR MAINTAINING THE SAME HAS EXPIRED.

#### 19. **Termination.**

- (a) <u>Without Cause</u>. County, in its sole discretion, and without prejudice to any other remedy to which it may be entitled to at law or in equity, may terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, without cause, upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to Engineer.
- (b) <u>With Cause</u>. County, in its sole discretion, and without prejudice to any other remedy to which it may be entitled to at law or in equity, may terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, with cause, for any of the following reasons, each of which shall constitute a material breach and "Default" of the Agreement:
  - (1) Engineer fails to perform any portion of the Scope of Services within the timeframe(s) provided under this Agreement.
  - (2) Engineer fails to comply with County's documentation and reporting requirements, terms and requirements of this Agreement, or applicable federal, state, or local laws and regulations.
  - (3) Non-performance and suspension of the Agreement by Engineer that exceeds thirty (30) calendar days due to Force Majeure.
  - (4) Engineer fails to perform any obligation under this Agreement or as required by law, ordinance, or regulation and such failure creates an imminent threat to the public health and/or safety.
  - (5) Engineer otherwise materially breaches any of the covenants or terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement or fails to perform any of the other

- provisions of this Agreement or so fails to make progress as to endanger performance of this Agreement in accordance with its terms.
- (6) County shall notify Engineer in writing of the alleged Default in reasonable detail ("Notice"). Upon receipt of said Notice, Engineer shall have opportunity to cure such Default within the time specified in the Notice by County. If Engineer fails to cure such Default within such time, and to the reasonable satisfaction of County, then County may elect to terminate this Agreement for cause.
- (7) If, after termination of the Agreement by County for cause, it is determined for any reason whatsoever that Engineer was not in Default, or that the Default was excusable, the rights and obligations of the Parties hereunder shall be the same as if the termination had been issued by County without cause in accordance with this Agreement.
- (c) Upon termination of this Agreement for any reason, Engineer shall cease all work and activity for the Services by the date specified by County and shall not incur any new obligations or perform any additional services for the work performed hereunder beyond the specified date. County shall compensate Engineer in accordance with Section 4, above, for such work provided by Engineer under this Agreement prior to its termination and which has not been previously presented for payment by Engineer to County.
- (d) If County terminates this Agreement as provided in this Section, no fees of any type, other than fees due and payable at the termination date, shall thereafter be paid to Engineer.
- 20. **Force Majeure.** In the event either Party is rendered unable, wholly or in part, by Force Majeure to carry out any of its obligations under this Agreement, then, within a reasonable time after the occurrence of such event, but no later than ten (10) calendar days after, the Party whose obligations are so affected (the "Affected Party") thereby shall notify the other in writing stating the nature of the event and the anticipated duration. The Affected Party's obligations under this Agreement shall be suspended during the continuance of any delay or inability caused by the event, but for no longer period. The Affected Party shall further endeavor to remove or overcome such delay or inability as soon as is reasonably possible.

For purposes of this Agreement, Force Majeure includes, but is not limited to: acts of God, strikes, lockouts, or other industrial disturbances, acts of the public enemy, orders of any kind of the government of the United States of America or the State of Texas or any civil or military authority other than a Party to this Agreement, insurrections, riots,

epidemics, landslides, lightning, earthquakes, fires, hurricanes, severe storms, floods, washouts, drought, arrests, restraint of government and people, civil disturbances, explosions, breakage or accidents to machinery, pipelines or canals, and any other inabilities of any Party, similar to those enumerated, which are not within the control of the Party claiming such inability, which such Party could not have avoided by the reasonable exercise of due diligence and care.

- 21. **Assignment.** Engineer shall not assign this Agreement to another party without the prior written consent of County.
- 22. **Successors and Assigns Bound.** County and Engineer each bind themselves and their successors and assigns to the other Party and to the successors and assigns of such other Party, with respect to all covenants of this Agreement.
- 23. **Publicity.** Contact with citizens of Fort Bend County, media outlets, or other governmental agencies shall be the sole responsibility of County. Under no circumstances, whatsoever, shall Engineer release any material or information developed or received during the performance of Services hereunder unless Engineer obtains the express written approval of County or is required to do so by law.
- 24. **Notice.** Any and all notices required or permitted under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, or personally delivered to the following addresses:

**If to County:** Fort Bend County Engineering

Attn: County Engineer 301 Jackson Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Richmond, Texas 77469

And

Fort Bend County, Texas Attn: County Judge

401 Jackson Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Richmond, Texas 77469

If to Engineer: Gauge Engineering, LLC

Attn: Matthew Zeve, P.E., CFM 11750 Katy Freeway, Suite 400

Houston, TX 77079

Within five (5) business days of the Effective Date of this Agreement, each Party to this Agreement shall designate in writing to the other Party one person and one alternate

person to be that Party's designated spokesperson for communications between the Parties.

- 25. **Standard of Care**. Pursuant to Section 271.904 of the Texas Local Government Code, Engineer represents to County that Engineer has the skill and knowledge ordinarily possessed by well-informed members of its trade or profession ("Professionals") practicing in the greater Houston metropolitan area. Engineer shall provide the Services to County with the same professional skill and care ordinarily provided by such Professionals under the same or similar circumstances and professional license and as expeditiously as is prudent considering the ordinary professional skill and care of a competent Professional.
- 26. **Travel Policy.** Mutually approved travel and mileage expenses incurred in the performance of the Services hereunder will be reimbursed to Engineer only to the extent that those costs do not exceed Fort Bend County travel reimbursement allowances. A copy of County's Travel Policy with those reimbursement limits shall be provided to Engineer upon request.
- 27. **Arbitration, Litigation Waiver, and Attorney Fees.** County does not agree to submit disputes arising out of this Agreement to binding arbitration nor does County agree to pay any and/or all attorney fees incurred by Engineer in any way associated with this Agreement. Therefore, any references in Engineer's Proposal to binding arbitration, waiver of a right to litigate a dispute, or payment of attorney fees are hereby deleted.
- 28. **No Waiver of Jury Trial.** County does not agree that all disputes (including any claims or counterclaims) arising from or related to this Agreement shall be resolved without a jury. Therefore, any references in Engineer's Proposal to County's waiver of jury trial are hereby deleted.
- 29. **Limitations.** Limitations for the right to bring an action, regardless of form, shall be governed by the applicable laws of the State of Texas, and any provisions to the contrary in Engineer's Proposal are hereby deleted.
- 30. Indemnification by County. ENGINEER UNDERSTANDS AND AGREES THAT UNDER THE TEXAS CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY CANNOT ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WHEREBY COUNTY AGREES TO INDEMNIFY OR HOLD HARMLESS ANOTHER PARTY. THEREFORE, ANY AND ALL REFERENCES IN ENGINEER'S PROPOSAL TO COUNTY DEFENDING, INDEMNIFYING, OR HOLDING OR SAVING HARMLESS ENGINEER OR ANY OTHER PARTY, FOR ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, ARE HEREBY DELETED.
- 31. **Entire Agreement and Modification.** This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the Parties and supersedes all previous agreements, written or oral, pertaining

to the subject matter of this Agreement. Any amendment to this Agreement must be in writing and signed by each Party to come into full force and effect. IT IS ACKNOWLEDEDGED BY ENGINEER THAT NO OFFICER, AGENT, EMPLOYEE, OR REPRESENTATIVE OF COUNTY HAS ANY AUTHORITY TO CHANGE THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY ATTACHED EXHIBITS HERETO UNLESS EXPRESSLY AUTHORIZED BY THE FORT BEND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT.

- 32. **Conflict.** In the event there is a conflict among the terms of this document entitled "Agreement for Professional Engineering Services" and the terms of Engineer's Proposal or any other exhibit attached hereto, the terms of this document shall prevail with regard to the conflict.
- 33. **Understanding Fair Construction.** By execution of this Agreement, the Parties acknowledge that they have read and understood each provision, term, and obligation contained herein. This Agreement, although drawn by one party, shall be construed fairly and reasonably and not more strictly against the drafting Party than the non-drafting Party.
- 34. **Severability.** In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision hereof and this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.
- 35. **No Waiver of Immunity.** Neither the execution of this Agreement nor any other conduct of either Party relating to this Agreement shall be considered a waiver or surrender by County of its governmental powers or immunity under the Texas Constitution or the laws of the state of Texas.
- 36. **Applicable Law and Venue.** This Agreement shall be construed according to the laws of the state of Texas. Venue for any claim arising out of or relating to the subject matter of this Agreement shall lie in a court of competent jurisdiction of Fort Bend County, Texas.
- 37. **Certain State Law Requirements for Contracts.** The contents of this Section are required by Texas law and are included by County regardless of content For purposes of Sections 2252.152, 2271.002, and 2274.002, Texas Government Code, as amended, Engineer hereby verifies that Engineer and any parent company, wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, and affiliate:
  - (a) Unless affirmatively declared by the United States government to be excluded from its federal sanctions regime relating to Sudan or Iran or any federal sanctions regime relating to a foreign terrorist organization, Engineer is not identified on a list prepared and maintained by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts under Section 806.051, 807.051, or 2252.153 of the Texas Government Code.

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- (b) If employing ten (10) or more full-time employees and this Agreement has a value of \$100,000.00 or more, Engineer does not boycott Israel and is authorized to agree in such contracts not to boycott Israel during the term of such contracts. "Boycott Israel" has the meaning provided in § 808.001 of the Texas Government Code.
- (c) If employing ten (10) or more full-time employees and this Agreement has a value of \$100,000.00 or more, Engineer does not boycott energy companies and is authorized to agree in such contracts not to boycott energy companies during the term of such contracts. "Boycott energy company" has the meaning provided in § 809.001 of the Texas Government Code.
- (d) If employing ten (10) or more full-time employees and this Agreement has a value of \$100,000.00 or more, Engineer does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association and is authorized to agree in such contracts not to discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association during the term of such contracts. "Discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association" has the meaning provided in § 2274.001(3) of the Texas Government Code. "Firearm entity" and "firearm trade association" have the meanings provided in § 2274.001(6) and (7) of the Texas Government Code.
- 38. Human Trafficking. BY ACCEPTANCE OF THIS AGREEMENT, ENGINEER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT FORT BEND COUNTY IS OPPOSED TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND THAT NO COUNTY FUNDS WILL BE USED IN SUPPORT OF SERVICES OR ACTIVITIES THAT VIOLATE HUMAN TRAFFICKING LAWS.
- 39. **Captions.** The section captions used in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and do not affect the interpretation or construction of the Agreement.
- 40. **Electronic and Digital Signatures.** The Parties to this Agreement agree that any electronic and/or digital signatures of the Parties included in this Agreement are intended to authenticate this writing and shall have the same force and effect as the use of manual signatures.
- 41. **Certification.** By his or her signature below, each signatory individual certifies that he or she is the properly authorized person or officer of the applicable Party hereto and has the requisite authority necessary to execute this Agreement on behalf of such Party, and each Party hereby certifies to the other that it has obtained the appropriate approvals or authorizations from its governing body as required by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, and intending to be legally bound, County and Engineer hereto have executed this Agreement to be effective on the date signed by the last Party hereto.

FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS	GAUGE ENGINEERING, LLC
KPQ10000QL	Authorized Agent – Signature
KP George, County Judge	Authorized Agent – Signature
300.80, <i>Auni</i> , 20080	Matthew Zeve , P.E., CFM
March 12, 2025	Authorized Agent- Printed Name
Date	Principal
	Title
ATTEST:	02/26/25
Laura Richard	Date
Laura Richard, County Clerk	
APPROVED:	
J. Stacy Slawinski, County Engineer	
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Robert Ed Sturdivant, County Auditor

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I hereby certify that funds in the amount of  $$\underline{253,835.00}$$ 

obligation of Fort Bend County, Texas within the foregoing Agreement.

### **EXHIBIT A**

(Engineer's Proposal Follows Behind)



December 5, 2024

Mr. Lee Shelton, P.E. Senior Project Manager KCI Technologies, Inc. 15021 Katy Freeway, Suite 200 Houston, TX 77094

Re: Skinner Lane Segments 1 – 4 Improvements – Fort Bend County Precinct 1

**Proposal for Engineering Services** 

Mr. Shelton,

Gauge Engineering, LLC (Gauge) is pleased to submit this proposal for engineering services to support Fort Bend County Precinct 1 with roadway and drainage improvements for Skinner Lane Segments 1 - 4. The project will consist of surveying, geotechnical engineering, and engineering analysis and design for approximately two miles of Skinner Lane from West Bellfort Street to where Skinner Lane turns east-west. The existing two-lane asphalt road will be improved to a concrete roadway with shoulders. Gauge will be responsible for completing the drainage impact analysis, utility coordination, and subsurface utility engineering for the project.

We propose to perform this work for a lump sum amount of \$166,865.00 and \$86,970.00 for unit costs and direct expenses related to SUE level A activities. Level A SUE will be completed on an as-needed basis, so the full amount may not be spent. See Exhibit A for a detailed description of the scope of work and Exhibit B for an itemized level of effort breakdown. Exhibit C is the proposal for the SUE level A and B work.

Please feel free to contact me at 713.806.6950 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Matthew Zeve, PE, CFM

Principal

Attachments: Exhibit A – Scope of Work

Exhibit B – Level of Effort

Exhibit C – SUE Proposal from Midtown Engineers

# EXHIBIT A SCOPE OF SERVICES FORT BEND COUNTY PRECINCT 1 SKINNER LANE – SEGMENTS 1, 2, 3, AND 4

Fort Bend County (County) proposes to fully reconstruct Skinner Lane from West Bellfort Street to Mason Road in Precinct 1. The typical section comprises a two-lane concrete roadway with six-foot-wide shoulders and roadside ditches, which will be sized to mitigate increases in runoff caused by an increase in impervious cover. The roadway right-of-way (ROW) width will increase to 80 feet via ROW acquisition. The overall length is approximately 2.1 miles. The project length does not include the portion of Skinner Lane already being improved as part of another project. The project limits are shown in Figure 1 below.

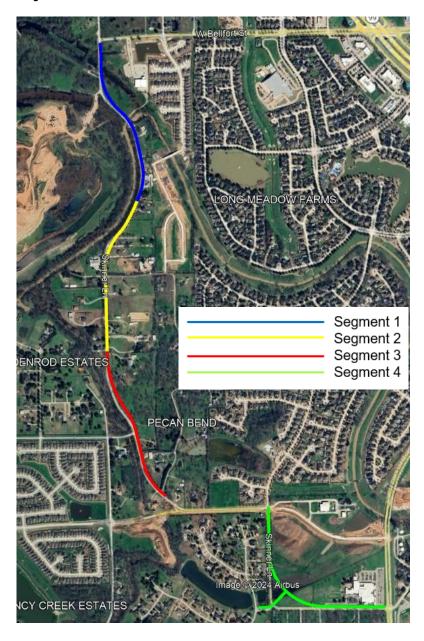


Figure 1: Skinner Lane Project Limits



This proposal includes drainage analysis and utility coordination services for all Skinner Lane project segments. Other consultants will complete surveying, geotechnical engineering, traffic engineering, subsurface utility engineering, roadway and drainage design, bid phase, and construction phase services. The overall drainage analysis and utility coordination efforts will be stand alone documents that will be shared with the Program Manager and segment consultants are part of the preliminary engineering report developed for each segment. Gauge proposes the following tasks for this project:

#### 1. PROJECT MANAGEMENT

#### a) Monthly Progress Reports

A monthly progress report will be provided to the Program Manager. At a minimum, this report will include the previous month's activities, upcoming activities, and any significant issues. The status report will be used as backup for invoicing.

#### b) Meetings

- 1. Progress meetings, as needed, and other meetings necessary for the completion of the work will be attended by the consultant.
- 2. Drainage options meeting (meeting prior to drainage impact analysis to discuss various options and select one path to model in the drainage impact analysis)
- 3. Drainage meeting (meeting to cover all drainage improvements recommendations)

#### c) Fort Bend County Drainage District Approval

Fort Bend County Drainage District coordination and approval of drainage analysis.

#### 2. DRAINAGE ANALYSIS

#### a) Data Collection and Field Reconnaissance

Gauge will visit the project site and record existing drainage features using photos and video. The field reconnaissance will be documented with a technical memorandum. Previously completed reports and studies will be obtained and reviewed for relevant information regarding the proposed roadway improvements. All available record drawings and information on the project area will be collected, reviewed, and used to the maximum degree possible.

#### b) Drainage Impact Analysis

Gauge will complete a drainage impact analysis for all segments of Skinner Lane. The analysis will be conducted in close coordination with the segment engineering teams (Pape Dawson, Odyssey Engineering, and Cobb Fendley). For the impact analysis, Gauge will use the Jones Creek Master Drainage Plan HEC-HMS and HEC-RAS models provided by the Fort Bend County Drainage District.

- Hydrologic Analysis Gauge will subdivide drainage areas in the Jones Creek Master Drainage Plan HEC-HMS to include the project area. This will create the revised existing conditions hydrologic model. The proposed roadway characteristics will be used to create the proposed conditions hydrologic model.
- 2. Hydraulic Analysis The updated hydrographs from the hydrologic analysis will be used to create the revised existing and proposed conditions HEC-RAS hydraulic model.



- 3. Impact Evaluation Proposed conditions results will be evaluated for runoff and water surface elevation impacts to the surrounding area. Revisions to the roadway cross section may be necessary to achieve a no-impact solution. During the course of the impact analysis, it may be necessary to utilize a simplified impact analysis methodology. If this is the case, the drainage report will contain documentation that describes the various impact analysis approaches and why which methodology was used.
- 4. Mitigation Analysis Gauge will evaluate up to three mitigation alternatives if adverse impacts are identified as part of the project. The mitigation alternatives could include new stormwater detention basins or storage within the right-of-way. Gauge will prepare preliminary grading plans and outfall structure configurations for stormwater detention basins.
- 5. Drainage Impact Analysis Report A final report will be submitted to the Program Manager and the Fort Bend County Drainage District that presents the study findings and recommendations, along with the supporting models. The report will be prepared in accordance with Fort Bend County Drainage District requirements and will include exhibits depicting the analysis methodology and results.

#### 3. UTILITY COORDINATION

Gauge will conduct utility coordination and investigations for the four segments of Skinner Lane.

#### a) Preliminary Utility Engineering Investigation

An initial private utility evaluation will be conducted to determine existing utilities that will be in conflict with proposed improvements. Utility companies include, but are not limited to any public utilities, CenterPoint Gas, CenterPoint Electric, AT&T, various telecoms and transmission pipelines.

Utility engineering investigation includes utility investigations subsurface and above ground prepared in accordance with ASCE/CI Standard 38-02 [(http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/programadmin/asce.cfm)] and Utility Quality Levels C and D. Supplemental recommendations for Quality Levels B and A maybe be identified for consideration.

#### b) Preliminary Utility Conflict Matrix

An initial Utility Conflict Matrix (UCM) will be developed to determine scope of utility coordination during design phase and identify any risk mitigation concerns for utility relocations.

The Utility Coordinator initiate compiling the following information for the County and all affected utility companies and owners:

- Owner's name;
- Contact person;
- Telephone numbers;
- Emergency contact number;
- E-mail addresses; and
- Pertinent information concerning their respective affected utilities and facilities, including but not limited to: size, number of poles, material, and other information that readily identifies the utilities companies' facilities. Information to be finalized during the design phase.



#### c) Utility Engineering Investigation

A thorough private utility evaluation will be conducted to determine existing utilities that will be in conflict with proposed improvements. Utility companies include, but are not limited to CenterPoint Gas, CenterPoint Electric, AT&T, various telecoms, and transmission pipelines.

Utility engineering investigation includes utility investigations subsurface and above ground prepared in accordance with ASCE/CI Standard 38-02 [(http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/programadmin/asce.cfm)] and Utility Quality Levels C and D. Supplemental recommendations for Quality Levels B and A maybe be identified for consideration.

The Utility Engineer must:

- Compile "as-built" information from plans, plats, and other location data as provided by the utility owners.
- Coordinate with utility owner when utility owner's policy is to designate their own facilities at no cost for preliminary survey purposes. The Engineer shall examine utility owner's work to ensure accuracy and completeness.
- Correlate utility owner records with designating data and resolve discrepancies using professional
  judgment. The Engineer shall utility information within the design plan set. The Utility Engineer and
  City acknowledge that the line sizes of designated utility facilities detailed on the deliverable will be
  from the best available records and that an actual line size is normally determined from a test hole
  vacuum excavation. A note must be placed on the designate deliverable that states "lines sizes are
  from best available records". All above-ground utility feature locations must be included in the
  deliverable to the County.

#### d) Utility Adjustment Coordination

Utility Adjustment Coordination includes communicating, coordinating, and conducting meetings with any one, combination, or all of the following: individual utility companies, Local Public Agencies (LPAs), County Project Manager, County Utility Staff, County Right of Way, Project Delivery, design engineer, and subconsultant staff. The Engineer's utility coordination duties include, but are not limited to:

- Perform utility coordination and liaison activities with involved utility owners, their consultants, and the County to achieve timely project notifications
- In conjunction with formal coordination meetings, the Utility Coordinator must create meeting
  minutes, create, and update the utility conflict matrix, create action item log, perform document
  control, and assist with conflict analysis and resolution
- Provide a monthly summary, with weekly updates, of work completed and in process with adequate detail to verify compliance with agreed work schedule.

#### e) Utility Conflict Matrix Deliverable

A Utility Conflict Matrix (UCM) will be developed and updated for each milestone submittal. The Utility Coordinator must provide the County and all affected utility companies and owners with a contact list and UCM, with information such as:

- Owner's name;
- Contact person;
- Telephone numbers;
- Emergency contact number;
- E-mail addresses; and



• Pertinent information concerning their respective affected utilities and facilities, including but not limited to: size, number of poles, material, and other information that readily identifies the utilities companies' facilities.

#### **III. SUBCONTRACTED SERVICES**

Subsurface Utility Engineering Services – (Exhibit C)
 Midtown Engineers, LLC will perform the subsurface utility investigations for QL A and B. See Exhibit C for additional information.



## EXHIBIT B SKINNER LANE - ALL SEGMENTS DRAINAGE ANALYSIS AND UTILITY COORDINATION



#### I. PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT AND DESIGN PHASE

	DESCRIPTION OF WORK TASKS		Principal	Project Manager	Sr. Project Engineer	Project Engineer	Graduate Engineer	Senior Design Technician	Administrative Assistant	Total Hours	Labor Costs
A.	PROJECT MANAGEMENT										
1	Project Management										
2	Monthly Progress Reports			24		12				36	\$7,200.00
3	Meetings (Assume 8 meetings)			12		12				24	\$4,800.00
4	Fort Bend County Drainage District Approval		8	8			16			32	\$6,000.00
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В.	DRAINAGE ANALYSIS										
1	Data Collection and Field Reconnaissance		4	4	4		4			16	\$3,200.00
2	Hydrologic Analysis		2		4	4	12	8		30	\$4,800.00
3	Hydraulic Analysis		2		16	20	40	8		86	\$14,000.00
4	Impact Evaluation		2		4	4	8			18	\$3,180.00
5	Mitigation Analysis		2		12	16	40	16		86	\$13,540.00
6	Drainage Impact Anlysis Report		2		4	8	24	24	8	70	\$10,020.00
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C.	UTILITY ENGINEERING INVESTIGATION										
	a Utility Engineering Investigation			8			24	32		64	\$9,160.00
	b Utility Adjustment Coordination			48	100		130			278	\$45,650.00
	c Utility Conflict Matrix Deliverable			16	48		100			164	\$25,580.00
	d Pipeline LONO's			8	24		16	4		52	\$8,740.00
	e SUE - QL B & QL A (as required by pipelines) (subconsultant)										
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	Contract Labor Rate		\$280.00	\$200.00	\$185.00	\$200.00	\$135.00	\$135.00	\$80.00		
	TOTAL LABOR COSTS BASIC ENGINEERING SERVICES		\$6,160.00	\$25,600.00	\$39,960.00	\$15,200.00	\$55,890.00	\$12,420.00	\$640.00		\$155,870.00

#### II. SUBCONTRACTED SERVICES

	DESCRIPTION OF WORK TASKS	COST	TOTAL
1	SUE - QL B & QL A (lump sum)	\$10,995.00	\$10,995.00
2	SUE - QL B & QL A (unit cost and direct expense)	\$86,970.00	\$86,970.00
	TOTAL SUBCONSULTANTS		\$97,965.00

TOTAL LUMP SUM COSTS	\$166,865.00
TOTAL UNIT COST AND DIRECT EXPENSES	\$86,970.00
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$253,835.00



December 12, 2024

Ms. Lydia Mares, P.E. Gauge Engineering, Inc. 11750 Katy Freeway, Suite 400 Houston, TX 77079

Re: Engineering Services Proposal for Quality Level A/B SUE Skinner Avenue – Segments 1-4

Dear Ms. Mares:

Midtown Engineers is pleased to present this proposal to provide the above-mentioned services to Gauge Engineering. The specific tasks and locations of the services are detailed in the proposal text below. Specific work tasks associated with this proposal include:

#### SCOPE

- 1. Meet with Gauge Engineering to evaluate project goals and confirm scoping requirements.
- 2. Attend a meeting, if requested, with the project team in the field to discuss potential conflicts between project improvements and utility facilities to confirm scope of work.
- 3. Review any available existing utility records as they are available from Gauge Engineering to identify the current locations of existing utilities.
- 4. Perform Quality Level B (QL B) SUE on traceable utility facilities along the project limits as provided via email on December 3, 2024.
- 5. QL B SUE marked will include vertical depth information from the locator, if available. Typical Level B SUE data does not include vertical information and this data is not intended to be utilized for design level accuracy but as an approximation for possible utility depth. All QL B alignment and depth will be documented in the field by Midtown Engineers and included on a Microstation file provided to Gauge Engineering. Surveying of points and depths will be performed and tied into project control provided by Gauge Engineering.
- 6. QL A Test Holes will be performed after verification from Gauge Engineering on the required locations. All locations will be marked with iron rod and survey cap for future reclamation. All points will be surveyed and tied into project control. Test Hole Data Sheets will be provided for each attempted test hole.
- 7. All SUE to be completed per ASCE 38-02 criteria.



#### **DELIVERABLE**

Documents provided will include:

• QL B data included in a digital format approximately 6 weeks after notice-to-proceed.

#### **SCHEDULE**

QL B SUE designating and data processing will take approximately 4 weeks from notice to proceed and availability of record drawings. Final delivery of project data will be approximately 6 weeks after notice to proceed.

#### **BUDGET**

The above services will be invoiced as a lump sum effort of \$10,995.00 and unit costs and direct expense items invoiced at a per unit number at an estimated \$86,970.00.

Please call if additional information is required.

Sincerely,

Midtown Engineers, LLC

Joel R. Colwell, P.E.

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#### FEE SCHEDULE Midtown Subsurface Utility Engineering Skinner Lane

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES**

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2	Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the	e contract for which the form	n is	02/26/2025			
	being filed. Fort Bend County		C	Oate Acknowledged:	}		
			C	03/11/2025			
3	Provide the identification number used by the governmental enti- description of the services, goods, or other property to be provide		r identify th	ne contract, and pro	vide a		
	23103-4-5-6 Professional Engineering Services						
4				Nature o	f interest		
_	Name of Interested Party	City, State, Country (place	of busines	ss) (check a	pplicable)		
				Controlling	Intermediary		
Al	i, Muhammad	Houston, TX United Stat	tes	Х			
St	. John, Derek	Houston, TX United Stat	tes	Х			
5	Check only if there is NO Interested Party.						
6	UNSWORN DECLARATION						
	My name is	, and m	y date of bir	rth is	·		
	My address is						
	My address is(street)	(city)	, (state	e) (zip code)	(country)		
	I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct	ct.					
	Executed inCount	y, State of	_, on the	day of	, 20		
				(month)			
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