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Wichita, KS 67203

Legislation Text

File #: 19-131, **Version:** 1

CIP Amendment to Project R346, paving of 61st Street North for the half mile east of 167th Street West (R346). District 3.

Recommended Action: Approve the CIP Amendment.

Element is constructing a major expansion to their ethanol production facility in Colwich. Ethanol production requires large quantities of biomass (grain, sorghum or other agricultural products) and produces large quantities of liquid ethanol. The raw materials and product must both be shipped into and out of the production facility.

The plant shipping entrance will be located approximately a half mile east of 167th Street West on 61st Street North. Highway K-96 is located two miles north of the intersection of 61st Street North and 167th Street West. Element plans for shipments to use this route.

61st Street North between 151st Street and 167th Street North is currently a gravel road maintained by the County. The west half mile is in the corporate limits of Colwich but maintained by the County as a connecting link. Element and the City of Colwich asked the County to pave the half mile adjacent to the Element site to an industrial standard in order to support the increased traffic volume from the expanded plant operation. A project cost including right of way and utility relocations was approved at \$600,000 when the project was authorized.

The County recently received bids for project construction. The low bid was \$586,920.30. When combined with expenditures for right of way (\$50,925) the project cost exceeds the approved budget. Public Works is requesting that the project budget be increased to \$693,488.47 to cover the cost of right of way, the cost of construction, and to allow a contingency for change orders.

Alternatives: Take such action as the Board deems appropriate.

Financial Considerations: The project budget increase can be funded from project cost savings on other sales tax funded CIP projects. The recommended fund source is shown below:

Cost Center 21487-231	Project # R342	\$93,488.47
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Legal Considerations: The Board of County Commissioners is authorized to amend the Capital Improvement Program under K.S.A. 19-120. Approval requires a simple majority vote.

Policy Considerations: N/A