

Council Agenda Item 26-0762R



MEETING DATE: August 24th, 2026

SUBJECT/TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT L31294 WITH CONFLUENCE, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL SERVICES FOR THE PRILEY CIRCLE RESTORATION PROJECT, FOR AN INCREASE OF \$6,159.00 AND A NEW TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$390,294.00.

SUBMITTED BY: Ted Blenkush, Construction Project Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: n/a

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: Council approved the original agreement via 25-0730R on September 22nd, 2025; Council approved additional architecture-history services via 26-0274R on April 13th, 2026.

BACKGROUND: This amendment authorizes additional consulting services for the assessment of potential below-ground cultural resources within the area of the Priley Circle Restoration project. These services are required to complete a Phase 1a Literature Review and Archaeological Assessment as recommended by the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office through the agency's consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing federal regulations, due to a portion of the property having federal ownership and the project receiving federal funds.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT: The City has separate Memorandum Of Understanding agreements with both St. Louis County and the General Service Administration to reimburse the City for one-third of the costs for the project from design through construction, limited up to \$1,000,000 from each agency. The City's portion of funding was budgeted and approved through the Capital Improvement Plan for 2025, 2026, and planned in 2027.

OPTIONS: Approving the amendment will enable the professional services for assessment of the potential for encountering below-ground cultural resources within Priley Circle during construction activities.

If the amendment is not approved, design progress for restoring Priley Circle would be paused.

NECESSARY ACTION: Approving the amendment is necessary to proceed in developing the project under the anticipated timeline of completing construction in 2027.

ATTACHMENTS: Exhibit A (proposal)